

# Santa Barbara

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# GETAWAYS

## Seaside Seduction

*Head south of the border for a tranquil respite*

THE ULTIMATE GETAWAY should be marked by an equally exquisite setting. And perhaps the most worthy locale for those looking for an idyllic respite is **Las Ventanas al Paraíso**, Los Cabos's renowned seaside sanctuary that lends new meaning to the word paradise. Amid an enchanting landscape of rolling desert and faultless waters, this gem on the Baja peninsula speaks to the wanderlust in us all. The resort's 15 styles of suites and villas offer every imaginable vantage point—oceanfront patios and moon-gazing rooftops make for the most marvelous memories. The Pure Romance package offers an unsparing experience—champagne and roses upon arrival, a relaxing couples massage and bath ritual, and a private beach cabana for whiling away the day. **-JANA BARRETT**

**LAS VENTANAS AL PARAISO** San José del Cabo, Baja California Sur, Mexico, 011-52-624-144-2800, [rosewoodhotels.com/en/lasventanas](http://rosewoodhotels.com/en/lasventanas). Rates: From \$716 per night.

A panoramic view of the Sea of Cortez.



## City Slicker

EXPOSED BRICK WALLS AND WOOD FLOORS, a rooftop patio, and a hip locals' eatery—these elements of modern industrial chic mixed with vintage style have set the tone for the **Granada Hotel & Bistro**, a luxury boutique property that opened last fall in the heart of downtown San Luis Obispo. A \$5 million, 18-month renovation of the 90-year-old, two-story building (once a 1920s hotel with a colorful—if slightly shady—history) created 17 accommodations that include cozy rooms and suites with diminutive balconies, all appointed with Italian linens, marble vanities, and original artwork.

On the street level, the popular three-year-old Granada Bistro has similarly been reimagined and expanded with a farm-to-fork menu that features chef Spencer Johnston's Spanish-inspired cuisine. Small plates, charcuterie, and seafood are complemented by a wine list of Spanish and Latin American wines as well as Central Coast vintages. Upstairs, the lounge and rooftop patio—a one-of-a-kind spot in SLO—offers a sophisticated setting for drinks, snacks, and occasional live music.

"It's crazy that no one had done a downtown hotel," says Kimberly Walker, the Granada's managing partner. "We want to appeal to and attract guests looking for a getaway in wine country. There are the beaches here and hiking. San Luis has so much to offer." The hotel also boasts a compact spa with an array of soothing services, from Swedish massages to ayurvedic body treatments. And for wine-country touring, there are complimentary bicycles, maps, and itineraries. "We're creating an experience for people," says Walker. "And it's a labor of love." —**JOAN TAPPER**

**GRANADA HOTEL & BISTRO** 1126 Morro St., San Luis Obispo, 805-544-9100, granadahotelandbistro.com. Rates: From \$179.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:  
The Terrace room; the  
indoor/outdoor restaurant;  
a suite bathroom.

## LIVE *like a* LOCAL

Beach houses, hillside hideaways, vineyard estates, and valley ranches—the Santa Barbara area has a wealth of residences where you can feel at home. Here are a few agencies that will help you settle in.

About a dozen dazzling properties at **INCREDIBLE RENTAL**, [incrediblerental.com](http://incrediblerental.com), range from a contemporary glass pavilion to a tropical garden getaway. From Montecito to the Riviera and beyond, **SANTA BARBARA EXCLUSIVE RENTALS**, [santabarbaraexclusiverentals.com](http://santabarbaraexclusiverentals.com), offers a selection that includes everything from chic cottages to ocean-view estates. Victorians, farmhouses, and vineyard villas—country style holds sway with **SANTA YNEZ VACATION RENTALS**, [santaynezvacationrentals.com](http://santaynezvacationrentals.com). A luxe Nantucket-style home in Carpinteria or a Mediterranean mansion are among the possibilities through **WOLF WORSTER ASSOCIATES**, [wolfworstercalifornia.com](http://wolfworstercalifornia.com). —J.T.