VENTANA
BIG SUR
AN ALILA RESORT

SLIP AWAY FROM THE WORLD
DISCOVER. CREATE. INSPIRE.

When you reach the edge of the continent, where the sky, the sea, the mountains and the redwoods all converge, you find a place of unmatched beauty and tranquility. You feel the pull that has drawn artists and thinkers for centuries. And you’re enveloped by the same inspiration to discover, (dis)connect and create.

You’ve reached Ventana Big Sur, an enclave tucked among the forests in one of the most iconic and dramatic landscapes on Earth.

It’s a place where you see the world, and even yourself, a little bit differently. Where you can find your center, soothe your body and stir your imagination. And where romantics, visionaries and seekers find the fuel that feeds their souls.
BIG SUR—A PLACE UNLIKE ANY OTHER

Located at the intersection of the Pacific Ocean and the Santa Lucia Mountains, Big Sur is equal parts American legend and natural wonder, one of the most scenic destinations in the world.

As you drive along iconic Highway 1, following the curves along the rugged California coastline, you will quickly come to understand what all the fuss is about.

Big Sur has a history that’s as remarkable as its setting, a rich and storied heritage of diverse civilizations, cultural influencers, visionaries and artists of every kind. This is where people come to find what they’ve been looking for—even if they don’t quite know what it is yet.

It’s the kind of place that can change you, if for no other reason than the fact you’ll never forget it.
Even when you’re inside, you’ll always be connected to the outdoors at Ventana Big Sur—our 59 luxurious, rustic and inviting guestrooms and suites are arranged around our 160-acre property in secluded groupings, offering the utmost in privacy and serenity.

You’ll find rich interiors, plush king beds and luxurious bathrooms in each of our 11 different room types, along with private balconies or patios that allow you to marvel at the beautiful setting.

At Ventana, you can relax and recharge the way you want to—soak in an extra-large tub, settle into your own private hot tub on the deck or reflect in front of a crackling fireplace perfect for cool nights.
All Ventana Big Sur accommodations include the following:

- King-size bed with signature Ventana bedding and pillow menu
- Aromatherapy bath products with locally inspired ingredients
- Private deck or patio
- Forest, ocean, meadow or canyon views
- Flat-screen TV with Bose sound system
- High-speed wireless internet access
- Plush bathrobes and linens
- In-room dining
- Nespresso coffeemaker
- Daily housekeeping and newspaper delivery
- Large walk-in shower and soaking tub
- iPhone docking station
- Fully stocked minibar and refreshment center
- In-room safe, phone, iron/ironing board and hair dryer
- Binoculars, umbrellas, and walking sticks
“Activity” at Ventana is not merely about staying busy or filling your days with diversions. It’s about discovery, self-reflection and a deep awareness of your place in the world.

Begin each day with a morning yoga class or a guided hike around the property. Join us for one of our unique workshops and activities. Get a workout in our fitness center or go for a swim, and follow it with a Japanese hot bath.

It’s all up to you—and it’s all designed for you.
ALILA EXPERIENCES

The stunning beauty and powerful geography of Big Sur have long drawn those seeking creative inspiration, personal transformation and inner well-being.

Now, the Alila Experience Program extends a similar invitation to you, with workshops and activities designed to help you develop a deeper connection to yourself, your partner and the natural world.

Try a photography hike and learn how to capture Big Sur’s stunning topography with powerful image-making techniques. Cook a seasonal feast alongside Ventana’s executive chef after harvesting ingredients from our organic garden. Or discover the special wines of this rich and fertile region with guidance from our resident expert.

Additional experiences include falconry and guided wilderness hikes. And we’ll continue to introduce unique and exciting activities regularly.
REFLECT, RECHARGE

Social House
With unique lifestyle spaces including a Game Room and Bar Room, Social House is the “living room” of Ventana. It’s a hub to connect, schedule activities, and experience the feeling of community we’ve created here.

