

any request. And, conveniently located on the famous Ocean Avenue in Carmel-by-the-Sea, the Carmel Plaza Concierge Center has also become a stop for all visitors that chose Carmel-by-the-Sea as a stop on their California journey. Visitors can contact the Concierge Center at Carmel Plaza before their visit to the Monterey Peninsula area and have them create a complimentary itinerary for their upcoming visit, with an insider's look and knowledge.

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## Cass House Restaurant and Historic Inn Opens

Located in downtown Cayucos, the newly opened Cass House features five guest rooms decorated with William Morris fabrics, custom-designed furniture and private baths, and offers luxurious Anichini linens. Other highlights of the inn are tea service, a full catering kitchen and dining room that can accommodate up to 30 guests, and beautifully manicured grounds ideal for wedding receptions and special events. The Cass House Restaurant and Historic Inn is now open to the public for breakfast on Saturdays and Sundays.

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## New Courtyard by Marriott Paso Robles

With mission-style architecture, the recently opened Courtyard by Marriott in Paso Robles has 130 guest rooms, including eight spacious suites. The four-story hotel also offers 1,200 square feet of meeting space to accommodate small meetings and functions of up to 100 people. The Courtyard Cafe restaurant and wine bar serve a breakfast buffet daily and Sunday champagne brunch, provide picnic lunch boxes to go for wine excursions, and feature nightly dinner specials created by Chef Paul Johnson—a graduate of the California Culinary Academy. The wine bar and lounge offer an extensive local Paso Robles wine list. Other guest facilities and services include room service, an outdoor swimming pool with whirlpool spa, 24-hour exercise room, business library and business center. In-room amenities

include complimentary wireless Internet access, coffee maker, hair dryer, iron with ironing board and cable television with complimentary premium movie channels.

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## The FogCatcher Inn in Cambria Completes Renovations

Pacifica Hotel Company (PHC), known for its collection of small boutique hotels along the California coast, renovated the FogCatcher Inn in Cambria, giving it a fresh, new look. Inside, all 60 rooms have a bright, new look, with a French cottage theme. The Inn's breakfast area and lobby were also remodeled. Located across from Cambria's splendid Moonstone Beach, the FogCatcher Inn features fireplaces in every room, contemporary conveniences, views of the English gardens and flower-lined brick paths that lead to intimate seating areas. Guests can feel the ocean breeze through the whimsical delicate sheer curtains in their room and fall asleep to the soothing sound of ocean waves.

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## Granada Theatre Reopens Under New Name

Santa Barbara's historic Granada Theatre will reopen in March as the Santa Barbara Center for the Performing Arts after being closed for three years for an extensive \$50-million restoration project. The restoration not only improves the patron experience, but also that of the artists. The theater is set to become the resident venue for several prominent local arts organizations, including the Santa Barbara Symphony, Opera Santa Barbara, State Street Ballet and UC Santa Barbara Arts & Lectures; host international artists and national acts on tour; and attract more high-caliber performers to the region. The restoration and expansion includes comfortable seating and reconfigured sightlines for 1,550 patrons; refinements to the acoustics; and beautifully restored and upgraded public spaces and amenities. The addition of period fixtures and other decorative

elements throughout the theater, lobby and lounges will bring new beauty and splendor to the space. The Grand Re-Opening in March will feature 10 days of celebration. Following the celebration, a three-month Preview Season ensues, from March to early June, featuring a dynamic ensemble of performances and presentations showcasing the high-quality and diverse range of programming.

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## JUSTIN Vineyards & Winery Offers Tour, Tasting and Food Pairing

Offered the first Friday of each month at 2:30 p.m., the tour begins at the Isosceles Center, includes a brief excursion through the vineyards and the JUSTIN caves, and continues to the JUSTIN Wine Library—the inner sanctum of the JUSTIN cave network 120 feet underground. In the dramatic and intimate JUSTIN Wine Library, guests will enjoy a sit-down tasting of JUSTIN wines paired with several small plates prepared by the JUSTIN culinary team, headed by Executive Chef Ryan Swarthout. The tour lasts two hours and costs \$100 per person.

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## Private Tasting at Meridian Vineyards

Meridian Vineyards, located in Paso Robles Wine Country, is now offering a private tasting in their Barrel Chai and a gourmet picnic lunch in the beautiful gardens overlooking the vineyards. The offer includes a tasting of five of Meridian's Limited Release wines, a logo tasting glass, 15 percent off wine purchases, and a catered box lunch—all for only \$35 per person. Reservations are required with 48 hours advance notice.

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