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This week: SF Bay Area

Northern California's Waterfront Respite

Nick's Cove & Cottages. This historic site features waterfront cottages (*photo, right*) and a restaurant lovingly renovated into a dreamy and luxurious retreat amid the pristine northern California landscape. It is located approximately 30 miles north of San Francisco, adjacent to the Point Reyes National Seashore. Visitors will feel like they have stumbled into a charming 1930s fishing village. Twelve cottages, outfitted with vintage ephemera, are either on the water or across the highway, with views of tranquil Tomales Bay. Luxury abounds (heated marble bathroom floors, quality linens), but the down-home vibe of the friendly staff keeps it real. Stick with classic seafood dishes (chowder, local barbecue oysters, crab) in the adjoining restaurant. Pros: stunning setting; cozy and authentic vintage appeal; modern amenities. Cons: water-view cottages flank the highway; only one place to dine; no cell phone service. 23240 Highway 1, Marshall, CA. 415/663-1033 (ph.). 415/663-9751 (fax). www.nickscope.com. 12 rooms. In-room: no a/c, safe, kitchen (some), refrigerator (some), no TV (some), Wi-Fi. In-hotel: one restaurant, room service, bar, beachfront, no elevator, parking (no fee), some pets allowed (fee), no-smoking rooms. AE, MC, V. Rooms start at \$175.

