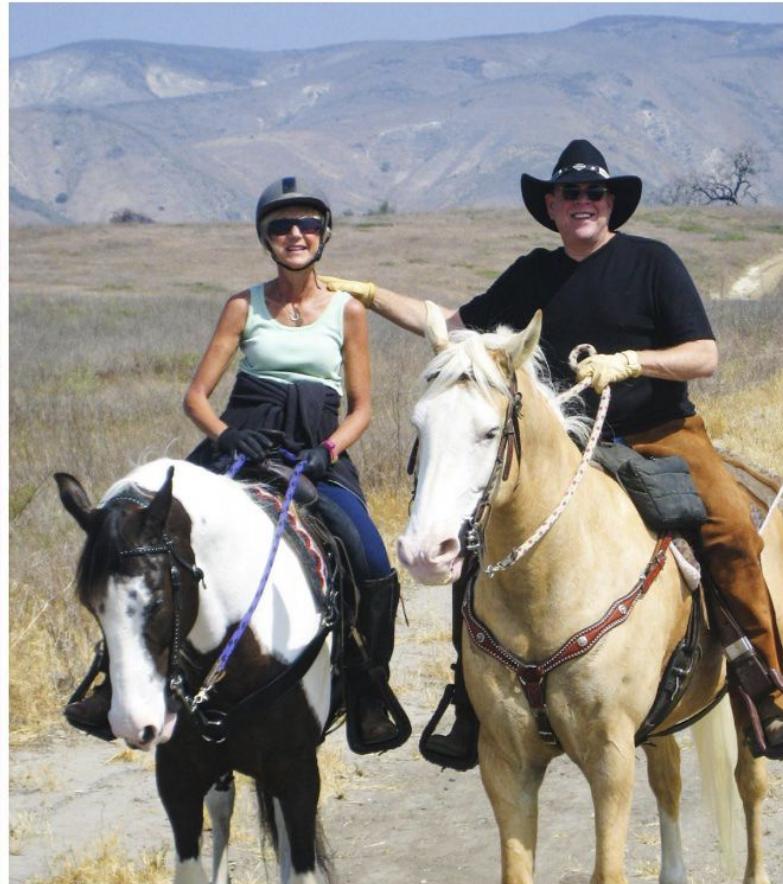


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# SWEET SPOTS SANTA BARBARA

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Santa Barbara's State Street and beachfront roads have been gathering places for generations of locals and travelers. The preponderance of inns, hotels and resorts provide evidence of this town's enduring appeal. However, The Goodland Hotel in nearby Goleta—which began its life as a Holiday Inn on Calle Real Road—has been a stylish yet low-key go-to for travelers wanting more peace and quiet, but with a

touch more edge in recent years. While the historic property has had its share of upgrades and modernization (especially during its years under the Kimpton Umbrella), the best is arguably yet to come. Over the past few months, the property has undergone its latest renaissance thanks to boutique hotel group AWH Partners, which purchased the property, and management company Spire

Hospitality to appeal to the next generation of travelers while keeping its historic origins firmly in place. This summer, it's reintroducing itself as "The Leta," adding an extra call-out to the artsy, laid-back town less than two miles from Santa Barbara's city center.

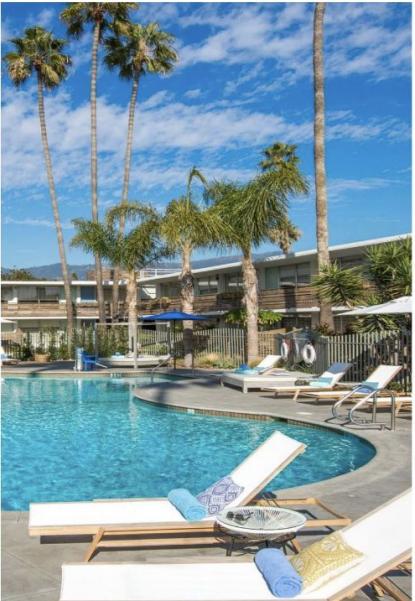
Although the familiar Airstream trailer and "Woody" vehicle will continue to greet guests as they have for years, it will remain

forever connected to the easy-chic Santa Barbara vibe that made the property so popular. Its fire pits and pool area will continue to be the hub for the property's social gatherings, business retreats, couple's date weekends, family getaways, and girls' weekends. Year-round comfort foods and California classics will still make up the restaurant's menus. A conscientious staff continues to charm visitors with their "Golden State of Mind attitude," along with surf-inspired décor, and eclectic accommodations, plus a passion for music shared through its VNYL record shop and live music scene.

However, a carefully devised program of upgrades has been integrated into the existing hotel's fabric. According to the hotel's long-time General Manager Barry Dorsey in a recent news release, "It will continue to be a Santa

Barbara led team....However, the 158 room Leta Hotel will feature an enhanced guest experience with modern hi-speed Wi-Fi and streaming services, higher quality bedding and an open and welcoming lobby. The Leta Hotel will continue to be everything guests love, but elevated with a significant investment (dedicated to) refreshing the guest experience to make it the perfect escape for work and play."

