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# The WHITE WATER

## CAMBRIA LODGE AT MOONSTONE BEACH

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While Paso Robles is recognized as one of the Central Coast's prime wine country destinations, with nearly 250 wineries to choose from (including the venerable Booker, Justin, Daou and Denner), nearby Cambria remains a bona-fide "hidden gem" destination along the coast of California. Here, less is definitely more, with fewer crowds and more space to take in the ocean and natural beauty of the area's undeveloped beach...perhaps with a glass of well-chosen wine in hand.

In providing the perfect place for that scenario, White Water Cambria Lodge at Moonstone Beach, just may be the most sparkling facet of



**Opposite Page:** The lobby, as conceived by Nina Freudenberger and PRG Hospitality Group, balances a touch of 1970s ambiance and a few Midcentury Modern touches with a clean setting that appeals to the active 21st century traveler.

**Left:** More Midcentury Modern details throughout the lobby.

**Top:** Lots of natural light fills one of the guest bathrooms, complete with luxurious Aesop soaps.

WEEKEND GETAWAY





Cambria's coastline. It occupies a sweet spot that's just south of Big Sur and north of Santa Barbara. Although the property is also a short bike ride (on one of the property's Linus bikes) to downtown Cambria's quaint assortment of restaurants and shopping, it gives you the feeling that you've practically got the whole "wine country" place to yourself. Interior designer Nina Freudenberger and PRG Hospitality

Group worked collaboratively to provide a lovely continuity from the outdoors in, blending the best natural elements and color palette of Central California with the sleek, chic and timeless simplicity of the Scandinavian aesthetic rooted in the 1970s.

Global influences notwithstanding, every guest room at White Water draws from what the guests can see

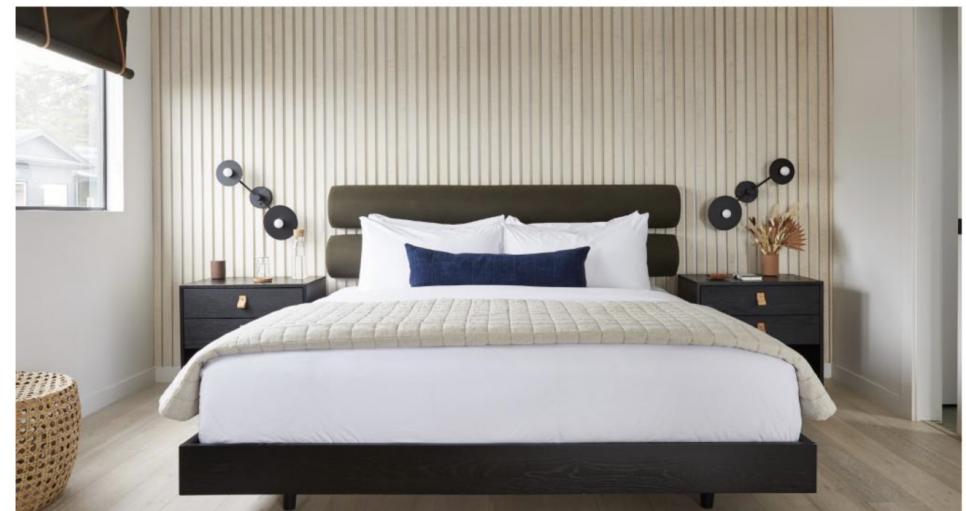
**Top:** Float into the perfect evening after a day on the hike and bike trails in a tub overlooking the Pacific in the Premier Ocean View Suite.

**Bottom:** Refined Scandinavian influences add an extra dimension of luxury to the rooms and suites built around the hues of the Central Coast.

**OPPOSITE TOP:** A room with many views: Lots of stunning, character-filled modern art pieces fill the public spaces.

**OPPOSITE BOTTOM:** The White Water gives you the world at your feet when it comes to the best the Central Coast outdoors has to offer. Bikes available for rent.

just outside the window, celebrating the local, natural terrain and California Coastline. Freudenberger combines furnishings, artwork and accents to ensure each room is one-of-a-kind, which not only makes the guest feel at home but also pays tribute to the various local artisans and surrounding community. Even with her efforts, all guest rooms feature a signature minibar with locally sourced and crafted snacks,





alcohol, and handmade goods.

Before you even check in, the lobby lounge makes a great first impression, decked out with its own fairly prolific selection of local wines, craft beers, ciders, and spirits carefully chosen to mix and match with Chef Jason

Niederkorn's small bites and share plates, which also can be enjoyed in the room or as an outdoor picnic. There's also a touch of Switzerland and France, thanks to the chef's curation of local cheeses and meats, signature fondue, and farm-inspired breakfast.

The great thing about the minimalist menu is that, while excellent, it compels you to try Cambria's eclectic mix of restaurants...and their inspired ideas for wine pairings. In town, there's the Sea Chest (an old school nautical themed oceanfront restaurant noted for its

artistry with seafood dishes), Madeline's (a lovely cafe/wine shop combo that's exactly as you would picture it,) Robin's Restaurant (Thai and Indian fare), The Hidden Kitchen for organic plates, and Indigo Moon, offering laid back fine dining in a historic building.

Of course, to appreciate the rooms and the food, you need to work out, play outside, and take advantage of these wide-open spaces. This is Cambria's main draw above and beyond



another memorable California “wine country,” and there’s no shortage of ways to do that. In addition to Moonstone Beach, you will find trails and breathtaking views aplenty at Fiscalini Ranch Preserve, The Harmony Headlands and Hearst State Park. If you’re into surfing, there’s a lot to love about the area as well. One of the most secluded surf breaks in the Central Coast is right outside the property’s front door, and it’s typical to see breaks between four and eight feet. The surfing is best when strong swells are moving west to southwest during low-tide, though expert surfers may be interested in seeing the ocean during come storm periods, where waves can be as high as 15 – 20 feet.

For reservations (with rates starting at \$334/night) and information, call (805) 927-1066 or visit ([whitewatercambria.com](http://whitewatercambria.com)).



**Top Opposite:** A variety of seating in the main lobby, complete with a view of the coast and hiking trails.

**Bottom Opposite:** One of the inn’s suites sits amongst fresh, blooming lavender.

**Bottom Left:** A reading and game area in one of the common spaces keeps a retro feel throughout the lodge.

**Top Right:** In the spirit: House-made liquors cap off a perfect day outdoors or inside.

**Bottom Right:** The Ocean View King Suite is complete with a private patio that includes a unique, outdoor tub.

