



The Inn Above Tide lives up to its name. (Photography by Sarah Chorey)

Now Staying: The revamped Inn Above Tide is a posh new reason for a Sausalito staycation

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We've all spent a day or two wandering the streets of Sausalito, noshing on seafood oceanside and dipping into scoops of ice cream while ducking into shops and galleries, only to be slightly bummed when we have to venture back to our humble dwellings in San Francisco or beyond. But it doesn't have to be this way.

Because hidden on a short, dead-end street that veers off towards the ferry docks is a gem of a hotel you've undoubtedly never noticed before, and it's one that truly lives up to its name, where every single room sits, as it were, just above the tide.

[The Inn Above Tide](#) actually opened in 2005, but recent renovations to its 31 rooms, as well as the addition on an all-new luxury suite and a revamp of two more, by designer [Antonio Martins](#), make this coastal charmer with killer views well worth revisiting or discovering for the first time.

As soon as you drive through the iron gates, which have the feel of entering a secret garden, your car will be whisked away by a prompt valet. You'll wander into the foyer, check in with the staff, and pop your head into the quaint drawing room where you may later return for complimentary breakfast, wine, and snacks. If you're staying in a suite, you'll find your room through a private entrance that opens onto tasteful seaside splendor—think grey silk wallpaper, heated tile bathroom floors, rainwater showers, soaking tubs, expansive patios, indoor/outdoor fireplaces, and cozy lounge chairs that swivel so you can choose your favorite among the jaw-dropping views of the city and the Bay.

New artwork, curated by Sausalito-based [Julie Coyle](#) (Hotel Zetta, The Fairmont SF), is a shining focal point—look for a fresh combination of paintings and mixed media art including driftwood accents, rope works, and sculpture.

If you're game to explore the town, take [our guide](#) to the best eats (mmm, Bar Bocce), points of interest (don't miss Heath Ceramics), and hikes (hello, Tennessee Valley). But no one will fault you for just hanging in (after all, how many times have you been to Sausalito?). Fill up at the upscale continental breakfast spread offered each morning in the drawing room, or just load your plate with pastries, fruit, and frittatas to enjoy peacefully in your room. Later, get a buzz with their free wine and cheese while you watch the sun set. There's much to be said for a staycation well spent.

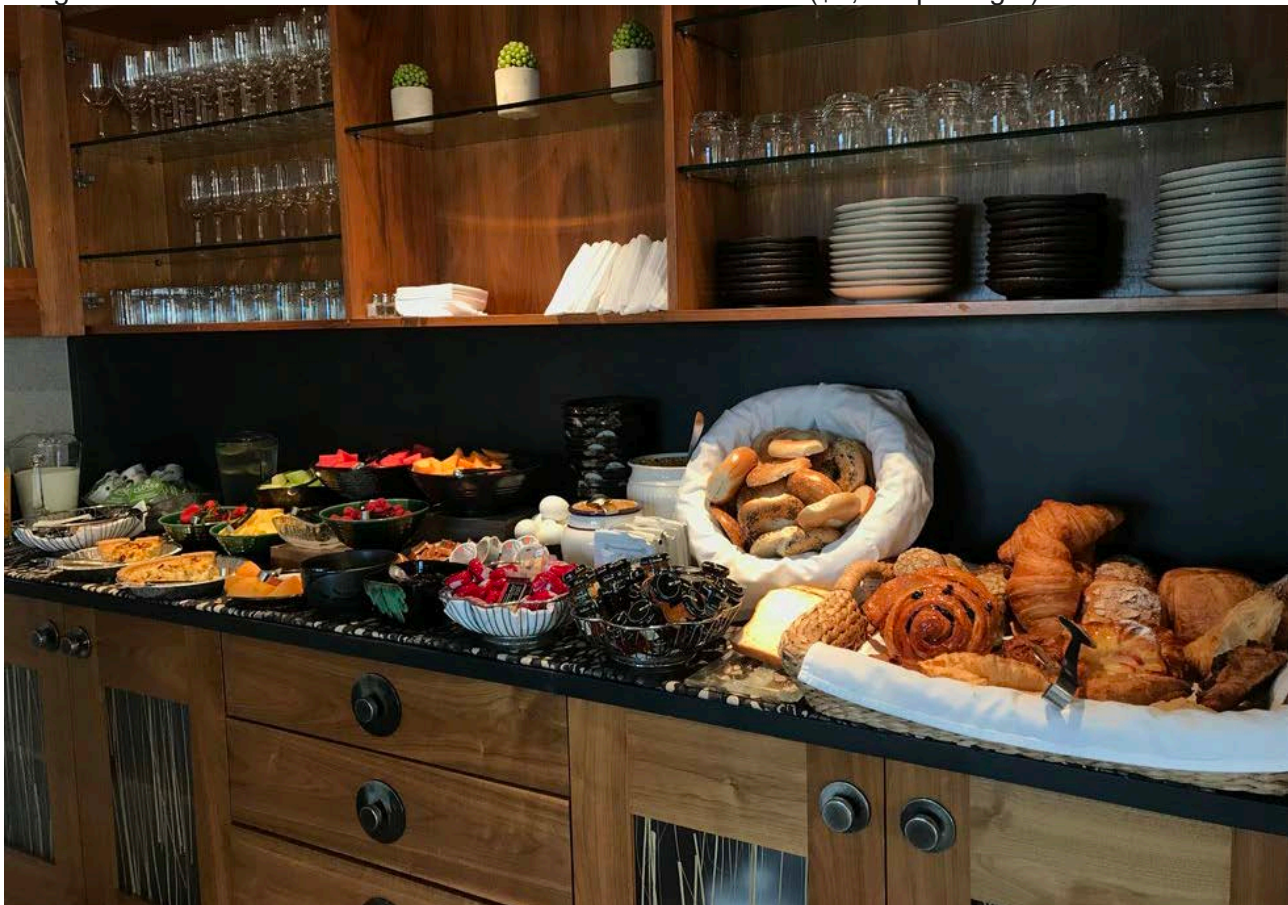


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// The Inn Above Tide, 30 El Portal (Sausalito); rooms starting at \$415 for a double can be reserved at innabovetide.com



Gorgeous views from the deck of the second-floor Vista Suite (\$1,555 per night).



We usually pass on continental breakfasts, but that would be a mistake here. Grab a few pastries, picked up from a nearby local bakery, and head back to your room to dine in style.