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## Splendor in the Sierras

Explore the majesty of Yosemite framed by the storybook setting of California's hidden gem, the luxurious Chateau du Sureau by Polina Steier

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Yosemite is considered not simply a great valley but a shrine to human foresight, the strength of granite and the power of glaciers. Though it's best known for its colossal waterfalls, a visit is likely to leave you awestruck as you hike and climb observing nature at its most spectacular among jaw dropping peaks and valleys, granite domes and rock formations that span the horizon. The Chateau de Sureau encourages you to explore this extraordinary wonder of the world, one of seven. The hotel can provide a guide or simply a gourmet lunch prepared by their topflight culinary team, either way they encourage you to explore the nearby mountainous surroundings.

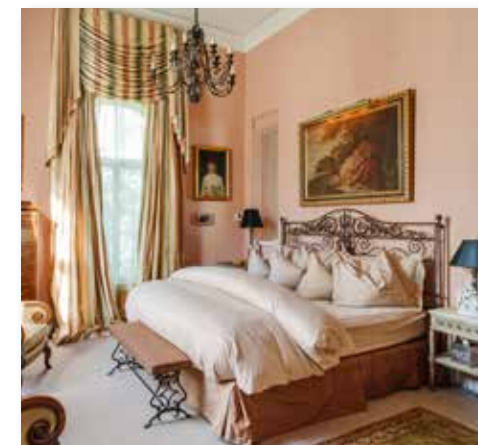
Ideally situated to experience all that Yosemite has to offer, don't miss a visit to the Mariposa Grove of giant ancient Sequoias, the Château du Sureau brings old world elegance to modern day California. Reminiscent of the finest European châteaux, the Chateau's grand interior features guest rooms named after herbs and flowers, each one exquisitely decorated with the finest art and antiques. We loved staying in The Saffron Room, so

opulent we felt like royalty as we reposed in an opulent 1834 king-size bedroom set of ebony and ivory. Romance beckoned as we sipped champagne in front of the black marble wood-burning fireplace and watched the sunset from our Romeo and Juliet-worthy balcony as we pondered a soak in the oversized tub complete with L'Occitane bath amenities.

After a full day of excursions, we welcomed a chance to rest and repair, the Spa de Sureau's traditional European approach to contemporary treatments was so nourishing and soothing, we were walking on air. Relaxed and at ease after the fragrant Lavender Blossom Body Polish, we waited a day or two to try the Hiker's Repose massage which proved wonderfully therapeutic after a day of hiking and picnicking by Yosemite's waterfalls.

The grounds of the Chateau are indeed the picturesque, they are designed to offer moments of relaxation and renewal at every turn. The outdoor pool is framed by colorful gardens, a canopy of trees encourages a nature walk, a romantic picnic for two is an idyll that's just one of many ways to enjoy the serenity and beauty of the estate's magical setting.

The Chateau's restaurant, Elderberry House, showcases California Nouvelle Cuisine with hints of California's rich diverse culture. Under the guidance of Chef Robert Snyder III and his culinary team. Focused on the freshest local ingredients sourced from local farms and harvested at the peak of flavor, this culinary destination with a stellar reputation built over the past three decades, pairs each meticulously prepared dish with world class wines, including the best from Sonoma and Napa. There are fresh craft cocktails to try as well. Enjoy an Elderflower Sour, made with gin and elderflower syrup, as the scent of fresh fruits and flowers mingles in the breeze assuring you of an unforgettable experience that will stay with you until your next visit to this European paradise in the heart of California. ☘



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