

Hotel of the Moment: Casa Madrona Unveils Piper Room Where Pink Floyd Stayed

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The historic 64-room hotel in Sausalito, Calif. has opened the suite where the English rock band once checked in.

Over the course of the band's first United States tour in 1967, Pink Floyd stopped in the San Francisco area, where photographer **William Baron** famously snapped shots of the group at the Casa Madrona Hotel.

The most iconic of the photos features the band members scattered across one of the hotel's fire escapes, caught somewhat candidly in a moment of whimsy. Another memorable shot captures a close-up of Pink Floyd founder **Syd Barrett**, mid-chew with two sugar cubes in his mouth.

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37 years following the photo shoot, the 64-room historic hotel in Sausalito, Calif., has opened the suite where Pink Floyd stayed.

Called the Piper Room, the second-floor suite is named after the album Pink Floyd was promoting at the time of their stay, *The Piper at the Gates of Dawn*. The room displays historic photographs of the band, including exclusive shots from Rolling Stone.

The suite also showcases Pink Floyd's signature coffee table book, *Inside Out: A Personal History of Pink Floyd*, and plans are to have a preset playlist of the band's music playing when guests first enter the room. The accommodation is part of the hotel's Mansion, an 11-room complex that's been under renovation for two years and opened for guests in May. It also

includes the two-bedroom, 5,000-square-foot Alexandrite Suite, named for a rare stone that is said to dispel negative energy.

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The hotel's main house, which offers views of the San Francisco Bay, was built by a gas and electric executive in 1885, and then became a bed and breakfast in 1906. The space also served as temporary lodging for the military, after it was sold in the early '40s and reopened as a hotel in 1959.

The Mansion's deluxe rooms start from \$509 per night; junior suites start from \$609 per night; the Alexandrite Suite starts from \$10,000 per night; and reserving the entirety of the Mansion (sleeping up to 24 people) begins at \$25,000 per night.

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