

## **Finding Hotel Reservations in Carmel** **by Dana Ailer**

Carmel, California has received huge praise for such a small locale. *American Style* has listed it in their "Top 25 Art Destinations" and *Condé Nast Traveler* named it the "#1 Travel Destination for Ambiance" in the U.S. Each year, thousands of visitors to this coastal village look for the Carmel hotel that best suits them, and Carmel has many to offer.

The most outstanding amenity available at the Carmel Mission Inn at 3665 Rio Road is the location's breathtaking views. The recently remodeled property also offers two spas, a heated pool, room service, and 37" LCD flat panel televisions for rates starting at \$130 per night.

The gorgeous building that is now the historic Pine Inn on Ocean Avenue was originally constructed in 1889. A visit to this Victorian style Carmel hotel is like taking a step back in time. Reservations start at \$180 and include a full breakfast.

The luxurious La Playa Hotel Carmel at Camino Real and Eighth Avenue is just 2 blocks from the ocean. In addition to over 70 guest rooms (starting at \$169), the Mediterranean style Carmel hotel also offers five private cottages. The property, a member of Historic Hotels of America, has grown from an artist's mansion built in 1905.

Nearby, the Candle Light Inn (between fourth and fifth avenues) is an English Tudor style inn with only 20 guest rooms. Reservations start at \$180. Most rooms have working fireplaces, and some offer whirlpool tubs and full kitchens.

If an even smaller hotel is more your style, consider the Sea View Inn. This tiny Carmel hotel with only 8 guest rooms is nestled in a residential neighborhood just minutes from the ocean. Declaring itself an "oceanside getaway," the Sea View Inn boasts no televisions and no in-room phones, though it does offer free Wi-Fi. Rooms with shared baths start at \$125.