

## Mix Hiking and Hedonism at These Resorts

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Reward yourself—and recharge your batteries—at one of these spoiling spots after an extended stroll in the wilds of Patagonia, France or the California coast

**THERE ARE TWO KINDS** of hikers. Those like the naturalist John Muir, who took infinite pleasure in sleeping rough, or without a roof, and those like his hero, Ralph Waldo Emerson, who did not. While in Yosemite with Mr. Muir in 1871, Mr. Emerson declined the younger man’s invitation to camp under the sequoias, opting instead to follow up a daytime stroll with a night at a local tavern. Fortunately, for the more Emersonian among us—nature lovers who prefer to reward our ramblings with a fine meal and a comfortable bed—plenty of hotels make ideal bases for a walk in the wild. And these are no humble taverns.

The newest of the lot is the **Inn at Newport Ranch**, on a sprawling parcel along northern California’s Mendocino coast. The hotel, which opened earlier this month with three rooms (more to come), sits on 2,000 acres of ranch land and offers miles of hiking and biking trails that wind along ocean cliffs and through groves of ancient redwoods, where Mr. Muir would surely have been tempted to pitch a tent. But then he’d miss a post-hike soak in the hot tub overlooking the Pacific and the hotel’s nightly hors d’oeuvres around the fire pit (*from about \$340 a night, [theinnatnewportranch.com](http://theinnatnewportranch.com)*).

Here, four other hotels for travelers looking to combine rigorous fall hikes with indulgent creature comforts.

### Hotel Jackson, Jackson Hole, Wyoming



In the few quiet months between the hectic summer and winter seasons, Jackson Hole becomes a small cowboy town again, where you’re likely to find more elk than people on the surrounding mountain trails. Hotel Jackson, brand-new digs smack in the middle of downtown Jackson Hole, epitomizes rustic modern, which means that after a day spent exploring Grand Teton National Park (a 20-minute drive north), you can retire to the hotel’s Lebanese-influenced restaurant for bison burgers with a side of **baba ganoush** (*from \$260 a night, [hoteljackson.com](http://hoteljackson.com)*).