YEAR OF THE PLANNER?

HOSPITALITY’S SUPPLY AND DEMAND

BALANCE MAY BE CHANGING

PCMA’S SHERRIF KARAMAT ON LIVING HIS PASSION

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personal favorite is the daily sunset ritual at The Inn at Spanish Bay, where guests can relax on the outdoor terrace to watch the resort’s famed bagpiper put the golf course to sleep as part of a Scottish tradition. “With waves crashing in the background, it’s absolutely breathtaking,” McMinn says.

Just bring a reusable water bottle. Ocean conservation is very important to the destination, and visitors can play a crucial role in reducing single-use plastics.

Visitors to Carmel will need to buckle their seat belts as Quail Lodge & Golf Club offers an extremely off-road Land Rover Experience that results in a whole new perspective on team building. Carmel Valley Ranch boasts 500 acres of discovery, including hatchet-throwing and world-class golf and spa escapes. And Folktale Winery & Vineyards offers grapevine-adjacent yoga and catered dining in the barrel room or Vineyard House.

New and Renovated
A recent $60 million renovation of Monterey Conference Center created a light, bright central destination for coastal meetings. The more than 40,000-square-foot modern facility is connected to both Portola Hotel and Spa’s 60,000 sq. ft. of renovated meeting space/lobby and outdoor space, and Marriott Monterey’s refreshed 87,940 sq. ft. of space. Marriott’s 341 guest rooms are getting a fun new look that are scheduled for a big reveal in May.

The city of Monterey has a storied history, which began in 1770. One venue that combines both a layered history and renovated facility is The Barns at Cooper Molera. Dating back to 1827, the sweeping courtyard and restored barn sits on 2.5 acres and hosts receptions and board meetings for shabby-chic meetings.

Another new venue for corporate and creative retreats is The Camp at Carmel Valley. Set among the rolling hills of sun-soaked Carmel Valley, it offers 115 acres for team building in the form of wine tasting, archery and equine activities in a sophisticated wooded setting.

Speaking of camping, newly renovated luxury resort Ventana Big Sur offers glamping accommodations for meetings nestled in California’s iconic redwoods.

You can’t beat the views at Hyatt Carmel Highlands, which has given groups and other guests unparalleled vistas of the Pacific Ocean at the northern gateway to Big Sur since 1972. Its 48 renovated guest rooms are arrayed across the clifftop property, and 4,945 sq. ft. of indoor and outdoor meeting spaces make it a sought-after venue for gatherings.

The bay scenery from the deck at Inter-Continental the Clement Monterey never gets old. With 208 guest rooms and 16,000 sq. ft. of meeting space, the waterfront property on