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## PLAN A 'STAY-CAY' IN SAN MARCOS

### ▶ THE NEWLY RENOVATED LAKEHOUSE HOTEL & RESORT

IT MAY BE LOCATED HERE IN San Diego County, but the recently renovated Lakehouse Hotel & Resort in San Marcos—situated inland to the north, roughly between Carlsbad and Escondido—is a world unto its own. It's an ideal "staycation" that still feels like a real getaway.

Owned by Eat. Drink. Sleep—the same savvy operators behind Tower23 Hotel in Pacific Beach and a half-dozen other eclectic hospitality developments—Lakehouse recently underwent a \$9 million renovation designed by renowned late architect Graham Downes,

and reopened summer 2013. The overhaul encompasses its entire 250 acres nestled along the tranquil shores of Lake San Marcos, complete with two saline pools, oversized Jacuzzis, barbecue picnic areas, fire pits, a full-service marina, state-of-the-art fitness center, meeting and event spaces, and a championship golf course. Channeling a summer vacation home, each of its 142 guest rooms and cottages received sizable facelifts, including the addition of spa-like showers, luxurious memory-foam beds with Egyptian cotton linens, 42-inch LCD televisions with 100-plus channels,

← Lakehouse Resort along Lake San Marcos is new again after a big renovation.

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Outdoor activities abound at Lakehouse. Golfers will love the renovations to St. Mark's Golf Club, which includes a par-71 golf course, restaurant and clubhouse with meeting space. Take part in a golf clinic or request customized personal instruction. Outdoor activities also come in the form of tennis lessons, sand volleyball, water-bike spin classes, open-air yoga and kayaking along the lake.

To wind down, grab a board game or book from the library and curl up fireside. Watch the sun set over the lake on an evening cruise. Get pampered with in-room spa services; try the Lochnessa Salt Scrub or the Ebb & Flow Massage.

A new waterfront restaurant is scheduled to open summer 2014; meanwhile, The Grill won't disappoint—from its golf course views and glowing fire pits to its exceptional wine list and California cuisine. Be on the lookout for family movie nights, lively golf tournaments and S'mores Night. —Sarah Daoust

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