Other upgrades include allergy-free rooms and a pet friendly policy, within 1.9 miles away from Santa Barbara Orchid Estate. The Leta Hotel also provides an outdoor swimming pool and allergy friendly rooms along with a free breakfast. While there is a gym area and yoga classes on property, it is also near Goleta Beach Park, the center for Urban Agriculture at Fairview Gardens Farm, upper-crust Mendocino





While nightly rates start from \$375 per night with access to such amenities including breakfast items, free parking, Wi-Fi and a complimentary bottle of wine—all must haves for a long romantic Northern California weekend—the entirety of R INN is available as a buyout for up to 34 of one's family and closest friends, with a two-night minimum for \$14,000 per night midweek and \$18,000 per night on weekends, inclusive of taxes and fees. It's problem solved for those searching for an easy destination wedding destination that's far from the ordinary.

The property is lovingly built into a renovated historic building, and features decor inspired by small European art hotels with unique locally sourced artwork and carefully curated modern décor, that's intimate in scale but big on style, location and access to the best restaurants, cultural

attractions and shopping in the area. And if visiting some prime wineries or tasting rooms is on the to-do list, those are within reach as well (via a short car ride or through a package on a Napa Wine Train, which can be booked when one makes a reservation).

Whether you are married, celebrating a milestone anniversary, dating or getting

engaged, however, there's a lot of modern romance to be found in this cool, fresh contemporary urban boutique hotel that's in the heart of Napa's downtown yet a few blocks away on a quiet nearby street. Lodging options include five distinctive Loft Suites and ten smaller but equally stylish rooms, all sharing an open-air courtyard. Every unique guestroom





features original artwork and high-tech conveniences, from automatic adjustable beds, to large QLED smart televisions, Bluetooth clock speakers, free Wi-Fi, remote ac/heat, rainfall showerheads and heated Toto washlet bidet toilets.

Guests wanting to go bigger in full-on



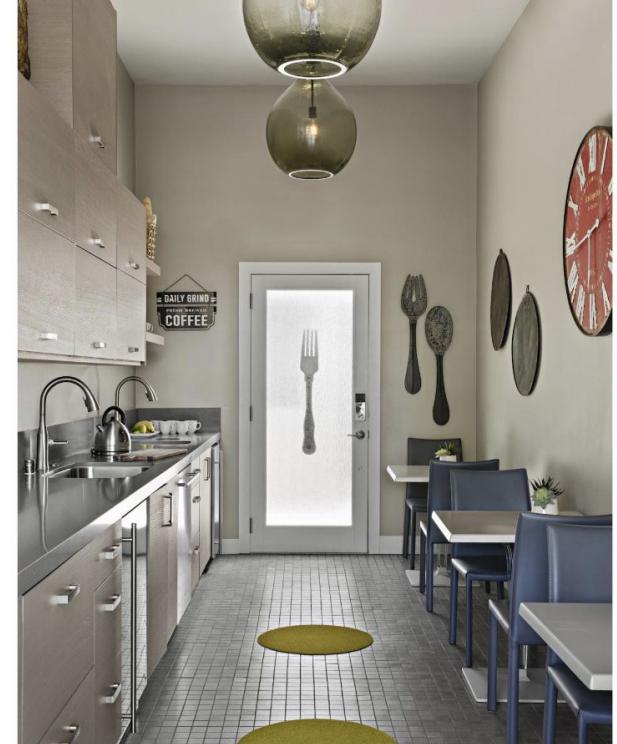
residential style can opt for an enchanting 1,200 square-foot two-bedroom/one-bath standalone bungalow with a full kitchen, living room, laundry room, private back yard and detached indoor/outdoor ten-seat dining pavilion. If a private wine country dinner is part of the plan (i.e. a

rehearsal dinner, small wedding reception, anniversary party), the hotel can collaborate with one of its select number of private chefs to create customized dining menus. There are also several luxe "extras" guests can book in advance to make the occasion even more special, including custom



cakes, flowers and a selection of fine wines including Schramsberg Blanc de Noirs, Billecart-Salmon Brut Rose Champagne, Caymus Cabernet Sauvignon, and even Dom Perignon Champagne.

Other property amenities include a chic lobby lounge, private dining room/boardroom, a



large outdoor living space with courtyard and gardens for relaxation, a chef's kitchen and pantry which are accessible to guests at any time. During the week, complimentary breakfast items include specialty coffees, fruit, granola, cereal, and yogurt available daily. On weekend mornings, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., sumptuous locally baked quiche,

croissants, and morning buns are offered. When the staff is onsite during the day, guests can easily self-check-in and access rooms and common areas with keypad door codes.

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