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SAUSALITO, CALIFORNIA

Gilded Age Elegance by the Bay

CASA MADRONA HOTEL & SPA

BACKSTORY Casa Madrona was built in 1885 as the residence of William Barrett, the secretary-treasurer of the San Francisco Gas and Electric Company. Then, in 1906, Barrett sold his home, and the new owners converted it into a bed-and-breakfast. During World War II, the property was used as a temporary lodging facility for military families. After the war, the location became a beatnik hangout until 1959, when it was purchased and became a hotel once again.

CLAIM TO FAME When Pink Floyd stayed here during their 1967 world tour, photographer William Baron took shots of the band on the hotel's fire escapes. The visit has been memorialized with the Piper Room suite, a nod to *The Piper at the Gates of Dawn*, the record they were working on at the time. The room is adorned with photographs of the band and a playlist that greets guests upon arrival.

WHAT'S NEW The 64-room property encompasses 31 bayfront guest rooms, 22 hillside cottages and the 11-room original mansion, which saw a complete renovation this May. The star of the main house is the 3,500-square-foot Alexandrite Suite, which comes complete with a private chef and a two-tiered patio looking out over the bay and the San Francisco skyline. If you choose to rent the whole mansion, amenities include day use of a yacht and access to a Mercedes ML350 Bluetec.

WHAT YOU'LL FIND JUST OUTSIDE Located on Bridgeway, Sausalito's Riviera-like main drag, the mansion sits directly across the street from the city's yacht harbor and the Sausalito Ferry Terminal. From here, you can take the scenic half-hour ferry ride to San Francisco's Pier 41, passing Angel Island State Park and Alcatraz along the way.



SITTIN' ON THE DOCK OF THE BAY
The sweeping views at Sausalito's Casa Madrona



THE HOT SEAT
The sleek sauna at Roomers

FRANKFURT

Germany's Banking Capital Loosens Up

ROOMERS

DESIGN NOTES Nicknamed "Bankfurt," Germany's financial hub has always felt a bit stuffy. Luckily, this former office building has been scrubbed clean of its bureaucratic past and turned into one of Europe's sexiest hotels, complete with a moody lobby that looks like a Japanese nightclub or backstage at a burlesque show.

AMAZING AMENITY Occupying a rooftop glass-and-concrete dome, the hotel spa is a wooden wonderland of slatted screens and glass bead-filled relaxation tubs. From the terrace, you'll have uninterrupted views of the towering skyline, which boasts Germany's 10 tallest buildings.

WHAT YOU'LL FIND JUST OUTSIDE Roomers is right in the heart of the burgeoning railway station area, which is shaking off its seedy reputation as a red-light district with a slew of new bars and restaurants, while a quick walk takes you to the grassy banks of the river Main or Zeil, the city's bustling shopping mile.

BEST PLACE TO HANG OUT The opium denlike bar has plenty of nooks for intimate chatter. Guests can nip from here to the patio, which leads into the hotel restaurant. Expect globally inspired dishes like salmon ceviche with coriander creme.