POST RANCH INN

High atop the cliffs of Big Sur, 1200 feet above the Pacific Ocean, sits Post Ranch Inn, a sanctuary for the soul. Located along California's Highway 1, one of the world's most scenic drives, the resort is the ultimate destination for romance, relaxation or rejuvenation. With natural architecture embracing the coast's dramatic beauty, its accommodations blend rustic elegance, comfort and privacy with panoramic ocean or mountain views. Here romance and connection seem to thrive.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Post Ranch Inn has 40 architecturally innovative guest rooms and suites placed along the ridge that parallels the Pacific Ocean. Each guest accommodation offers a unique, luxurious experience with views of either ocean or mountain scenery. Room designs use earth tones with an emphasis on natural and sustainable materials, with custom furniture, rugs hand-woven by indigenous weavers and reclaimed wood, including old-growth redwood from wine casks, re-milled to create rich wood wall panels. The organic hues, textures, and extensive collection of original art inside the rooms blend seamlessly with the scenic beauty of the outdoors.

With a deck suspended over the western edge of the ridge, the vast ocean views of the extraordinary **Cliff Houses** can be fully appreciated from the outdoor spa tub and large terrace, the indoor bath and the secluded glass-walled bedroom. The spacious curved interiors of the **Pacific Suites** open to an astonishing ocean view seen from the terrace, living room, bedroom and bath. Each suite is 960 square feet, with two suites in each two-story building. The location of the **Peak Houses** display an expansive view of the Santa Lucia Range. Guests enter through an enclosed courtyard to the secluded bedroom designed with custom-built furniture and a hot tub on the private terrace.

The **Ocean Houses** boast a curved, beamed roof covered with a soft carpet of grass, with private ocean views enjoyed from the terrace, bath and bedroom. Each circular-shaped **Coast House** provides a comfortable seating area in front of the fireplace and glorious ocean views. The **Tree Houses**, triangular in shape, are elevated

9 feet off the ground on stilts, with stairway entrances. The **Mountain House** rooms are circular in design and offer views of dramatic mountain peaks. The **Butterfly rooms** are housed in a building designed to look like a butterfly with outstretched wings. Each room has a king-sized bed, wood-burning fireplace, indoor spa tub and deluxe shower, private deck, stereo and digital music system and complimentary wireless Internet access.

Guestrooms are generously stocked with a complimentary mini bar offering snacks, spring water from the property on-site in reusable glass bottles, and non-alcoholic drinks as well as a half bottle of both red and white wine. As Post Ranch is a destination in which to relax and reconnect, guestrooms do not include televisions, alarm clocks and are non-smoking. The minimum age for guests is 18 years old and pets are not allowed.

The **Post House** provides pristine coastal views and elegant amenities. The 1,800 square foot one-bedroom house features a kitchen with designer appliances, a dining room, media room, master bedroom and master bedroom feature sliding glass doors that open to the 1,300 square foot back yard and patio area that offers expansive coastal views, complete with a hot tub. Offering privacy and exclusivity, the two-bedroom **South Coast House** provides spacious accommodations and ample space for entertaining. Located adjacent to the Post Ranch property, the house offers two master bedrooms, a fully-equipped kitchen and eating area, a large living room and generous outdoor patio with a hot tub from which to enjoy the spectacular ocean views.



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SIERRA MAR RESTAURANT

Guests experience the vast Pacific sunset from the renowned Sierra Mar Restaurant. A complimentary daily full breakfast is served exclusively for overnight guests, with lunch and dinner available to the public by reservation. Under Executive Chef II Hoon Kang and Culinary Director Reylon Agustin, Sierra Mar presents guests with farm-driven dishes and flavors that celebrate the coastal bounty of Big Sur and its neighboring communities, while staying centered around the dialogue of balance: on the plate, between land and sea, with sustainability always in mind.

Sierra Mar boasts one of the largest wine selections in North America, with over 3,200 selections. Having earned *Wine Spectator's* prestigious **Grand Award** the past several years, the wine team places a strong emphasis on both Old and New World wines from Europe to Australia and from California to Washington, as well as classic to small artisan producers.

ACTIVITIES

Complimentary activities include morning yoga, sound journey and forest meditation classes, guided nature hikes, edible garden tours and more. In addition, a thrilling Falconry program is available, allowing guests to get up close and personal with some of nature's most beautiful raptors.

SWIMMING AND BASKING POOLS

Two therapeutically heated basking pools, each with an infinity edge overlooking the Pacific, offer spectacular places to soak and take in the magnificent seascape. The swimming pool is located on a sunny knoll in a meadow with mountain views and is perfect for a refreshing plunge, swimming laps or relaxing poolside.

