

PROPERTIES WITH PERSONALITY

A rundown of the area's premier hotels, each boasting a fresh vibe

PASÉA HOTEL & SPA

Surf City's newcomer offers a happening beachfront social scene, with a full-service pool area, Tanner's restaurant, which showcases modern, rustic California cuisine, and the open-air Treehouse Lounge. Retreat to your sea-inspired room with a view, test out Huntington Beach's famed waves with the help of Paséa's surf-butler program or find maximum serenity at the deluxe Balinese-inspired Aarna Spa. *21080 Pacific Coast Highway, Huntington Beach; meritagecollection.com/paseahotel*



MONARCH BEACH RESORT

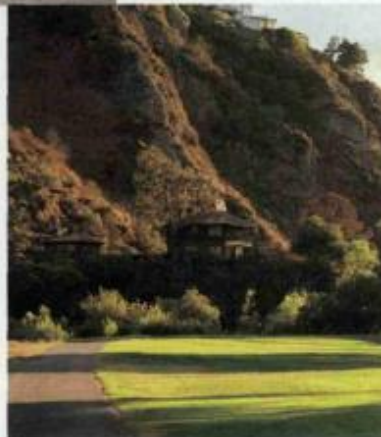
After a yearlong, \$40 million renovation to introduce the Miraval Life in Balance Spa and revitalize the resort's pool area, rooms and restaurants, The Monarch Beach Resort (formerly The St. Regis Monarch Beach) in Dana Point encompasses the best of coastal luxury. AVEO Table + Bar joins chef Michael Mina's lauded Stonehill Tavern. Golfers will enjoy the Monarch Beach Golf Links designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr. *1 Monarch Beach Resort, Dana Point; monarchbeachresort.com*

THE RANCH AT LAGUNA BEACH

Ninety-seven guest rooms and suites are stunningly sited within Aliso and Woods canyons on the town's first homestead and ranch, dating back to 1871. Two restaurants and poolside dining, a Gary Roger Baird-designed nine-hole, par-21 course and a spa and fitness center round out the offerings. *31106 South Coast Highway, Laguna Beach; ranchlb.com*

CASA LAGUNA HOTEL & SPA

The historic inn's cluster of hillside Spanish Colonial Revival-style buildings has gotten a top-to-bottom refresh by A-list Hollywood interior designer Martyn Lawrence Bullard. The seamless blend of old and new in the property's 23 guest rooms and lobby makes for an ideal low-key getaway for 21-and-over guests. *2510 South Coast Highway, Laguna Beach; casalaguna.com*



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