

Walls of Glass and Baths for Two at the Revamped Bernardus Lodge

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Four months. Several million dollars. Italian stonework and mosaic tiles. That's what it's taken to revamp the [Bernardus Lodge](#) in [Carmel](#), which just reopened, after a major facelift.



“Rustic-chic ranch” is the new look, with the focus on the outside: We’re talking walls of glass replacing, well, walls; outdoor fireplaces and an alfresco dining terrace (they didn’t have one before?). Rooms are rather less rustic and more plush city hotel, with exposed wood floors, what appear to be velvet sofas and bed bases, subtly clashing patterns and – ooh errr – **baths big enough for two.**

New restaurant **Lucia** is helmed by Cal Stamenov, and serves

California country cuisine – think fava and pecorino salad, and smoked Sonoma duck stew. The spa, too, has got a boost, with new treatment rooms, a reworked pool and a whole new program of activities – from yoga and the ubiquitous meditation to hiking in a nearby park and programs devoted to longevity. None of this comes cheap, of course – **rates now start from \$515.** Think of it as the price of longevity.