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HOSTELLING INTERNATIONAL USA CONVERTS SELECT HOSTELS TO VACATION RENTALS

*Bay Area Properties, Including those in Restored Lighthouses, Now Available as Private Units
Ideal for Families and Small Groups*

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Silver Spring, MD – October 20, 2020 - For the first time, Hostelling International USA ([HI USA](#)), the nation's largest hostel network, is offering three of its Bay area properties — [HI Point Montara Lighthouse](#), [HI Pigeon Point Lighthouse](#) and [HI Point Reyes Hostel](#) — as vacation rentals, with private units for groups or families

Because of the hostels' unique locations – in restored lighthouses and near or overlooking the ocean – they provide ideal ways to gather safely with family and friends and explore the outdoors. Each offers the ultimate for social distancing, with limited/no Wifi available in Pigeon Point and Point Reyes given their locales.

HI Point Montara Lighthouse is located on a bluff overlooking the Pacific Ocean near Half Moon Bay, CA. With easy access to the coastal trail and Point Montara, guests can hike and explore cove beaches and tide pools. The property offers four ocean view vacation rental units:

- Two private 2-room suites which sleep up to six in two double beds and two twin pullman beds; one bathroom; microwave and mini-fridge (no kitchen or common areas) with two en-suite baths; starting price of \$159/night per suite weekdays and \$250/night weekends.
- The Surfside House, which sleeps 12 and features two bedrooms, each with three sets of bunks; two bathrooms; full kitchen; dining area; and living area. Starting price of \$379/night weekdays and \$450/night weekends.
- The Seaside Lodge, which sleeps 16 and features four bedrooms, two with a twin over king bunk bed; one with three sets of twin bunks; and a two-twin bunk room; two bathrooms; full kitchen; dining and living room with a pellet stove. Starting rate of \$569/night and \$625/night weekends.
- All buildings can be rented together – which is ideal for a family gathering, wedding or corporate event – and accommodate 40 people. Starting rate of \$1800/night.

Guests of Point Montara have private access to the beach.

HI Pigeon Point Lighthouse is another coastal treasure, located 55 miles south of San Francisco along Highway 1, at the base of a 116-foot lighthouse, overlooking the Pacific Ocean. There are a secluded beach, tidal pools and harbor seals as well as miles of hiking trails nearby for guests to enjoy. It offers three vacation rental units each accommodating up to 10 people and featuring:

- Two bedrooms with three sets of bunk beds in each
- One bedroom with a full-size bed and twin bunk beds
- Two full baths
- Full kitchen
- Dining Room
- Living Room

Each unit ranges from \$300-600/night.

HI Point Reyes, which is temporarily closed due to the California wildfires, offers a true oasis and digital detox. The only non-camping traveler's accommodation within the Point Reyes National Seashore, it is located two miles from the ocean and far from any cellular or Wifi connection. When it reopens, it will offer visitors:

- The Laguna House, which can accommodate up to 20 people, has four bedrooms, full kitchen, indoor and outdoor dining areas, two shower rooms and two half baths.
- The Historic Lodge can sleep up to 12 and has two large bedrooms with a king bed and four twin bunk beds in each; two bathrooms; a living room; dining room; and covered outdoor patio with gas grill.
- The Bunkhouse can sleep up to 20 and can only be booked with the Historic Lodge. It features two large bedrooms with five twin bunks in each; two bathrooms; and a large living room.
- The Historic Lodge and Bunk House booked together accommodate 36 guests.

Travelers looking to book the entire property at any of the three vacation rental sites can contact HI USA's group sales department for more information. In addition to offering a value-focused experience for families and friends traveling together, the rental properties are ideal venues for small corporate retreats or weddings.

"We are excited about this reinvention of three of our most unique and popular hostels," said Russ Hedge, CEO of HI USA. "Given physical distancing requirements and their natural surroundings, these hostels are ideal for groups traveling on their own who want a vacation rental experience with abundant outdoor activities."

To book a single unit or explore pricing and availability at additional hostels, visit www.hiusa.org or @hiusa.

About HI USA

Hostelling International USA (HI USA) is a nonprofit, member organization founded on an enduring belief in the power of travel to foster a deeper understanding of people, places, and the world. HI USA promotes a dynamic community of global citizens who have the wisdom and humanity to actively make the world a better place. As the nation's leading hostel brand, HI USA hosted more than 1 million overnight stays in 2019, with guests from more than 100 countries. For over 80 years, HI USA has provided a network of affordable hostels in converted mansions, reinvented lighthouses, and historic urban buildings across the country. Visit www.hiusa.org for more information. HI USA is part of Hostelling International (HI), a collection of hostels in nearly 90 countries, whose roots stretch back to the beginning of the hostelling movement more than 100 years ago. The HI brand is a seal of approval recognized around the world.

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