

SANTA MONICA CALIFORNIA

9 Santa Monica Hotels That Have Us California Dreamin'

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1. Casa del Mar



Beach at the [Hotel Casa Del Mar/Oyster](#)

Surprising as it may be, [Casa del Mar](#) is one of only two hotels in Santa Monica that are located directly on the beach. This rare, right-on-the-beach real estate is further enhanced by a pool with beach views, full-service spa, and opulent rooms with huge jetted tubs and tasteful decor. Another reason it one-ups other hotels in the area: In 2015, Obama White House designer Michael Smith gave the property a major makeover, resulting in a luxe atmosphere with loads of beachy details. But its story dates back much further than that. Originally built as a glamorous beach club in the 1900s, Casa del Mar has been a place where Hollywood A-listers and well-heeled locals have rubbed elbows for a long time (and now you can join the cool club, too).