Fitness and wellness
Ventana’s 24-hour fitness center features state-of-the-art equipment including treadmills, spinning bikes, free weights and elliptical cross-trainers, making it easy to stay in tune with your body during your stay. We also offer complimentary daily yoga classes and guided walks around the property.

Pools and bathhouses
Our two heated outdoor pools offer a distinctly Big Sur experience. The Meadow Pool features a shaded trellis and an infinity-edge hot tub, while the clothing-optional Mountain Pool creates a feeling of unbridled freedom. For a serene communal bath setting, retreat to the Japanese hot baths, adjacent to the Mountain Pool.

Glass House Gallery
Our striking Glass House Gallery showcases works of art from renowned artists along the California Central Coast, giving you the opportunity to not only appreciate the cultural impacts of Big Sur, but also take a piece of it home with you.
With an elegant, rustic setting and astonishing Big Sur views from high above the Pacific, The Sur House makes any meal an occasion to savor.

While the scenery is incredible, particularly on our spacious terrace, the cuisine is inspiring in its own right. Drawing on his experience in some of Chicago’s finest restaurants, Executive Chef Keith Potter crafts inventive coastal dishes using local, sustainable ingredients.

The Sur House also features a carefully assembled 10,000-bottle cellar of small-production Central Coast wines, along with craft cocktails and a curated selection of beer, ensuring the region’s agricultural and culinary excellence are always on full display.
Big Sur has long been known as a sacred, curative site, and the Spa Alila sensory experience is designed around encouraging inner peace and connection.

Our skilled practitioners will guide you through a powerful and energizing process, with treatments rooted in both traditional and modern methods from around the world—and products that meld the healing properties of earth and sea.

For an especially memorable couples experience, our new outdoor cabanas provide a uniquely private spot for pampering. Engage all of your senses as you look out over the forest, with the ocean breezes washing over you and the scent of redwoods filling the air.

Whether you choose a traditional massage, reflexology treatment or one of our many other unique offerings, a visit to Spa Alila will leave you with a profound sense of well-being—one that takes hold deep in your soul.
OUTDOOR SPLENDOR, WITH A LUXURY TWIST

Ventana’s Redwood Canyon Glampsites put you in the middle of the stunning Big Sur landscape. 

Sleep deeply on a custom-designed glamping mattress and premium linens in your safari-style canvas tent. Marvel at the views of a 20-acre canyon. Light up the fire pit, make s’mores and tell stories—or just let the landscape do all the talking.

It’s a luxury camping experience, a more refined way to connect with the outdoors. Every glampsite includes:

- Daily housekeeping service
- Access to ice chests and custom-curated picnic baskets
- Power bricks with electrical and USB plug-ins

We’ve even put an elegant twist on one of the least enjoyable aspects of outdoor living, with our glamping Bath House. It offers teak-enclosed showers, heated floors, marble vanities and gleaming restroom facilities.

This isn’t camping—it’s glamping. And your site is ready and waiting.
A STUNNING SETTING FOR YOUR EVENT

With more than 12,000 square feet of captivating spaces for weddings, meetings and other events, Ventana is a place where memories are made and connections are strengthened. Imagine a gathering where the redwoods are your witness. Where the awe-inspiring setting provides a new perspective—and heightened significance. Where no detail is overlooked, so you can relax, rejoice and revel in the moment.

Our expert planning assistance ensures every event is smooth and successful, from dream weddings and milestone celebrations to executive summits and strategy sessions.

The most memorable gatherings begin with a location that inspires wonder, and Ventana Big Sur blends the ocean, mountains and forest into an astounding backdrop for your occasion.
Ventana Big Sur is the first North American resort from Alila Hotels and Resorts, a celebrated luxury boutique hotel brand with 12 eco-friendly properties across Asia and the Middle East. Named after the Sanskrit word for “surprise,” Alila is known for crafting guest experiences that are unique and breathtaking.