

TRAVEL+ LEISURE

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Californian summers may call to mind stretches of sand and palm trees, but these 12 hotels prove that the western U.S. has way more to offer than standard beach crashpads and stuffy Hollywood hotels.



Courtesy of The Mansion at Casa Madrona

The Mansion at Casa Madrona in Sausalito, California

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This 1885 historic Victorian mansion has 11 newly rooms with a clean, simple aesthetic, all with Instagram-ready views of the San Francisco skyline, Golden Gate Bridge, and Richardson Bay. True ballers can stay in the mansion's 5,000-square-foot Alexandrite suite, which comes with a private chef and a personal trainer, and a wine fridge stocked with local bottles; the hotel can arrange a sunset sail or sailing lessons in the Bay.