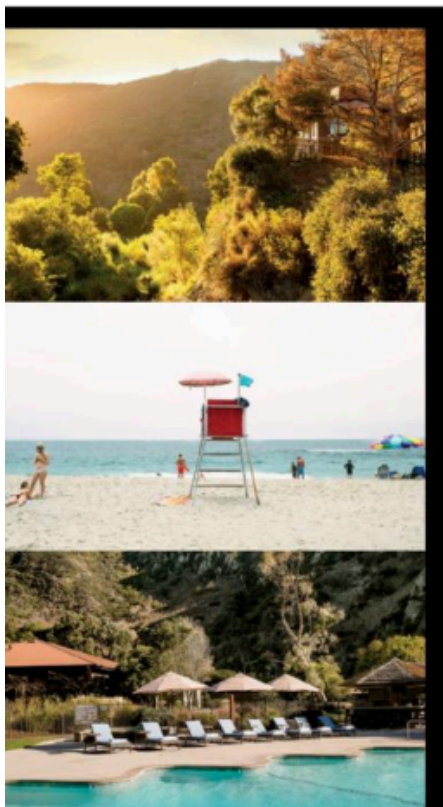


Head North

Set on the Central Coast's Moonstone Beach, this "roadside hotel reimagined" is high on our summer hot list. This year, **CAMBRIA BEACH LODGE** was redesigned with a new breezy, laid-back look. Sun-bleached wood floors and whitewashed walls are accented with turquoise and yellow. Expect bright, beachy decor in all 27 guest rooms along with cool, coastal amenities such as Linus bikes, local Paso Robles wine, Faribault woolen blankets, and "adventure kits" that include binoculars to take up to the sky deck at sunset. *Rates: From \$159/night.* 805-927-4624. **JENNIFER BLAISE KRAMER**

CAMBRIABEACHLODGE.COM

Clockwise from top left:
BREEZY DECOR: suites on the sand; cruising the coast.



Head South

When Montecito resident Paula Stussy needs a hit of her hometown, she escapes to the south coast for a summer weekend at **THE RANCH AT LAGUNA BEACH**. This recently restored historic ranch-style resort boasts canyon-to-sea amenities on a sustainable property with its water reclamation project and on-site organic garden utilized for the signature restaurant, Harvest. End your days with daily campfires and cocktails, try Friday night stargazing, and keep the kids active with programs such as the Ranger Station's children's camps and specialized junior golf sessions in July and August. *Rates: From \$304/night.* 800-223-3309. **GINA TOLLESON**
THE RANCH LB.COM

Top to bottom: The exclusive 1,600-square-foot **TREE HOUSE**; nearby **ALISO CREEK BEACH**; poolside at the **SYCAMORE SPA**.

SANTA BARBARA

Paula's LAGUNA BEACH MUST DOS

Walking **THOUSAND STEP BEACH** stairs at 9th Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway to start or finish the day.

Have a seat for breakfast, lunch, or takeaway something from **ZINC CAFE & MARKET**, 949-494-6302, zinc cafe.com.

Check the surf at **THALIA STREET BEACH**.

242 CAFE FUSION SUSHI, 949-494-2444, fusionart.us, for the Volcano Sizzle.

MELANGE, 949-497-4915, owner Kat Robertson has an amazing eye.