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The lobby at the new White Water lodge is a preview of the clean, casual elegance of the guest rooms, some of which share its panoramas of Cambria's Moonstone Beach.



NEW ON CAMBRIA'S COASTLINE

Cambria's Moonstone Beach offers expansive views of the Pacific and a mile-long wooden boardwalk with tunnels of cypress trees, but much of the beauty also lies in the tiny things. Hidden up and down the beach, especially after a storm, are jade, agate, and jasper stones, smoothed by the sea. And the tidepools are alive with sea anemones, crabs, and spiny purple sea urchins.

It's all just across the street from the new **White Water** (whitewater cambria.com, from \$329), where two small former inns have been combined into one 25-room hotel.

The Moonstone Beach location invites guests right into nature, says Kevan Beall, Central Coast regional director for PRG Hospitality Group, which owns White Water. "It really gives you this immersion into undisturbed California coastline that you feel immediately when you walk into the property," he says.

White Water feels like a laid-back beach house on a lazy day, thanks to Los Angeles-based designer Nina Freudenberger. "I have always loved the vibes of seaside Scandinavian design," says Freudenberger of the inspiration for the interiors she designed at White Water. "I pulled through elements with soft lines, curved surfaces, and muted tones punctuated with blacks, and Nordic-influenced wood tones."

All of the guest rooms feature window seats with cushions made from vintage fabrics that have been

hand-quilted together for a unique layered look. "We designed these very intentionally to face in the direction of the best view to the beach," Freudenberger says. It's an ideal spot to enjoy the breakfast basket with local coffee and fresh pastries that's delivered every morning. Only the Ocean View King rooms, though, have a private patio with an outdoor soaking tub. Fashioned from farm troughs custom-painted moss green to tie into the landscape, the tubs are luxuriously deep and oversized.

When relaxation time turns to exploration time, guests can order picnic-friendly takeaway items like a *jambon beurre* sandwich and Niman Ranch organic-beef hot dogs and grab a beach basket with towels and blankets. Bikes with baskets are also available, and Fiscalini Ranch Preserve with more than eight miles of trails is just 2.2 miles away.

STARGAZING IN SCOTTSDALE

Within the Orion constellation's sword is the Orion Nebula, the brightest nebula—or massive cloud of mostly hydrogen gas—in the northern hemisphere. It's actually a "veritable stellar nursery," says Scott Adams, president of the Fountain Hills Dark Sky Association, because the nebula gives birth to new stars. See the nebula and other deep-sky objects in the Milky Way galaxy at **Adero Scottsdale** (aderoscottsdale.com, from \$340),

a dark-sky-zone resort located in the Sonoran Desert, away from the city's brightest lights.

The new resort features tennis courts and pools with mountain views, off-site guided excursions, and a stargazing lawn. For many Adero guests, the resort's star parties are their first experience with a telescope, says Adams, a member of the resort's Star Dudes team, which helps guests explore the Solar System. "They invariably express awe and curiosity." ♦



Explore the Milky Way through powerful telescopes at a star party on the grounds of Arizona's Adero Scottsdale resort, located in the International Dark-Sky Association-certified dark-sky community of Fountain Hills.