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## Travel: Historic Nick's Cove Gets a Luxury Makeover



Last weekend, while accompanying a friend of mine to an investor dinner, I got the first press-person peek at restaurateur/winemaker Pat Kuleto's new inn and restaurant, Nick's Cove & Cottages, which is located on Tomales Bay—a magical, rural, and relatively remote part of the coast of Northern California's Marin County.

Slated to open in the beginning of July, the low-key luxury retreat is actually far from "new." Instead it's a thoughtful restoration of cozy little 1930s bungalows perched on pilings or land above the lapping waters of Tomales Bay. No surprise the job was done right. Kuleto is known for going the design distance with his restaurants Boulevard, Farallon, and Jardinière in San Francisco and Martini House in Napa Valley.

Before the thank-you dinner for the folks who forked over millions to make the transformation happen, we toured the small cabins, some of which were finished with contextually appropriate furnishings (think country beach chic, lots of pillows on the beds, and distressed deck railings) and others that were still just sheetrock and promise.

