

LOS OLIVOS, CA

The Inn at Mattei's Tavern, Auberge Resorts Collection

Over the past two decades, Central Coast's Santa Ynez Valley—with its scores of boutique wineries and tasting rooms and an elevated food scene—has been gaining ground on the state's more established wine regions to the north. The opening of an Auberge Resort in the little town of Los Olivos is further proof of the area's status as a preeminent New World wine destination. A Santa Barbara County Historical Landmark, The Inn at Mattei's Tavern has been a popular traveler's refuge since the 1880s, when it welcomed visitors on California's stagecoach route. Now it's been given a five-star makeover with indoor-outdoor rooms and cottages with private terraces, a sun-drenched spa, and locally harvested California cuisine. There are also a few cheeky nods to the area's Old West past, including saloon nights with live music and card games and outdoor firepits for roasting marshmallows. *Doubles from \$750; aubegeresorts.com*

GETTING THERE: Two-and-a-half-hour drive from Los Angeles; 40-minute drive from Santa Barbara

A revamped cottage at the historic Inn at Mattei's Tavern, on California's Central Coast



BOCA RATON, FL

The Boca Raton

This resort has all the pink stucco, palm trees, and balmy weather you'd expect from the name. Thanks to its relatively private location straddling a quiet stretch of beach and intracoastal harbor, The Boca Raton feels refreshingly set apart from the hubbub of South Florida. As part of a recent redo, the 96-year-old resort renovated the Tower's 225 rooms and reimaged its 50,000-square-foot spa with 44 treatment rooms. There are 12 new restaurants and bars, including an outpost of brunch favorite Sadelé's. The best part of the reboot, though, has to be its new four-acre Harborside Pool Club, with all sorts of bells and whistles, like a 450-foot lazy river, two three-story water slides, and a surf-wave simulator. A long weekend here will provide more than enough sun and water fun to get you to summer. *Doubles from \$429; thebocaraton.com*

GETTING THERE: 45-minute drive from Fort Lauderdale; 60-minute drive from Miami



The Chatwal Lodge in upstate New York sits near the Toronto Reservoir

BETHEL, NY

The Chatwal Lodge, The Catskills, New York

Hotelier Sant Singh Chatwal—founder of Dream Hotel Group and namesake of Midtown Manhattan's The Chatwal, New York, a Luxury Collection Hotel—brings his vision of high-end hospitality to the countryside with this long-awaited debut. Set on 30 tranquil acres, Chatwal Lodge offers all the diversions one could want from a Catskills sojourn: boating, hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking, as well as Ayurvedic wellness treatments that can be arranged en suite. For evening plans, ask the concierge to organize a visit to the nearby Bethel Center of Performing Arts, or simply stay put and leaf through the classics from the fireside comfort of the lodge's cozy library. A little bit log-cabin yet entirely luxe, the suites have vaulted ceilings, reclaimed wood walls, hand-carved furniture, and beds piled high with (faux) fur throws. The best part might be that there are only 10 rooms, so if mountain seclusion is your goal, you can easily go the entire stay without bumping into another guest. *Doubles from \$1,200; thechatwalleodge.com*

GETTING THERE: Two-hour drive from NYC TODD PLUMMER