





Opposite: Lush vegetation, including redwoods, pines, junipers, and rare Monterey cypresses, borders the craggy coastline of Carmel Bay. This page: Since its founding in 1902, this quirky community has been a haven for artists, writers, and actors-Clint Eastwood once served as mayor-and its longstanding commitment to preserving environmental beauty is legendary. To keep the 1-square-mile village from becoming "citified," there are no numbered addresses; a shop simply lists its location between two streets, and cottages are often referred to by name alone.







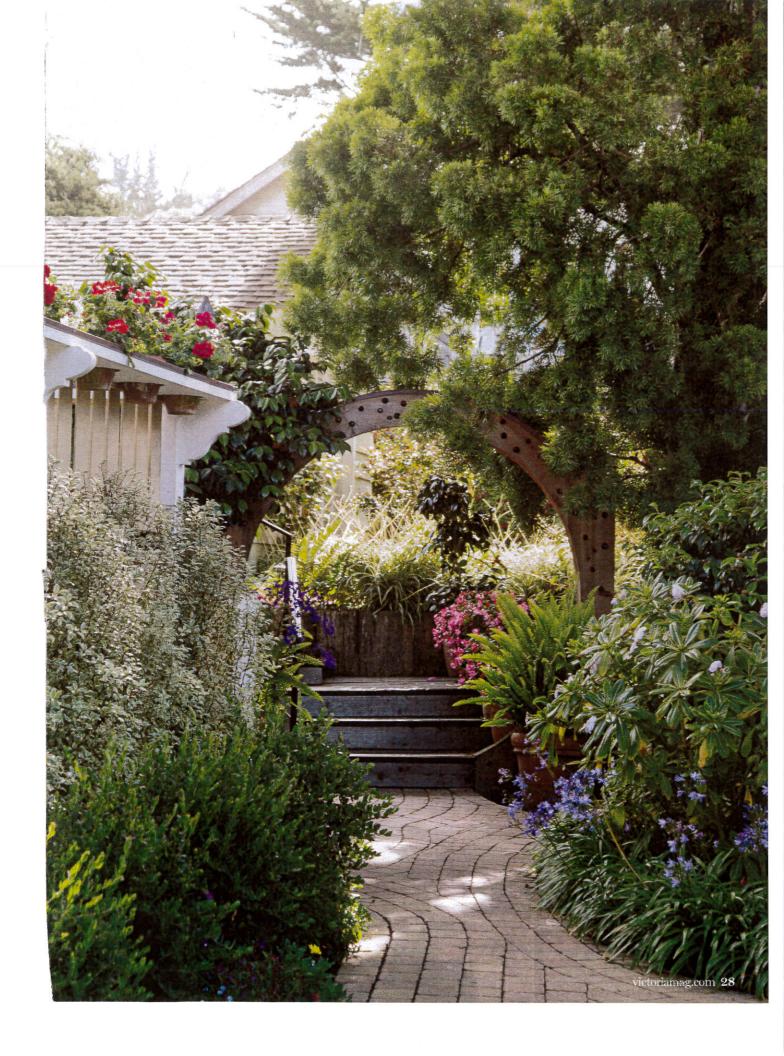


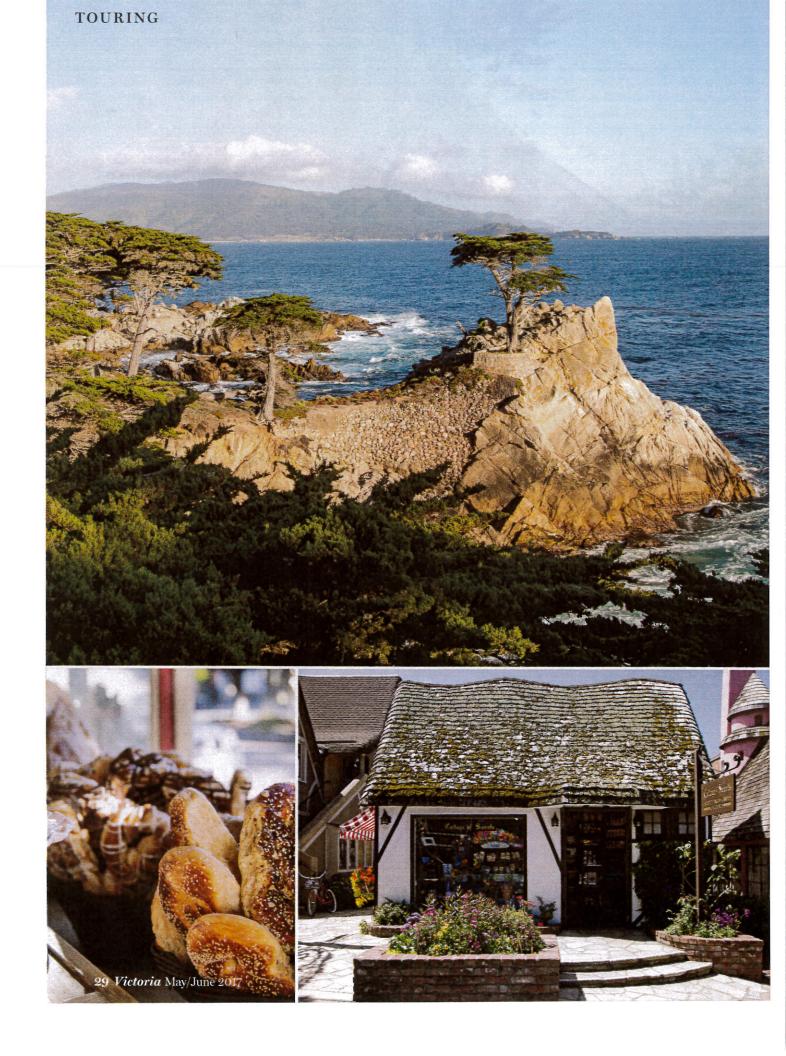


Opposite and this page: The five cozy abodes comprising Carmel Cottage Inn may have distinct personalities, but all are steeped in vintage charm. Sky Way is sized just right for two, while Log Haven, shown below, easily sleeps ten. Edenesque gardens are infused with colorful hydrangeas and fuchsias. The inn is a few blocks from the heart of town and only a short walk to Carmel Beach.







