



Tomales Bay

Browsing Shops, Hiking Bluffs, and Cozying up by the Fire
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Double back and head up the other side of Tomales Bay for the grand finale: dinner and a night by the bay at the high-buzz restaurant/B&B, Nick's Cove and Cottages, an old Marshall institution renovated in 2007 by Pat Kuleto. While you can shuck your own at many of the bayfront oyster farms on the way, it's pretty delightful to belly up to the nostalgic, dark wood bar at maritime-themed, waterfront Nick's Cove, and let the kind servers bring you a dozen exhilarating, pre-shucked Preston Points (\$20) and a crisp, inexpensive bottle of Manifesto! Sauvignon Blanc (\$30).

While you might expect the great food and top-notch lodging at Nick's to be overpriced, the fee for entrees like a lusty, pan-seared sustainable white sea bass with currant-arugula bread salad (\$24) -- as well as the rates for the cozy, old-timey waterfront and waterview cottages (\$165-\$595) -- are actually pretty reasonable considering today's market.

Each cottage comes with a super-comfy bed (with high thread-count sheets), eco-friendly wood burning stove (slightly smoky), heated bathroom floors, a fair amount of vintage kitsch, and cute amenities beyond the plush spa robes and slippers. You'll find a welcome plate of cheese and fruit, binoculars, high-quality EO bath products, hidden flat-panel TVs w/ XM radio, tall, unmarked glass bottles of drinking water, and a superb complimentary breakfast delivered by the gentle, local staff. You won't want to leave -- until you remember that home is one of the coolest, most beautiful metropolitan areas in the world.



Nick's Cove and Cottages

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