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CARMEL by the beautiful SEA

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WAYSIDE INN

Carmel's Wayside Inn offers plush comfort in the heart of downtown Carmel.

Bliss inside the Wayside

Wayside Inn

This modest, 22-room inn, with its bougainvillea-covered brick walls, is conveniently close to shops, restaurants and a number of wine-tasting rooms. Free on-site parking, a friendly staff and some treats in the lobby — apples and cookies on the day we arrived — helped to get us off on the right foot.

Rooms: Our second-floor deluxe suite exceeded expectations. It featured a bedroom with a king bed and desk, as well as a sitting room with fireplace, couches

and chairs, and a pull-down bed. Other highlights included two bathrooms, a kitchen (with refrigerator, but no microwave) and French doors that led out to a spacious balcony — a perfect spot to partake in wine and cheese. Don't expect a great view, though, unless you like gazing at a parking lot.

Zzz's: Pardon my gushing. If it were possible to sleep on a cloud, I imagine it would be something like this. It's no exaggeration to say that the super-comfy bed — with its feather-lined linens — is superior to those

I've experienced at expensive major chain hotels. We'd return just for the bed.

Splashes: Ahhhhh-some! The roomy whirlpool tub is the perfect place to soak your weary bones after a long day of strolling around town.

Extras: An ample continental breakfast is included — and delivered to your door at a time specified by you.

Details: \$229 to \$399. Mission Street and Seventh Avenue, Carmel; www.innsbythesea.com.

— Chuck Barney, Staff

Ghost

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Ripper expedition in London. Munsinger gets great reviews online. We found his stories a bit convoluted at times, but it's still

TOURING OLD MONTEREY

■ Monterey State Historic Park offers a variety of walking tours through many of its famous adobes and more, www.parks.ca.gov.

■ Ghost Tour of Old Monterey is a 90-minute tour on a motorized trolley at 8 p.m. every Saturday



steps and slamming doors, allegedly thanks to the misdeeds of James Stokes. The English sailor jumped ship, passed himself off as a doctor, bought the adobe and practiced curiously effective medicine — effectively killing off a good number of patients,