

Family Run Inn Makes for Cozy Carmel Visits



The Horizon Inn & Ocean View Lodge in downtown Carmel is a reasonably priced, cozy hotel with walking access to Carmel and the beach. The family run business ensures guests feel comfortable by including a basket of breakfast items each morning.

The picturesque enclave of Carmel-by-the-Sea boasts a myriad of boutique inns, B&Bs and distinctive hotels, all with their own personalities and special flairs, personalized to visitors' desires.

The Horizon Inn & Ocean View Lodge in Carmel-by-the-Sea offers an exceptional experience, wrapped in the familiar warmth of coming home—even if it's a guest's first time visiting town.

In 1978, James and Sharon Carroll and their three children relocated from Sonoma County to Carmel. They purchased the Horizon Inn & Ocean View Lodge in 1986. The Carrolls' daughter, Pam, took over as general manager of the property in 1988 and never looked back.

When Pam married her husband Jim Sheppard two years later, they started their own legacy at the property, spearheading a major remodel of the Horizon Inn in 1999, before purchasing it from Pam's parents a year later. For the last 16 years, Pam and Jim have worked tirelessly, continuing the tradition of a family-owned and operated business.

"Carmel is my hometown," says Pam Sheppard. "I grew up here and I value the small town feel that the experiences here living have brought

me. I know the town intimately and like to pass that sense of belonging to our guests whenever possible."

In the mornings, every guest is greeted with a wicker picnic basket filled with savory pastries, juices, and morning comforts to start the day's adventures off on a whimsical foot. Friendly staff, who have all been with the Sheppards for five years or more, are always on hand to ensure that guests' needs are met.

The Horizon Inn & Ocean View Lodge's tagline is "affordable Carmel luxury," and describes the pride the Sheppard family takes in offering an extraordinary experience at a reasonable price. Both Pam and Jim can be found working the front desk at least once a week to personally greet their loyal patrons, many of whom are repeat visitors.

The Horizon Inn experience means seeing Carmel through the hearts of a family whose roots are part of the magic of the quaint paradise.

The Horizon Inn is located on Junipero Street at 3rd Avenue in Carmel-by-the-Sea. For more info, call 800/350-7723 or go to www.horizoninncarmel.com.

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