





# THE *Bright* SIDE

*The grass is greener and the sun shines brighter at Carmel Valley's Quail Lodge & Golf Club.* BY SUZANNE KOCH

**V**ENTURE ABOUT 120 miles south of San Francisco and you'll find the Monterey Peninsula, an area of Central California known for its coastal beauty and charming towns like Carmel-by-the-Sea. Located on the sunny side of the peninsula, Carmel is home to Quail Lodge & Golf Club, a historic hotel that's been welcoming guests for more than 50 years.

Nestled into rolling hills and miles of oak trees, the hotel completed an extensive renovation in 2013 that brought a fresh look to the boutique property. The interiors feature a blend of California Ranch and Spanish Colonial design that keep that classic Californian feel alive. Guests can check-in to cozy rooms and suites that overlook emerald green gardens, lakes and the scenic golf course, while amenities like fireplaces and private decks and patios encourage a relaxing stay. A heated outdoor swimming pool is lined with chaise lounges and, for a more active alternative, there are three tennis courts and a pickleball and sand bocce court.

Quail Lodge & Golf Club is home to The Peninsula Hotel's Signature Motoring Events: The Quail Motorcycle Gathering and The Quail, A Motorsports Gathering. The two annual events celebrate the ultimate in automotive design, travel and the modes of transportation that get us there, and even inspired the hotel's restaurant and bar, Waypoint. Diners can kick back among real motorcycles from the Moto Talbott Collection and enjoy interactive games for a unique experience.

While a visit during September or October will treat you to the

best weather, temperatures in Carmel stay moderately warm year-round. Nearby attractions include the Monterey Bay Aquarium, considered one of the world's best; the famous Big Sur coastline; the quaint town of Carmel-by-the-Sea, home to boutique shops and art galleries; Cannery Row; and Point Lobos State Reserve. Guests can explore the many hiking trails in the adjacent Garland Ranch Regional Park or put the pedal to the metal with the West Coast's only Land Rover Experience Driving School.

Quail Lodge is especially enticing for those who enjoy spending their days on the fairway. Home to the 18-hole Robert Muir Graves-designed championship course, Quail Lodge Golf Course is a classic parkland-style course whose scenery is as enjoyable as its 6,449 yards of play. Awarded Best Playing Conditions for Central California by GreensKeeper in 2016 and 2017, its pristine condition makes it a favored amenity of guests, from the tree-lined layout to the mountainside location. With such a beautiful setting, the course is ideal for walking, winding its way through six lakes and the beautiful Carmel River. The Lodge also offers a nine-hole, all-grass putting green for a more laidback experience. After a day at play, the Quail Clubhouse invites guests to dine at upscale Edgar's Restaurant and Bar for a farm-to-table meal with views of the course and Santa Lucia Mountains. Named after the lodge's founder, Edgar Haber, the outlet serves up an eclectic mix of California cuisine.

No matter how you spend your stay at Quail Lodge, whether teeing up or sprawled out poolside, everything seems just a little better on the sunny side of the peninsula. ✱

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