

## **SOLAGE CALISTOGA SWINGS OPEN ITS DOORS IN NAPA VALLEY**

*Auberge Resorts' Fresh New Brand Debuts in Calistoga, California*

**CALISTOGA, CALIF.** (July 12, 2007) – The much-anticipated Solage Calistoga opened today in Napa Valley, California. Paving the way for the next generation of Napa Valley resorts, Solage Calistoga is a design-focused, environmentally conscious resort featuring a hip bistro, full-service spa offering treatments with a playful twist on Calistoga's historic mud bath tradition, as well as exclusive Kate Somerville facials and a 130-foot swimming pool surrounded by cabanas. Perfect for couples, families, or groups, Solage Calistoga is a stylish yet welcoming destination that invites guests and locals to relax and let time slip away as they enjoy great conversation and exceptional food.

From the creators of Auberge Resorts, the 89-room contemporary style property was designed by renowned Napa Valley architect Howard Backen. Solage Calistoga's spacious rooms and suites were designed by San Francisco firm Dowling Kimm Studios who interpreted Napa Valley's rural heritage with a fresh style described as "Napa Barn meets San Francisco loft." Known as "studios," the guest rooms feature open floor plans, warm color palettes, stone showers with pebble flooring and contemporary furnishings.

"We are excited to introduce Solage Calistoga, which brings something entirely different to Napa Valley – an environmentally conscious, comfortably cool experience that is stylish yet welcoming," said Mark Harmon, CEO of Auberge Resorts. "Solage Calistoga will also prove that it is possible to operate sustainably without sacrificing style or luxury."

Guests can indulge in modern amenities including complimentary WiFi, flat-screen televisions and iPod hookups, and special touches such as Italian linens, down bedding and Sumbody all-natural artisan bath amenities. Two complimentary cruiser bicycles are parked outside each studio for guests to explore the 25-acre property and the nearby town of Calistoga and beyond.

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## **Solbar – Napa Valley’s Hottest New Restaurant**

Executive Chef Brandon Sharp, an alumnus of Michelin-starred Gary Danko in San Francisco, oversees the resort’s centerpiece restaurant Solbar, a stylish and inviting bistro offering a dichotomous menu of healthy and nourishing “sol food” side-by-side with “down home” comfort food in an indoor-outdoor setting.

Visitors can stop in for a glass of wine or sip a mojito from Solbar’s creative cocktail list while sharing one of the restaurant’s “first bites,” such as *Hearth-Baked Sea Salt Flatbread Served with Four Sol Spreads* and *Agnolotti of Homemade Ricotta Cheese Tossed with White Corn, Brown Butter and Forni Brown Spinach* or flavorful entrees such as *Gently Cooked Pacific Halibut with Baby Spinach, White Corn, Sweet 100 Tomatoes and Basil* and *Beef Shortribs Stroganov with Egg Noodles, Horseradish and Maitake Mushroom*. Solbar features an open atrium and lounge area as well as an outdoor patio and 20-foot fire pit surrounded by plush couches. Guests can toast with flutes of champagne from Napa Valley’s largest champagne list while taking in views of the nearby mountains and vineyards.

## **Spa Solage – An Updated Approach to an Historic Tradition**

The heart of the resort, the full-service 20,000 square-foot **Spa Solage**, is a tongue-in-cheek ode to Calistoga’s origin as a frontier spa destination, with a clever lineup of experiences such as the “Mud Bar,” where guests rest on elevated platforms, while being painted with nutrient-rich local volcanic mud.

For guests seeking more traditional therapies, 14 treatment rooms offer a variety of body treatments and massages, including Sports, Thai, and Cranial Sacral. Spa Solage is also home to Northern California’s outpost from Kate Somerville, Los Angeles’ most in-demand skincare guru. Skincare consultant to Jessica Alba, Debra Messing, Molly Sims, and other celebrity clients, Somerville offers signature treatments such as the DermaLucent Phototherapy and DermalQuench treatment exclusively at Solage Calistoga. To complete the pamper and prettifying process, Spa Solage offers Magic Tan spray tanning, waxing and nail services.

Spa Solage encourages guests to break a sweat at the gym and movement studio, which offers Pilates, yoga, cardio boxing and spinning classes, as well as guided hikes and mountain biking.

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## **Stay, Play and Chill at Solage Calistoga**

During the day, guests can swim in the 130-foot swimming pool, choose from a variety of activities and classes in the gym and movement studio, enjoy body sculpting aqua classes, water yoga, bocce, shuffleboard and horseshoes, or bike ride to the nearby town of Calistoga.

As the sun sets, Solbar is transformed into a hip lounge where guests can enjoy live music, cocktails and food. For guests who prefer more peaceful alternatives, Solage offers an in-room game menu featuring a selection of popular board games such as Monopoly, Scrabble and Pictionary.

## **Sustainable Solage**

Solage Calistoga proves that pampering guests and sustainability can go hand-in-hand. The resort’s chic, earth-friendly interiors are made from natural, sustainably farmed and recycled materials and feature walnut and beech furniture manufactured with non-toxic varnishes and wool upholstery. Public spaces and Spa Solage feature bamboo and reclaimed cedar, and interiors throughout the resort were finished with non-toxic, low-VOC paints to eliminate harmful gases emitted by most conventional paints.

Taking a green approach, a variety of environmentally focused practices have been incorporated throughout the resort, from the use of bicycles, solar panels and environmentally safe **method®** cleaning products to locally sourced food, environmentally sustainable landscaping, recycling and water reclamation. Solage will minimize chlorine use in its pools by using an ozone-based system to keep water clean.

## **Have Kids and Pooch, Will Travel**

Families delight in a variety of child-friendly amenities, such as the children’s pool, kids’ hopscotch courts and outdoor play areas. In addition, Solage Calistoga welcomes pets with custom-designed pet beds, Buddy Biscuit organic snacks, pet-friendly rooms and an outdoor pet lawn.

Rates at Solage Calistoga range from \$325 for a deluxe studio to \$875 for a one-bedroom suite. For more information or to make a reservation, please call 866-942-7442 or visit [www.solagecalistoga.com](http://www.solagecalistoga.com).

