

Hostelling International USA Announces Updates to its Hostel Portfolio

Bay Area Properties' Pandemic Pivot to Vacation Rentals Ends this Spring

Seasonal Properties on Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard Reopen for Summer

SILVER SPRING, MD, March 22, 2023 – Hostelling International USA (HI USA), the largest hostel network in the U.S., will have its current portfolio of properties all open as hostels this summer. During the pandemic, three of its most unique accommodations, located in the California Bay area, HI Point Montara Lighthouse Hostel, HI Pigeon Point Lighthouse Hostel, HI Point Reyes Hostel, as well as its hostel in Sacramento, HI Sacramento Hostel, were converted to vacation rentals as they afford guests ample indoor and outdoor space and multiple building options to rent. As of April 1, these accommodations will begin returning to their traditional hostel model. HI USA will also reopen its seasonal hostels in Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard beginning in May. It will be the first time since the summer of 2019 that all its properties will be open and operating under their true hostel model.

The HI USA California hostel reopening schedule is:

- <u>HI Sacramento Hostel</u> and <u>HI Point Montara Lighthouse Hostel</u> reopen as hostels on April 1
- <u>HI Pigeon Point Lighthouse Hostel</u> reopens as a hostel May 26
- <u>HI Point Reyes Hostel</u> reopens as a hostel June 1

The seasonal property reopening schedule is:

- <u>HI Hyannis Hostel</u> will be open May 17 through September 26
- <u>HI Truro Hostel</u> will be open July 31 through September 5
- HI Martha's Vineyard will be open May 18 through September 25

All of these properties are extremely unique accommodations with HI Point Montara Lighthouse and HI Pigeon Point Lighthouse Hostel located at historic lighthouses and offering panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean. HI Pigeon Point, in Pigeon Point Light Station State Historic Park, is also a designated Dark Sky property. HI Point Reyes Hostel is the only non-camping accommodation in Point Reyes National Seashore. HI Sacramento has a large outdoor patio and front porch, ideal for social gatherings.

HI Hyannis Hostel is located harborside, walkable to Main Street, and across the street from the ferry to Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket, making it an ideal location. It can easily be combined with a stay at HI Martha's Vineyard Hostel via the ferry. HI Martha's Vineyard in West Tisbury has a bus stop just outside and a bike path behind it, giving guests easy access to get around the island. At HI Truro Hostel, located just minutes from the ocean in the Cape Cod National Seashore, visitors can enjoy a late summer getaway.

"We are thrilled to be reopening all of our current properties in our traditional hostel format this spring and summer," said Russ Hedge, HI USA CEO. "It was wonderful to be able to still

accommodate guests safely and have our unique Bay Area properties and Sacramento hostel open the past two years, but now it's time to return to our mission of welcoming guests from around the world in a shared, communal setting."

Rates at the Bay area hostels start at \$45 per person per night for a dorm room and \$99 per night for a private room. HI Sacramento hostel dorm room rates start at \$40 per person per night and private room rates start at \$99 per night. For the seasonal hostels in Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard, dorm rooms start at \$39 per person per night and private rooms at \$89 per night. All rates are subject to availability.

Most HI USA hostels offer complimentary Wifi, have kitchens available for guests to store and prepare food, offer bike racks and storage, and feature safety features including lockers for guest belongings. HI USA is also committed to providing a sustainable travel experience and every hostel has environmental standards ranging from limited/no plastic to timed water usage in showers, re-usage of grey water, composting and more.

For more information about HI USA or to make a reservation at one of its hostels, visit <u>hiusa.org</u> 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 <u>hiusa.org</u> 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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