



CALIFORNIA'S

# BEST HOTELS

*(Bargain or Splurge)*

<b>Icon key</b>	FREE BREAKFAST	FREE WI-FI	POOL	DOG-FRIENDLY	SPA
<b>Prices*</b>	\$ = \$100 OR LESS	\$\$ = \$100-\$175	\$\$\$ = \$175-\$250	\$\$\$\$ = OVER \$250	

\*per night for double occupancy room; may vary by season

## BARGAIN

### PALM SPRINGS

#### Korakia Pensione

☞ Not only does the price at this transportive oasis feel like an error in translation, but the atmosphere—Mediterranean meets Moroccan, with bougainvillea, arbors, and hanging lanterns—almost shouts across-the-pond escape.

Korakia's devotion to its guests is what truly sets it apart, though. Fresh flowers and fruit in your room. Loaner bikes. Snacks at the pool. Even nighttime movies in the courtyard. It's all yours. \$\$; [korakia.com](http://korakia.com).



### LAKE TAHOE

#### The Cottage Inn

This 22-room B&B is classic Tahoe all the way, down to the knotty-pine paneling and the path down to a private beach for a bracing dip in the blue, blue lake. Mornings, there's breakfast on the deck (or, if it's nippy, in by the fire); afternoons, wine and cookies for the nibbling. \$\$; [thecottageinn.com](http://thecottageinn.com).



### NEAR JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK

#### 29 Palms Inn

Just outside the north entrance of the park is an inviting clutch of 18 brightly colored adobe bungalows and wood-frame cabins, plus a pool to splash in after a day spent exploring the park's desertscape. Many rooms have views across the desert, some from private patios. \$; [29palmsinn.com](http://29palmsinn.com).





CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: LEFT, GINA SABATELLA, ANDREA GÓMEZ BOMERO, RACHEL WELLI [2], CLOGO.COM

## SPLURGE

### NAPA VALLEY

#### Solage Calistoga

📍📍 Wine country is filled with gorgeous hotels that bristle with Michelin stars, but Solage manages to have the best pool in Napa, a window-walled gym that channels Martha Stewart's private gym in Bedford, and the requisite Michelin star—without costing \$700 a night. Comfy, barn-chic studios with a spiffy pair of loaner bikes and shaded patios create a sanctuary feel, and the spa is one of the best. \$\$\$\$; [solagecalistoga.com](http://solagecalistoga.com). 📶 🐾 🌿

### RANCHO SANTA FE

#### Rancho Valencia

There's not a thread out of place at this hotel near San Diego. Let us gush: amazing iced tea at check-in. A suite so large you could move in for life. A

great pool and gym. And extraordinary service, as evidenced by the turndown (slippers, chocolates). For tennis fans, there are 18 courts and pros on staff. \$\$\$\$; [ranchovalencia.com](http://ranchovalencia.com). 📶 🐾 🌿

### SONOMA VALLEY

#### Farmhouse Inn

What rockets the inn to the top of Sonoma's hotels is the truly thoughtful service and attention to food and wine. We're talking tips from Sonoma's only Master Sommelier and a Michelin-starred menu filled with ingredients grown on the owners' farm, not to mention the best huevos rancheros of your life. And there's no end to the special touches: self-serve counters for s'mores and wine-grape sodas; spa ingredients from the garden; even private saunas. \$\$\$\$; [farmhouseinn.com](http://farmhouseinn.com). 📶 🐾 🌿