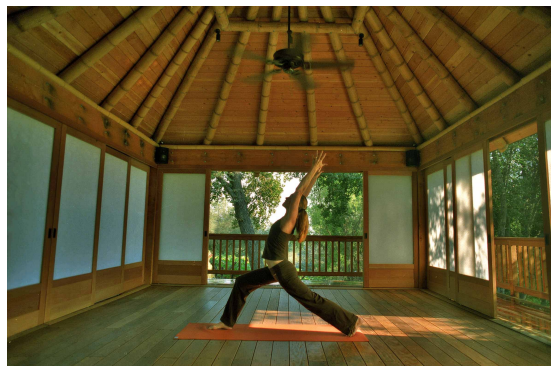


**A SANCTUARY IN THE GROVE: AUBERGE DU SOLEIL OFFERS A RETREAT
FOR INTIMATE SPA TREATMENTS, PRIVATE DINING AND EVENTS**

'La Pagode' Is Inspired By The Design Tradition Of Japanese Ryokans

RUTHERFORD, CALIF.— Long renowned for its sweeping hilltop views of Napa Valley, the award-winning Auberge du Soleil offers a tucked-away haven among the centuries-old olive trees and live oaks of its 33-acre grounds. *La Pagode*, Auberge's Asian-inspired pavilion, is a secluded retreat-within-a-retreat, offering a serene space for holistic spa experiences, couples treatments, private meditation and movement classes.



By night, *La Pagode* transforms into an intimate venue for private celebrations, from a romantic dinner for two to a champagne reception for up to 10 guests.

“So many of our guests enjoy the serenity of our olive grove and outdoor sculpture garden that we created a private hideaway that makes the most of the setting,” said George Goeggel, Managing Partner, Auberge du Soleil. “The Asian tradition of indoor-outdoor design fits perfectly in this environment. We’re delighted to offer *La Pagode* as a space for both wellness activities and intimate events.”

The clean lines and rustic design of *ryokans*, Japan’s country inns, were inspiration for *La Pagode*, designed by Sandy Walker, architect of Auberge du Soleil. Characterized by a traditional vaulted bamboo roof, the pavilion features Shoji-style screens by that slide open to let the outdoors in, walnut floors and redwood accents that complement the natural beauty of the surrounding olive groves and wooded hillside.

Spa Treatments At *La Pagode*

Treatments at Auberge Spa have always expressed a sense of place, inspired by the inn’s location in Napa Valley. With *La Pagode*, the spa looks beyond the valley to offer a new menu of globally influenced treatments, bodywork and movement classes accompanied by the gentle sounds of a brook trickling down the hillside. Newly introduced treatments and classes include:

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- **Reiki** -- a hands-on Japanese technique used for stress reduction and relaxation that promotes healing and treats the whole person, body mind and spirit. (60 minutes \$225)
- **Shiatsu** – an Asian healing art offering manipulative therapy that literally translates into “pressure with fingers.” This holistic therapy improves circulation, releases pain, improves flexibility, aids digestion and helps maintain overall health. (60 minutes \$225)
- **Reflexology** – combining the use of applied pressure, stretching and movement to the feet and head, this therapy effectively releases stress and provides relaxation to corresponding parts of the body. (60 minutes \$225)
- **Auberge Thai Massage** – performed on a supportive floor mat, Thai Massage enhances flexibility, range of motion and deep relaxation. Considered an act of meditation for both therapist and guest, it provides a harmonious, expansive experience. (120 minutes \$450)
- **Couples Loving Massage** – a private session with a specially trained certified massage therapist who teaches partners the art of giving and receiving a nurturing massage. (120 minutes \$500)
- **Yoga** – personalized classes to help beginners explore the basics of movement, breath and mindfulness, or advanced instruction to guide experienced practitioners in exploring areas of challenge or special interest. (90 minutes \$150)
- **Tai Chi/Qi Gong** – A simple but profoundly effective series of movements, which, when combined with proper breathing patterns, produces a balancing effect on the body’s *chi* or “life force. Introductory and advanced classes available. (60 minutes \$150)
- **Pilates** – introductory mat classes combining stretching, strengthening and breathing exercises to improve flexibility, tone and posture, and advanced classes offering a more challenging workout for those familiar with the basics of mat conditioning. (60 minutes \$150)
- **Complimentary Movement Classes** – generalized classes in yoga, Tai Chi and Qi Gong are offered to resort guests on Saturday and Sunday mornings by reservation.

Special Occasions at *La Pagode*

Evening events at *La Pagode* are truly spectacular with the pavilion glowing like a Japanese lantern among the trees. A unique setting for private celebrations such as intimate weddings and proposals or elegant gatherings for six to 10 guests, *La Pagode* offers special menus created by Auberge du Soleil’s Michelin-starred restaurant and paired with wines from the inn’s cellar, the most extensive in Napa Valley. *La Pagode*’s open-air setting is the perfect stage for events such as:

- **Guest Receptions** – beginning with Napa Valley’s own sparkling Schramsberg wine and featuring gourmet charcuterie, imported cheeses, oysters on the half shell, Osetra caviar with
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toasted brioche, and crab salad with lemon panna cotta, and more, perfectly paired with Cakebread Sauvignon Blanc and Quintessa Cabernet.
- **Weddings and Proposals** – uniquely personal celebrations featuring Cristal vintage Champagne, gourmet imported cheeses and charcuterie, chocolate-covered strawberries, house-made truffles, wedding cake, ceremony, bouquet and boutonnières.
Prices are available upon request. For more information about private events or wellness programs at *La Pagode*, visit www.aubergedusoleil.com or call 1-800-348-5406.

About Auberge Resorts

Auberge Resorts is a collection of exceptional hotels, resorts and private clubs, each with a unique personality that assures a memorable guest experience. Among the distinctive properties are Auberge du Soleil, Napa Valley; Esperanza, Cabo San Lucas; Calistoga Ranch, Napa Valley; The Inn at Palmetto Bluff, South Carolina; Encantado, Santa Fe; Rancho Valencia Resort and Spa, Rancho Santa Fe, Calif, with several others currently in development. While Auberge Resorts nurtures the individuality of each establishment, all are characterized by a set of communal elements: intimate, understated elegance; captivating locations that inspire exceptional cuisine and spa experiences; and gracious yet unobtrusive service. For more information about Auberge Resorts, please visit www.aubergeresorts.com.

Auberge du Soleil is also a member of **Relais & Châteaux**, the prestigious global hospitality association of intimate, elegant and independently owned hotels and acclaimed restaurants. Founded in 1954 in France, the association is comprised of 480 luxurious establishments in 56 countries.

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