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Big Sur's majestic coastline, with its confluence of sea, sky and mountainous redwood forest, has long lured the curious and creative, beckoning travelers from around the world. But that all came to a standstill last winter when mudslides transformed the rugged paradise into an inaccessible island of sorts. Now, after months of repair, the iconic community on California's Central Coast is back, with a slew of indulgent offerings.

Leading the way is the multimillion-dollar renovation of the area's beloved **Ventana Big Sur**, recently reopened as part of Alila Hotels and Resorts. Executive chef Paul Corsentino's The Sur House features a newly expanded terrace and a 10,000-bottle wine cellar; guest rooms and suites with refreshed interiors by BraytonHughes Design Studios come complete with private balconies and patios; while sound baths, falconry,

charcoal drawing and other niche experiences are also on offer. The slightly more adventurous can enjoy glamping in one of Ventana's 15 safari-style tents, housekeeping service included, or take a dip in the Mountain Pool, clothing optional. Cap it off with a glass from the Central Coast cellar and enjoy the view. *Rooms from $625. 48123 Highway 1, Big Sur, 831.667.2331; ventanabigsur.com.* • **GILLIAN KOENIG**