HISTORY STANDS STILL AT SEA RANCH MONTECITO, AWAITING YOUR STAY TO BRING IT TO LIFE

Sea Ranch Montecito, hidden away in the peaceful and elegant seaside community of Montecito, invites guests to experience the best of California's coastal living while immersing themselves in a property steeped in history. The four-acre estate was historically inhabited by Chumash Indians; for thousands of years, this land has been a place of gathering, and today, Sea Ranch continues to honor that tradition.

The property was built in 1871 and initially used for farming. Soon after, the Neal family constructed a carriage house. Then, Emil and Hattie Danielson expanded the grounds in the early 1900s by adding a water tower, two guest cottages, and a well house. The Danielsons' influence, combined with the heritage of the Hammond family through marriage, helped shape the ranch into a beloved family space, keeping to the guiding ethos of "gather."

The reimagined estate is home to the beautifully renovated main house (initially the carriage house) and two guest cottages, each offering a balance of modern luxury and historical authenticity. No two rooms are alike, as the interiors reflect a mix of beachy comfort and rustic elegance, featuring limestone countertops, wood accents, and Spanish tile. Within the tower section of the main house, which retains the original floor plan, a tranquil pillow room overlooks the large oaks and eucalyptus trees lining the ocean.

In typical California fashion, Sea Ranch is a celebration of outdoor living. Anchored by a stunning pool, complete with a hot tub, the vacation rental estate beckons guests to spend their days soaking in the Mediterranean climate. Tropical plants, including many varieties of palm trees, are found throughout the estate, making for vibrant, lush grounds. The sweet scent of the flora mixes with the salty breeze, reminding guests that the ocean is a mere three-minute walk from the back gate.

The ultimate al fresco dining experience is at guests' fingertips at Sea Ranch. From the wood-fired pizza oven to the professional-grade Santa Maria BBQ, guests can cook in the fully stocked outdoor kitchen. The wooden pergola arching over the kitchen is even equipped with heaters for cooler nights.

For those who prefer to leave the cooking to the pros, guests can (and should) take advantage of the Santa Barbara Chef Collective, which offers top-tier catering and drop-off meals.

An homage to the farming history, on-property vegetable gardens and herb beds allow guests to gather fresh ingredients. Even the bee hives on the far side of the grounds contribute, offering honey while aiding in pollinating the surrounding flora.

The amenities do not end there—for moments of pure relaxation, a traditional sauna, steam room, and outdoor shower provide a spa-like retreat. Though it may feel impossible to leave, e-bikes are available to explore the scenic paths of Montecito, and beach gear, including surfboards, are ready for a ride on the waves at the nearby Hammonds Beach.

For families, Sea Ranch offers a range of activities—a trampoline, croquet set, cornhole, bocce ball, and spike ball—the fun never ends. It is understandable why guests typically remain on the property during their stay, relishing in the wonderful oasis.

Sea Ranch Montecito is a sublime experience where guests can enjoy an entire estate brimming with amenities while feeling a rustic, tropical vibe thanks to a rich history and a modern renovation. Here, people can gather, whether it be outside lounging by the pool, cooking with fresh ingredients from the garden, or relaxing around the historic carriage house fireplace; visitors are invited to create their own memories while being part of a legacy that has endured for generations.*

