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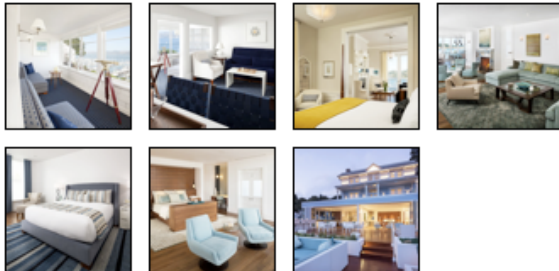
## SPOTLIGHT: CASA MADRONA

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Framed by sailboats neatly aligned in the harbor across the street, (cue Otis Redding's "(Sitting On) The Dock Of The Bay"), the **Casa Madrona Hotel & Spa**, an idyllic, 63-room waterfront property in Sausalito has a storied past. Notable guests such as Carol Burnett, Warren Beatty, and the band Pink Floyd—who posed on the fire escape outside the Piper Room for the cover of their 1967 debut album *The Piper at the Gates of Dawn*—have all resided here over the years. Now the newly remodeled mansion and hillside suites are set to lure a new generation of luminaries.

Built in 1885 as a private residence for San Francisco gas and electric tycoon William Barrett, the historic resort now includes an updated lobby, a new meeting room with postcard-worthy views of the Bay, and 11 hillside cottages and mansion suites housed in a restored Victorian. Guest rooms still retain original glass windows (in select second-story suites), four-poster beds, vintage-inspired ceramic jewelry trays, old-fashioned writing desks, and gas fireplaces. For more elbow room, reserve the 5,000-square-foot Alexandrite Suite equipped with a private concierge, a secret cabinet-turned-staircase leading to the building's second level, and perks from a house Mercedes ML350 Bluetec for rides to and from the city, to a yacht for use during the stay. The price tag? \$10,000. For those whose startup has not recently been acquired by Facebook or Google, mansion guest rooms start at \$509 per night.

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*Pictured: The bedroom suite in the Upper Hillside Mansion at the remodeled Casa Madrona in Sausalito.*

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