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Carmel Country Inn

A B&B-style inn in charming Carmel-by-the-Sea, California

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Tucked away in a quiet corner of Carmel-by-the-Sea village and an easy walk from restaurants, boutiques and the beach, Carmel Country Inn is a homey, bed-and-breakfast-style inn. The property is [pet-friendly](#) (dog bowls and unlimited treats provided), private (guest rooms are accessed from outside and are separate from the main house) and laid-back. It's an ideal place to unwind.



Carmel Country Inn.

Guest Rooms at Carmel Country Inn

Old-fashioned rocking chairs, floral comforters and patterned throw

blankets set the tone in the twelve guest rooms. All have bathtubs and most have a separate sitting area around a gas fireplace. For a two-person whirlpool tub, request the deluxe king suite. Room amenities include high-speed wi-fi, a flatscreen TV and DVD player (the property has a DVD library), a coffee maker and a refrigerator.

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popcorn and other treats are available in the lobby from 11am to 8pm. The innkeeper can make restaurant recommendations (sample menus are displayed in the lobby).

For casual Italian food, try [Continetta Luca](#), a restaurant in the village. A lively wine-cellar-like atmosphere with vaulted ceilings and exposed brick offers classic favorites such as Neapolitan style pizza. The pumpkin ravioli and homemade pancetta with chili and white wine are recommended.

Destination Weddings at Carmel Country Inn

The inn hosts intimate weddings and [vow renewal](#) ceremonies. Ceremonies for small groups can take place in the main house but more often are held at the nearby beach. The innkeeper can refer guests to local wedding planners and wedding officiators. The village of Carmel-by-the-Sea has a website section listing [venues and vendors](#).

Honeymoons/Romance Packages

Several romantic packages include a bottle of champagne, a personalized cake for two, hour-long in-room massages and a spa pamper basket. Another package focuses on wine tasting and includes a [Carmel Wine Walk Passport](#) to explore several different tasting rooms just a few blocks



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activities on property. Most guests take advantage of all that the area has to offer, then retreat back for pure rest and relaxation.

Nearby Carmel Country Inn

On a [guided Carmel walking tour](#) you can learn about architecture, past and present resident writers, artists and actors (like Clint Eastwood and Doris Day) and the area's unusual quirks, like needing a permit from city hall to wear high heels, while meandering through secret pathways, fairytale cottages and gardens.

Activity seekers can go hiking, horseback riding and kayaking. Serious golfers should head to the famous course at [Pebble Beach](#) (the innkeeper can arrange car service and tee times). For a local spa experience, the adorable European [Kush Day Spa](#) in the village, set back on a tiny, flower-filled side street away from foot traffic, offers excellent massages. For a more interactive spa day just outside the village, head to [Refuge](#), which bills itself as "America's first co-ed relaxation spa." There you and your significant other can heat up in a mineral pool, cool down in an icy plunge pool and relax while overlooking Santa Lucia Preserve.

Pros/Cons at Carmel Country Inn

The property has no restaurant or functional kitchen, so meals (other than breakfast) need either to be ordered in or eaten outside. Room service is not offered. The location is extremely convenient; however, it's set on a side street and there are no street lamps. Bring a flashlight for safety purposes as not to trip over tree stumps or uneven sidewalks.

Carmel Country Inn Vibe

This calm and quiet retreat is for those who like cozy, sweet and unpretentious accommodations. Don't expect to see many families traveling with children; instead, couples like to travel here with their pets. Regulars, particularly middle-aged or older couples, return often to celebrate special occasions. For a stay that feels like home away from home, this is it.

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from the inn.

To amp up the romance factor even more, the property has an outside vendor who can provide romantic touches such as rose petals, candles and custom beach bonfires with a heart carved in the sand for a fee.

Activities at Carmel Country Inn

Aside from in-room messages, sitting in front of the fireplace in the main lobby socializing with other guests or ordering in food (a company called Doorbell Dining delivers from local restaurants), there are no



Sitting room with gas fireplace.

Carmel Country Inn.

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