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From Beachside Boutiques to Seaside Spas, These Are Our Favorite Coastal Retreats

Enjoy the surf, sand, and more at these hotels and resorts.



The Cape, a Thompson Hotel

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Best Coastal Gems

Hotel Californian



Hotel Californian

This [1925 property](#) was given a Moorish interior update and now stands among the most dramatic hotel renovations in Santa Barbara. With a Turkish spa, a rooftop pool with stunning views of the coast, and multiple restaurants and bars offering craft cocktails and Cal-Med food, this is the SB spot to book.

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