

Esterio Inn Offers New Adventures

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Cyndi and Chris Kostecka's adventure began some years ago when they booked rooms and stayed at a small inn at Idyllwild, California. Both real estate brokers, they recognized a good property when they saw it. "We both said that one day we would like to own a small boutique hotel," Chris explained. In November of 2017 that dream came true for them when they purchased the Esterio Inn on the waterfront in Morro Bay.



"We became empty nesters," Chris said, "so it was time for a new venture." The Kostecka's children, a daughter and a son, were both out of the house by then so they began researching for a good location. They knew they wanted to be on or very near the ocean and searched from San Diego to Monterey but places like Santa Barbara were out of the question as to price. "We really never thought of Morro Bay" Cyndi said. A stop in town had them finding that the Esterio Inn was for sale and they purchased it. "We have to admit," Cyndi said, "we had no clue what we were doing at first." It's been two years and they have conquered the reservation system and have some plans to renovate the kitchen and dining area of the breakfast room.

The Inn has eight rooms on the second floor and there is an elevator. Four of the rooms face the Rock and four of them face the back bay. All have balconies with the two in the front

directly over the water. There is also a neat sitting area on the landing of the second floor where people can sit and watch the sunset right over the water, and it is kept cozy by a Plexiglas window that allows the view but keeps out the wind.



coffee. A flat screen TV and large comfortable beds along with a closet and complimentary robe are included. There is free Wi-Fi and a complimentary breakfast on the first floor.

Outside folks can relax on the large seaside landing in lounge chairs, but even better would be to step inside the entrance to Ester Adventures, a separate business that Chris and Cyndi began where guests and the public can rent a bicycle or a kayak or even an electric boat.



Bailey Christenson runs Estero Adventures and she comes to the job with experience as a nature guide for Margarita Adventures in Santa Margarita. A long attached floating dock is where the electric boats are tied up. Each one can sit eight people and they are spacious and comfortable. With a little instruction from Bailey, the whole family can set off on a bay adventure with a picnic. This is a great way to get out on the water and is accessible for everyone.



Kayaking is another fun way to experience the bay. You will see many birds like common loons, little grebes that will dive just as you paddle along, pelicans, herons, shorebirds and our resident sea otters. California sea lions lounge all over a floating dock out in the middle of the bay,



easy for boaters to snap a photo. Kayakers and electric boaters are asked to keep about 100 feet or more from the wildlife. There are four single seat kayaks and two double seat kayaks. The Kosteckas plan to purchase more double kayaks in the spring.

Estero Adventures also offers bicycles for rent and this is a great way to see Morro Bay. They also have some nice clothing and other accessories such as dry bags and a new T-shirt with a logo created by Estero Graphics. Binoculars are also available for use.



Chris and Cyndi advise visitors to book directly with the Inn in order to get the best availability and rates. They also offer 10% off on everything for locals. Another nice thing about their property is the seaside landing is open to the public and many people walking the Embarcadero take advantage of it to sit and rest and watch the wildlife.

See www.esteroadventures.com or www.esteroinn.com for more information.