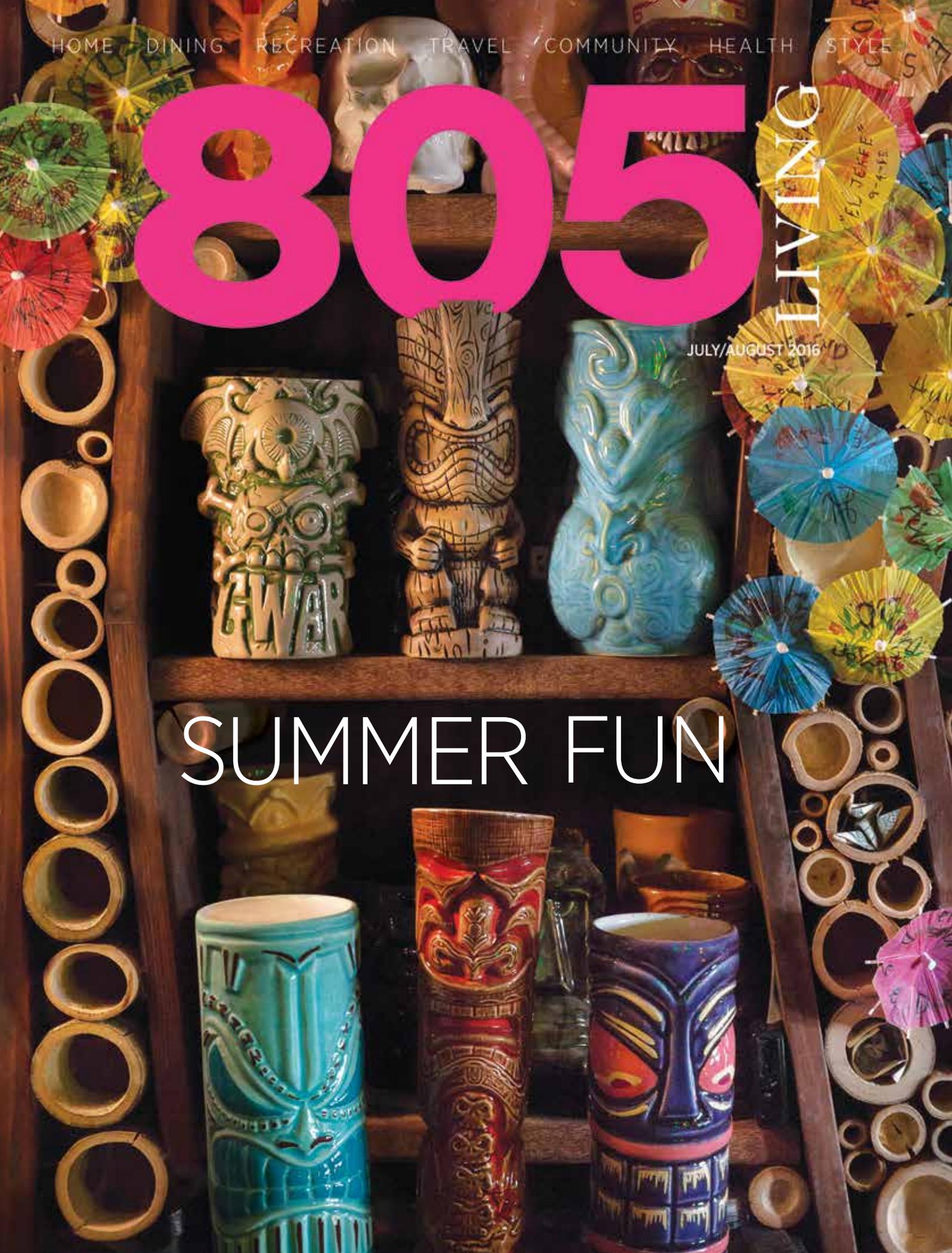


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## SUMMER FUN





# Russian River Glam Camp

The slow, meandering Russian River flows past ancient redwoods, Sonoma wine country towns, roads with names like Bohemian Highway, and now **AutoCamp Russian River** (autocamp.com), a luxurious camp-style resort with a midcentury-inspired open-air clubhouse, 23 Airstream trailers, and 10 luxury canvas tents outfitted with queen beds (from \$275 and \$175 per night). Santa Barbara-based Dan Weber Architecture designed the project, paying close attention to the 280-square-foot trailers. "We wanted to do an interior that felt nothing like the interior of an RV," says Dan Weber, who visited the Airstream factory in Ohio twice to learn the manufacturing process.

