

America's Best Seaside Inns

Who doesn't wish they had their own beach house, complete with wraparound porch for sunset cocktails? Well, these waterfront inns may not be private abodes, but we'll take them any day of the week. By Chelsea Bengier

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The Inn Above Tide, California



You can't get any closer to the sea than this. The shingled [hotel](#) sits high above the San Francisco Bay, with teak-furnished balconies that jut out over the water and have sweeping views of the skyline, Alcatraz and Marin. Guestrooms come with wood-burning fireplaces, Bulgari toiletries, and binoculars for checking out the chatty sea lions frolicking in the water.

There's also a complimentary happy hour with California wines and cheese, as well as free bicycles that you can ride to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.