

# Marin

## 2014 *Editors'* CHOICE

101 Reasons We Love This Place



**GET FIT FOR FREE**  
Workouts That Are  
Easy on the Wallet

**WHITEWATER FUN**  
Riding Rapids on  
the American River



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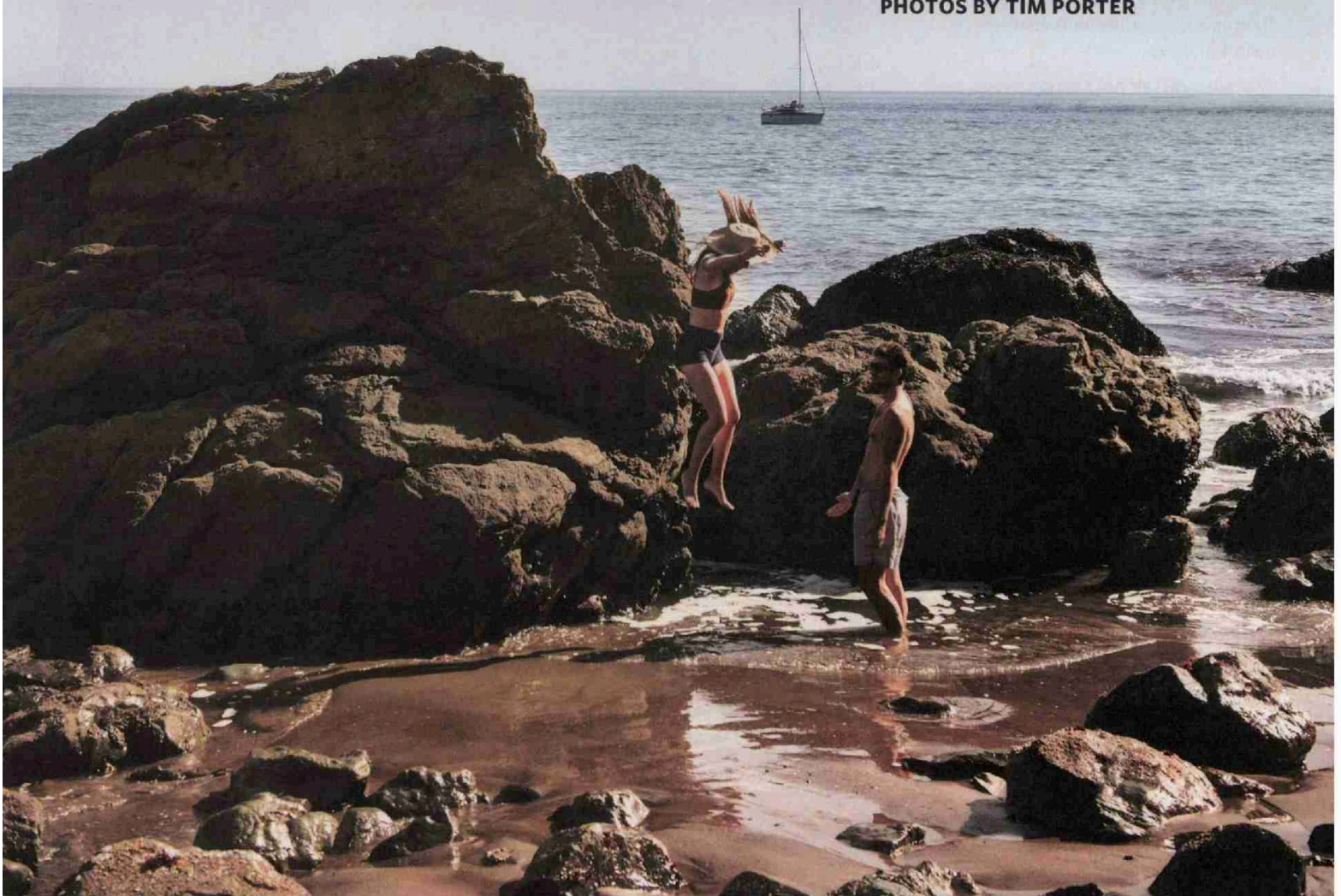
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**1** **MUIR BEACH** Stinson is bigger. Limantour is wilder. Drakes is more dramatic. But Muir is the beach we are honoring this year. Just a quick jaunt over the hill from Tam Junction (or via the local route through Four Corners), Muir Beach is at once rugged and welcoming, 1,000 feet of sand perfect for picnicking wedged between rocky outcrops that shelter those who prefer privacy (or eschew bathing suits). Plus, there's parking. The \$4 million makeover of Muir that closed the beach last summer is done. There are new bathrooms, a wooden walkway through the dunes and, most important, sustaining improvements to the adjoining wetlands. [parksconservancy.org](http://parksconservancy.org)

Now, read on, as we honor more than 100 great things to do, taste and experience in Marin. This year, we've organized our picks around the cities and areas where you live, eat, shop, play or just hang out, making for a virtual road map of the best the county has to offer.

PHOTOS BY TIM PORTER





# Sausalito



## Room With a View

One of the things that makes Sausalito a world-class city is the views. You've got the

**PLAY** bay, Alcatraz, Angel Island, the Golden Gate Bridge and views back at Marin itself—it's hard to beat. The best way to experience all of that on your own time, at your leisure, is to stay in one of these popular and unique hotels.

**19 CASA MADRONA HOTEL AND SPA** The historic property offers views of the bay and Sausalito itself with great dining downstairs at Poggio Trattoria. A recent renovation added even more luxury to the rooms, cottages, 11-room mansion and extraordinary Alexandrite Suite. [casamadrone.com](http://casamadrone.com)

**20 CAVALLO POINT** (pictured) Set at the foot of the Golden Gate Bridge at historic Fort Baker, Cavallo Point offers bridge views, beautiful grounds to wander, a spa and first-rate dining at Justin Everett's Murray Circle. Your biggest decision is whether to stay in a cozy historic room or go modern in a well-appointed contemporary one. [cavallopoint.com](http://cavallopoint.com)

**21 INN ABOVE TIDE** Here you'll find 31 rooms with suites right over the water and facing the bay. After a day of shopping in Sausalito, set up camp on your own private deck and watch the sun set. [innabovetide.com](http://innabovetide.com)



EAT

## Foodie Fun

Yeah, Sausalito's got the tourists, but it also has some of the more fun dining spots in Marin. You want a rock shrimp po'boy with some bocce ball? Check. You want oysters on the half shell in a historic building? Check. You want the best Frenchified fast food burger imaginable? That's also a check.

**16 BAR BOCCÉ** 1250 Bridgeway, 415.331.0555, [barbocce.com](http://barbocce.com)

**17 BARREL HOUSE TAVERN** 660 Bridgeway, 415.729.9593, [barrelhousetavern.com](http://barrelhousetavern.com)

**18 FAST FOOD FRANÇAIS (F3)** (pictured) 39 Caledonia St, 415.887.9047, [eatf3.com](http://eatf3.com)