

the BEACH HOUSE

Hermosa Beach, CA

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The view doesn't get much better than the one you will find at the Beach House Hotel in Hermosa Beach. Located right on the beachfront bike path known as the Strand, the Beach House offers a coastal beach cottage feel in its all-suite boutique hotel. With 96 breezy ocean suites, a location walking distance from some of the best restaurants on the scene in L.A.'s vibrant South Bay and stumbling distance from the bar scene on Hermosa Pier, the Beach House is your best bet for a weekend escape in L.A.-that will feel like you're anywhere but L.A.



DRIVING
DESTINATION

DISTANCE:
120.8 Miles
from San Diego

DRIVE TIME:
1 Hour, 30 Minutes



MORNINGS

There's a reason why people who grow up in L.A.'s South Bay rarely leave the South Bay. The beaches are unparalleled. Sprawling, white sand beaches manicured to perfection, with the Strand spanning from the edges of Palos Verdes all the way to Santa Monica.

The perfect morning would be grabbing coffee and walking from the Beach House to the **Manhattan Pier** (about a fifteen minute walk), before the Strand gets too crowded. Circle back and stop for a beachside breakfast at **Martha's 22nd St. Grill** for a white corn scramble or cream cheese stuffed french toast (they are both worth the weekend wait-trust me).

Then, head back to the hotel to find some inner peace with a little yoga, tai chi or pilates on the beach. Private surfing lessons for two are also available, if you're so inclined. If you'd rather continue exploring Hermosa, head up Pier avenue and do a little browsing at eclectic shops like **Curious** and **Gum Tree**. Swing into local surf shops **Becker** or **Spyder II** if you forgot your trunks or bikini, and make sure you're covered before you get wet.

AFTERNOONS

Conveniently next door to the Beach House, **Hermosa Cyclery** rents bikes and skates so you can explore the twenty-plus miles of coastal bike path. Bike rentals start at \$7 an hour, so why not? If you're feeling adventurous, cruise through Hermosa and Manhattan Beaches, down picturesque **Vista del Mar** to **Playa del Rey** for lunch at **Playa Provisions**.

If you can keep going after that, charge through Marina del Rey and head straight to **Baja Cantina** in Venice for margari-

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01 Manhattan Beach Pier

02 Martha's 22nd Street Grill

03 Surfing at Hermosa Beach

04 Beach House balcony

05 Hermosa Cyclery

06 Playa Provisions

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tas. Try to find a cab or Uber your way back with the bikes in tow if you can.

And the perfect way to end that day would be a nice massage at the hotel, because even though the ride seemed pretty easy, you will definitely be feeling it the next day. You can even do it on the beach-crash on the sand and let the sound of the waves lull you off to deep relaxation.



EVENINGS

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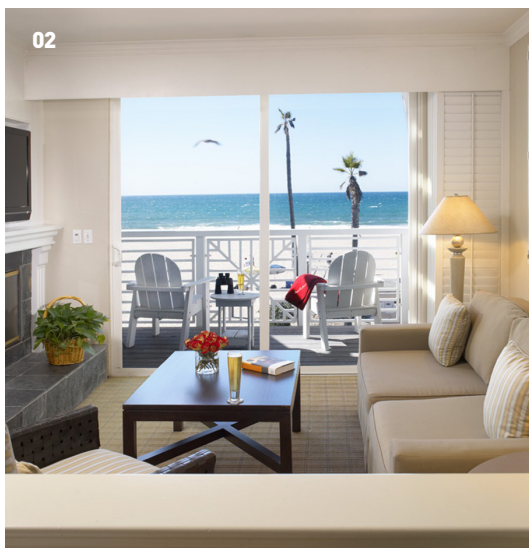
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- 01 View from the balcony
- 02 Guest Room at the Beach House
- 03 Bottle Inn
- 04 The Strand
- 05 Sharkeez Hermosa Beach

The staff is pretty dedicated too. Longtime server Oscar bought the restaurant a couple years ago (along with the chef and manager), yet still waits tables nightly, much to the delight of his regulars. Sit in his section and tell him we sent you-your glass will be full all night and you'll leave with a new friend. If you can't get a reservation at the Hermosa location, try their newer one in Riviera Village (a ten minute drive away).

If you brought your dancing shoes, walk off the tiramisu and check out the nightlife on the Hermosa Pier. There's a bar there for everyone-**Sharkeez** (fruity drinks in a bucket complete with a floating shark), **Hennessey's** (pub grub with a great rooftop deck), **Waterman's** (surf heavy), the **Lighthouse** (live music) and on and on...plenty of ways to get into trouble.

Just make sure you hydrate, leave your balcony door cracked and fall asleep to the sound of the crashing waves.



PLANNING AHEAD

Getting There

The Beach House is located on the Strand in Hermosa Beach, just 1.5 hours north of San Diego. An easy 10 minute drive from LAX, the Beach House is also conveniently situated between Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach.

When to Go

For that special occasion, take advantage of all Beach House Hotel Hermosa Beach has to offer. For an additional \$95 to any guest room purchase, receive a bottle of Gloria Ferrer Brut Champagne, bubble bath, rose petals, complimentary valet parking and a late check out at 2:00 p.m.

Book It

Rates start at \$269. Reservations can be made by calling 888.895.4559 or go online at **Beach-House.com**

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