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101 REASONS WHY L.A. SHINES LIKE NEVER BEFORE



California Escapes

These hotels will make you forget fast-paced city living. By Jason Oliver Nixon

1 CARMEL Tucked in the Santa Lucia Mountains, recently revamped **Carmel Valley Ranch** is the perfect resort for adults and kids alike. Check into the Garland Suite (we love the fireplaces and wraparound deck), then reenergize with tennis or golf or relax at the sprawling Spa Aiyana before visiting charming Carmel-by-the-Sea. carmelvalleyranch.com

2 NEWPORT BEACH Just an hour from LA, **Pelican Hill** is great for a quick refresh. Bunk at one of the bungalows and lap up the ocean views from the terrace before taking on 36 holes of golf on the Tom Fazio-designed course. Better yet, settle in for a couple's massage or a sublime body treatment. Afterward, check out the Coliseum Pool while the tykes enjoy the slew of activities at Camp Pelican. pelicanhill.com

3 SANTA MONICA So it might still be in LA, but **Shutters on the Beach** will embrace you in world-class style. Designed by interiors whiz Michael Smith, the hotel shines with an elegant,

easy-breezy vibe. Step out of the hotel and directly onto the beach for a long walk, explore the shops south of Montana Avenue or dine at One Pico. shuttersonthebeach.com

4 MONTECITO Situated high above Santa Barbara, the fabled **San Ysidro Ranch** offers eye-popping vistas paired with relaxed-chic rooms and cottages (Jackie and JFK honeymooned in the Kennedy Cottage back in '53). Try a hike along trails that wind through the Santa Ynez Mountains. Come evening, dine by the fireplace in the ranch's historic Stonehouse or on the elegant ocean-view deck (try the spiny lobster). sanysidoranch.com

5 YOUNTVILLE Soothe body and soul at **Bardessono**, the boutique-styled Napa Valley retreat with a green sensibility (think solar panels and reclaimed wood). We love the slew of wine-tasting rooms situated within walking distance and the proximity to famed French Laundry restaurant. bardessono.com

On Our Radar //

A Fresh Scent

Forget fancy: You'll smell like the woods and craggy seacoast of the East Coast when you splash on Portland General Store's spiffy, unisex **Maine no. 008 eau de toilette** (\$25). portlandgeneralstore.com

Bathing Beauties

Transform your hotel bathtub into a spa with easy-to-pack **Kneipp thermal spring bath salts** (\$4.50). They are loaded with minerals and are ideal for soothing tired muscles and stuffed-up sinuses. kneippus.com



Clothes Saver

We never want to arrive disheveled, so we always pack the **Joy Mangano Go Mini travel steamer** (\$24.95). It works out all of the post-suitcase kinks in our clothes. hsn.com



Soundtrack: LA



From her color-rich office in LA's Hancock Park, designer **Ruthie Sommers** crafts timeless interiors that regularly appear in the glossiest shelter magazines (Sommers was the cover girl for the first issue of the now-defunct *Domino*). Eclectic design is the trademark of her firm, whether the client is Princeton University or Drew Barrymore. So what does this Southern-bred style maven have on her playlist right now?

Name	Artist
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "Heart Skipped a Beat"	The XX
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "Airplanes"	Local Natives
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "Au Fond du Temple Saint"	David Byrne
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "A Whiter Shade of Pale"	Annie Lennox
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "Sweet Dogs"	Trolle//Siebenhaar
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "The Garden"	Cut Chemist
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "Close to Me"	The Cure
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "You've Got the Love"	Florence & The Machine
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "Fields of Joy"	Lenny Kravitz
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "Sweet Jane"	The Velvet Underground