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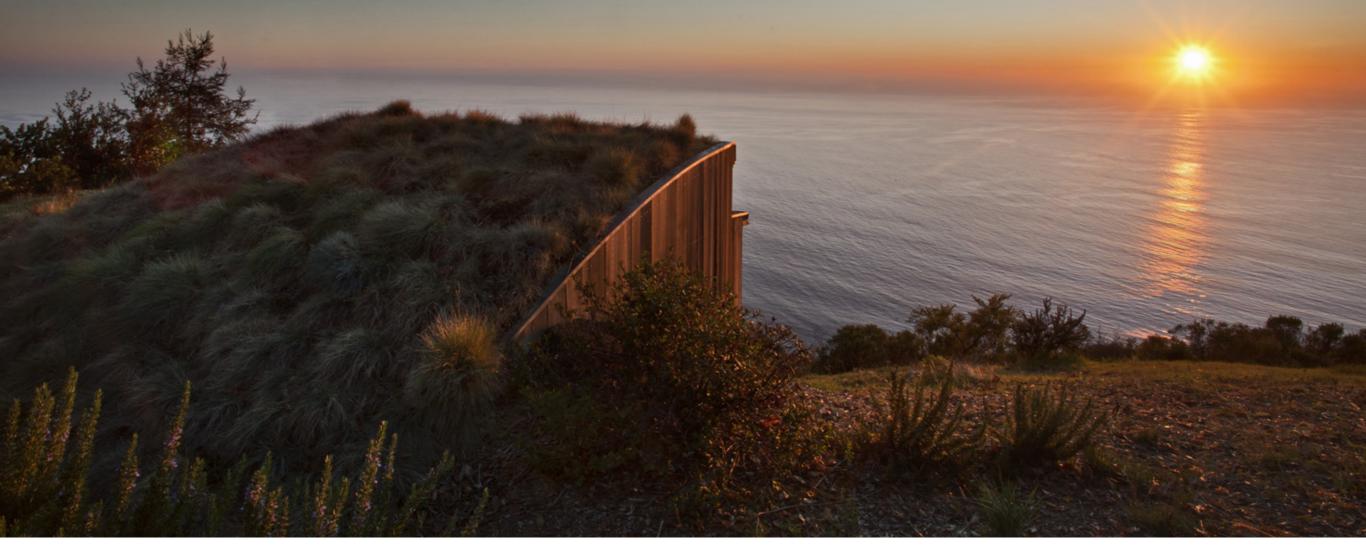
Award-winning spa treatments are designed to relax and rejuvenate using the healing properties of nature. Treatments are done in guest rooms or in the spa, which includes two couple's spa suites, one with a fireplace, the other with a walk-in shower. Among the wide range of nurturing treatments available at the spa, there is the very unique Shaman Journey session. In the sacred and safe space of the medicine wheel, a shaman engages the forces of nature and the ancient wisdom of the ancestors to help create lasting changes for physical, mental and emotional well being.

THE POST GALLERY

Located next to the Chef's Garden, The Post Gallery showcases a range of fine art including photography, sculptures, fine jewelry and more. Exhibits change throughout the year, providing the chance to display the art of talented artists in and around the Big Sur community while offering fresh and interesting perspectives of the world around us.

Experience a glimpse into a day at Post Ranch Inn with a selection of photos and videos at: www.postranchinn.com/videos/.

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GREEN DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE

The hotel's organic architecture embraces the striking beauty of the coastline. Each structure on the 100-acre property reflects dramatic lines and contemporary styling while blending into the landscape naturally. In addition to their distinctive look, the dwellings themselves represent an innovative green building approach, featuring bio-structure architecture and using natural materials of glass, wood, stone and COR-TEN steel, and, when possible, passive solar heat. The architects' design was intended to make onlookers feel like a part of nature, not just observers of it. Every environmental aspect was carefully considered: for example, the earth-sheltered guesthouses capture passive heating and cooling, and the small footprint of the stilts which support the tree houses protects the fragile roots of the ancient redwood and oak trees.

Other green initiatives include using hybrid Lexus vehicles to transport guests around the property; water is pumped on-site and bottled into renewable glass bottles; landscaping uses native plants and is drought-resistant. In addition, the grounds provide a habitat for the endangered Smith's Blue Butterfly, California Red-Legged Frog, Western Pond Turtle and California Condor. Post Ranch is a founding member of Beyond Green, a global portfolio of hotels, resorts, and lodges that exemplify sustainability leadership.

SOLAR ARRAY

In 2009 the hotel switched on a 990-panel solar array, the largest hotel solar project in California and one of the largest in the U.S. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the system is estimated to reduce carbon emissions by 611,000 pounds annually. That is equivalent to removing over 50 vehicles from the road or serving nearly 39 U.S. households' electricity needs.

HISTORY

Post Ranch's history reaches back generations. The inn opened in 1992 on the site of the Post family's cattle ranch, which was homesteaded in the 1860s by William Brainard Post and his Native American wife, Anselma. The inn was built with the assistance of Bill Post, great-grandson of the original homesteaders, and his partners.

LOCATION

Post Ranch Inn is located along the Big Sur coast, between San Luis Obispo and Monterey - off of Highway 1, just 30 miles south of Carmel, Calif. Located 330 miles north of Los Angeles and 150 miles south of San Francisco, the nearest airport is in Monterey (about 1 hour driving).



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