



OPPOSITE TOP
Canyon Ranch Woodside's common living spaces include a two-story room that invites guests to cozy up by the fireplace or perch on the wraparound decks.

OPPOSITE BELOW
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CANYON RANCH WOODSIDE

Leaving The World Behind

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CANYON RANCH, the 40-year-old luxury wellness hospitality group with resorts in Tucson, Arizona, and Lenox, Massachusetts, has recently opened its newest location just outside San Francisco in Woodside, California. It features the brand's latest extension: a year-round wellness retreat in a lush forest setting designed for personalized getaways for those seeking more experiential escapes.

Redesigned by noted hospitality design firm Cole Martinez Curtis and Associates (CMCA), at the former site of Skylonda Lodge, Canyon Ranch Woodside's 14 guest rooms and 24 stand-alone tree houses blend beautifully with the local landscape. Large expansive windows reveal endless natural light, while metal accents, brass, and wood features add a decidedly contemporary touch. In the private tree houses, elevated on stilts, the seating areas face a rich forest canopy for a restful mountain atmosphere. According to Jill I. Cole, ISCH, Managing Principal of CMCA, "The concept of Canyon Ranch was the creation of an idyllic getaway where people can recharge and rejuvenate body, mind, and spirit in a warm and inviting natural environment."



TOP Elevated on stilts, the private guest rooms face outward toward the forest canopy for full foliage concentration.

ABOVE Included in the guest suite bathrooms are deep soaking tubs for the ultimate in relaxation and recovery.

RIGHT Canyon Ranch Woodside amenities include a boutique spa and sauna featuring floral tile patterns and a metal-frame mosaic.

The vision for the hospitality project—in collaboration with John Matthews Architects—was to turn the Skylonda Lodge property into a third Canyon Ranch retreat. The Woodside location was to be a prototype, as the developers planned to build more Canyon Ranch locations across the country. But this site is one-of-a-kind. "The property is so beautiful in the way it incorporates the outdoors and indoors," Cole says. "The treehouses are literally up on stilts—you walk across a bridge to get to them, and then you're really living in the trees up in the woods."

Overall, the goal for this unique travel destination was to convey humanity's relationship to nature and the tranquility it provides. It has succeeded on all scores. **CH**

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