



FACT SHEET

- Overview:** Situated on 243 acres, 1,200 feet above the Pacific Ocean on California's Central Coast, Ventana Inn & Spa is renowned for its tranquil setting, rustic sophistication and romantic allure.
- Location:** Ventana Inn & Spa is located on Highway One in Big Sur, 28 miles south of Carmel, 140 miles south of San Francisco and 300 miles north of Los Angeles. The Monterey Peninsula Airport (MRY) is 35 miles north in Monterey, and features four carriers with more than 40 daily flights to and from San Francisco, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Denver, Las Vegas, Long Beach, Ontario and San Diego.
- Climate:** The region has an average of 300-plus days of sunshine, with average temperatures ranging between 65 to 85 degrees in summer and 50 to 70 degrees in winter.
- History:** The land was originally owned by the Post family, which built a home that housed several future generations and still stands today at the entrance to Ventana Inn & Spa. Writer Lawrence A. Spector built the Inn in 1975 with the money he earned in the late 1960s from the film, "Easy Rider." The famed Inn became the haven of movie stars such as Steve McQueen and Ali McGraw, and remains a favorite for those who come to relax rather than be seen.
- Accommodations:** Ventana Inn & Spa opened in 1975, and includes 60 spacious rooms and suites, each with private balcony or patio and valley, mountain or distant ocean views. Most rooms and suites have fireplaces.
- Rates:** Nightly room rates range from \$500 to \$1,375.
- Architecture:** Designed by designer/artist Kipp Stewart of Big Sur, the buildings are of weathered cedar, latticed against the sun and scattered about a mountain meadow among redwood, oak and bay laurel trees.
- Dining:** The Restaurant at Ventana, the resort's award winning restaurant, is located one-eighth mile from the Inn via a level, wooded path.

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The restaurant affords panoramic, 50-mile ocean vistas from its terraces and has a cocktail lounge with fireplace. The Restaurant is open for lunch and dinner and provides in-room dining for guests.

Due to a structural fire in August 2008 The Restaurant is closed and projected reopening Summer 2009. In the interim breakfast, lunch, room service and dinner for resort guests will be serviced from the Ventana Bistro located in the Inn lobby.

Spa & Fitness:

Allegría Spa embraces the magical “Essence of Big Sur” through the use of nature’s healing gifts. All treatments are designed to relax and nurture the body and spirit, and rejuvenate and revitalize subtle energies. Practitioners are dedicated to providing a sensory experience that offers relaxation and connection where one can find inner peace and sanctity.

The property’s fitness facility features state-of-the-art equipment, including treadmills, stationary bikes, elliptical cross trainers and rowers, plus free weights. In addition, guests enjoy access to two pools, one of which is clothing optional, featuring Japanese hot baths, showers, relaxation decks and a dry sauna.

Weddings:

Two terraces specifically designed for wedding ceremonies, plus an additional intimate site offer three ideal locations for creating lifelong memories at Ventana Inn & Spa.

Meetings:

After more than 30 years of hosting quiet couple retreats, the resort is opening its doors to “select” groups. The resort provides a tranquil backdrop for executive board meetings and leadership retreats, incentive groups and special events. Ventana’s \$18 million renovation includes the addition of new meeting space.

Activities:

Easy access to beach, California State Parks and U.S. Forest Service lands, hiking, bicycling, swimming, picnicking, whale watching and horseback riding.

Owners:

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Affiliation:

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