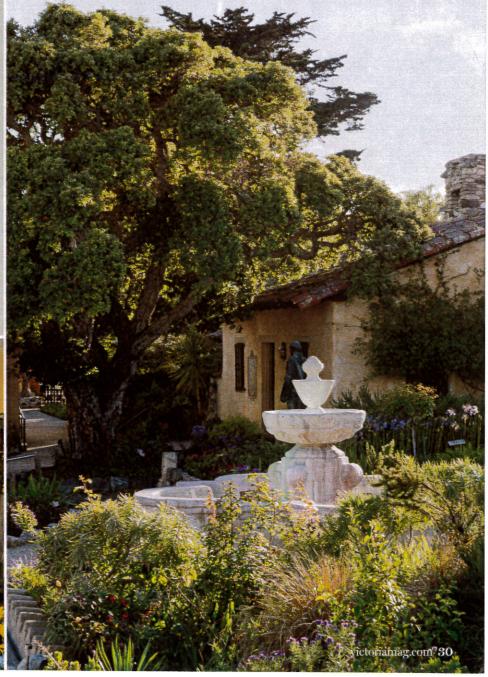


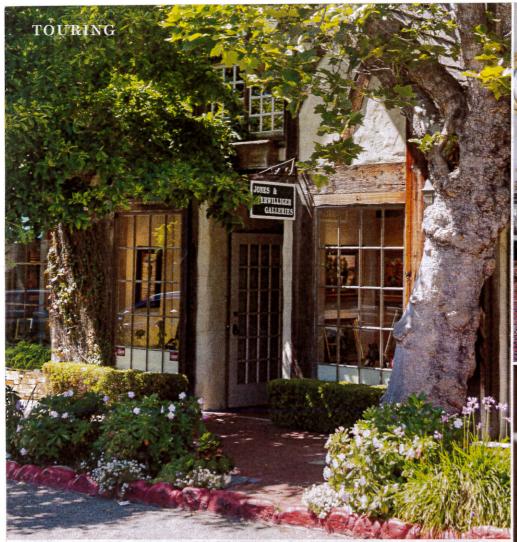




Opposite, above: Seventeen-Mile Drive boasts the most majestic views in the area. For more than one hundred years, Carmel Bakery € Coffee House (below left) has been serving fresh-baked delectables. Cottage of Sweets (below right) channels a traditional British candy shop. This page, clockwise from above left: Luxurious linens are the hallmark of Jan de Luz, and La Bicyclette bistro serves rustic French cuisine. The Mission San Carlos Borroméo del Río Carmelo displays a collection of Spanish Colonial liturgical art and artifacts. Visit Twigery for lovely floral arrangements.











Clockwise from above left: Jones & Terwilliger Galleries are known for oil paintings and sculpture, while Trésors carries both art and antiques. The Tuck Box, an English tearoom, is housed in a whimsical fairytale cottage. Below and opposite: Known as "The Grande Dame of Carmel," the luxurious La Playa Carmel hotel offers spectacular vistas of the beach and bay.