The result is an instantly recognizable polished aluminum Airstream exterior with a bright, open, minimalist design inside. White walls, walnut floors, full-size bathrooms with marble tile and modern fixtures, and a Bluetooth-enabled sound system are meant to make each trailer feel like a home. Every rig has a kitchen with a refrigerator, microwave, and sink, as well as an outside grill.

AutoCamp's first location is in Santa Barbara. The Russian River is a natural place for a second because of the variety of activities available there, says co-founder Ryan Miller. "We are running a choose-your-own adventure for guests," he says. "Our ethos is to give the guests everything they need to experience the place like a local does."

Hiking and biking trails, canoeing, and wineries are nearby. To reach the beach, follow the river for about 13 miles on Highway 116 to the coastal town of Jenner to see Pacific harbor seals, or check out Bodega Bay, the setting for Alfred Hitchcock's *The Birds*, eight miles farther down Highway 1.

Closer to AutoCamp and reachable with one of the resort's hybrid bikes is the laid-back town of Guerneville, where chef and restaurateur Crista Luedtke has created a happening food scene with El Barrio tequila and mezcal bar, Boon Eat + Drink bistro, and Big Bottom Market. The market is a good choice for sandwiches and artisanal goodies to bring back to the camp.



## NEW DIGS FOR YOSEMITE

The Yosemite area's first new resort in 25 years opened last month featuring a contemporary lodge with guest rooms, suites, and hillside villas half a mile from the park's west entrance. Like its sister property, Evergreen Lodge, which has been operating since 1921, **Rush Creek Lodge at Yosemite** (rushcreeklodge.com; \$295-\$375, depending on season) provides a recreation concierge and a team of professional guides, who offer advice and maps for self-guided exploration and lead half- and full-day excursions to places like the Old Big Oak Flat Road, where guests hike through giant sequoias before cooling off in a swimming hole. S'mores are free for the making every evening at Rush Creek's outdoor fireplace. >



Convenient collection (top, left): Easy access to new galleries at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA) comes with an exclusive package at the St. Regis San Francisco (the tallest building shown) located next door. Among the works on exhibit are Richard Serra's massive *Sequence* in the new Roberts Family Gallery (top, right) and Diane Arbus' untitled 1970-1971 gelatin silver print (left).

## Gallery Getaway in San Francisco

Gallery space at the **San Francisco Museum of Modern Art** ([sfmoma.org](http://sfmoma.org)), which recently reopened after a three-year renovation, is so extensive that visitors may want to take breaks between floors. When an adjacent fire station was relocated, the museum acquired 170,000 additional square feet of indoor and outdoor space, which has been renovated for its collection of modern and contemporary art. Close enough for guests to go back and forth easily, The St. Regis San Francisco ([stregissanfrancisco.com](http://stregissanfrancisco.com)) offers the Exclusive SFMOMA Package (from \$425) through the end of this year. It includes accommodations, valet parking, breakfast for two, and two tickets to the museum.



## LIVE ART IN LAGUNA

Collaborations between artists and someone significant to their works—models, patrons, and dance partners—inspire this summer's **Pageant of the Masters** ([foapom.com](http://foapom.com)) in Laguna Beach. The living paintings stage show featuring performers re-creating classic and contemporary artworks runs from July 7 through August 31. As part of The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel's Behind the Velvet Rope package ([ritzcarlton.com/lagunaniguel](http://ritzcarlton.com/lagunaniguel)); Saturday nights only, from \$1,999), guests can take a backstage tour to watch the actors get into makeup and see the sets up close. The package also includes two center loge seats to the pageant, a docent tour of the Festival of Arts juried fine art show, and a club-level ocean-view room. ♦



*Dream of a Sunday Afternoon in Alameda Central Park* by Diego Rivera (above) comes to life in this year's Pageant of the Masters in Laguna Beach. A special package at The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel (above, left) includes tickets, accommodations, and special tours.

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