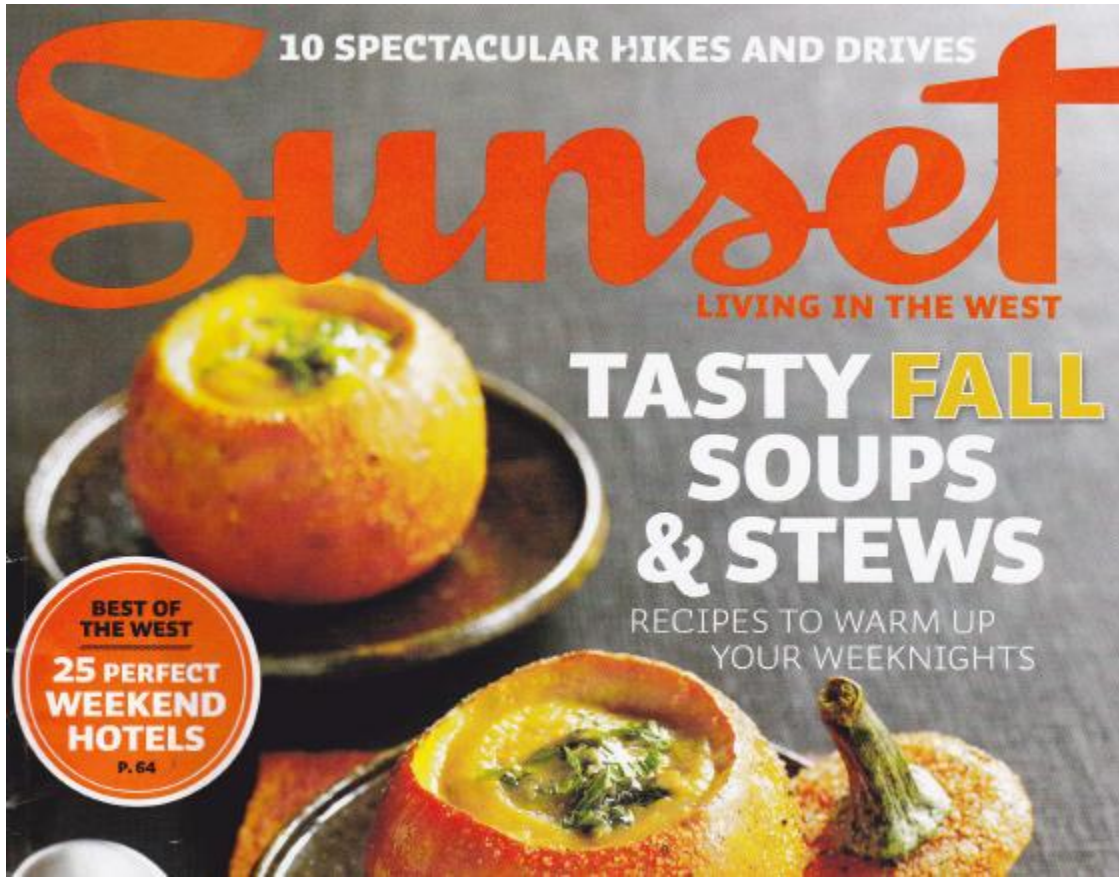


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The West at its best



A kitchenette in one of the Redwood Cabin suites

Fresh digs in Big Sur

It happens every 20 to 30 years—new lodging opens on the most coveted stretch of coast in California. A 1950s-style roadside motel that's gotten a shockingly stylish makeover, **Glen Oaks Big Sur** hits the sweet spot between super-posh Post Ranch and the yurts of Treebones. Eight new cabins are just a skipping-stone's throw from the river, and all cottages have sweet perks inside: heated bathroom floors, midcentury modern touches, yoga mats, and electric or gas fireplaces for chilly fall nights. From 2225 (\$120 for river-front); glenoaksbigsur.com



Hotel amenity we love

S'mores kits. Like summer camp in a spiffy little box, these kits have all the chocolate-and-graham fixin's, plus skewers for easy marshmallow roasting over firepits. The Ritz Carlton's (pictured) are the schmanciest of the bunch, with bittersweet chocolate and vanilla-bean marshmallows, from San Francisco's Recchiuti Confections.

Hotels where it's happening:

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| Surftides, Lincoln City, OR 730; surftideslincoln.com | Ritz Carlton, Half Moon Bay, CA 238; ritzcarlton.com | Park Hyatt, Beaver Creek, CO 788; beaver.creek.hyatt.com | Hyatt Regency Mission Bay, San Diego 618; missionbay.hyatt.com |
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