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HALF MOON BAY

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## THE RITZ-CARLTON, HALF MOON BAY NAMED FIVE-STAR RESORT IN FORBES TRAVEL GUIDE'S 2020 STAR AWARDS

*The iconic coastal property is the only newly designated property in the Bay Area to receive the prestigious five stars, and will celebrate with an exclusive “Five Stars, Five Senses” package along with specialty dining experiences*

**HALF MOON BAY, Calif. (February 12, 2020)** – Perched atop a rugged bluff overlooking 50 miles of pristine California coastline, [The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay](#) – the Bay Area’s only luxury oceanfront resort – is awarded Forbes Travel Guide five-star status and recognized as the only new property in the Bay Area receiving this designation in 2020. The esteemed five-star rating demonstrates exceeded expectations within service, accommodations, culinary, turndown, and much more.

“We are honored to receive this coveted award,” said Kevin Kelly, General Manager at The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay. “Our Ladies and Gentlemen take great pride in delivering world-class luxury and personalized service at this iconic resort and we are thrilled to be recognized by Forbes Travel Guide.”

In honor of this elite award, The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay is offering a celebratory “Five Stars, Five Senses” package that highlights five of the resort’s distinct signature offerings in taste, sight, smell, touch, and sound. From a one-of-a-kind dining experience in Navio to a picturesque drive along the coast, travelers will be immersed in the best of the resort’s legendary offerings. Additionally, the resort will be offering thematic dining experiences, such as a “Five-Star” afternoon tea and an original handcrafted cocktail.

### **“Five Stars, Five Senses” Package**

This exclusive package highlights the resort’s culinary specialty for taste, signature drive experience for sight, sommelier-led wine tasting for smell, signature spa treatment for touch, and on-site bagpiper for sound. The package includes the following experiences for two:

### **Navio Dinner and Aroma Wine Tasting**

Under the expertise of Executive Chef Jakob Esko, Navio artfully presents refined coastal cuisine that celebrates the Pacific coast. Through partnerships with neighboring farms and local purveyors, sustainable ingredients shine throughout an elegant dining experience. Alongside Navio's tasting menu, experience a wine tasting class with one of the resort's on-property sommeliers. Guests will learn more about the role of aroma in wine tasting as they sample different varieties of wine from California's original wine country.

### **Signature Drive**

Allow the resort's signature drive to act as a guide to some of California's most magnificent vistas. The drive unfolds in a series of five distinct regions including: the historic main street with shopping, dining, and art experiences; pumpkin farms with flowers, fruit stands, and the world's largest pumpkin festival available in October; California Redwood with hiking trails, biking, horseback riding, and dining; the Santa Cruz mountains with wineries and dining; and the coastal treasures with beaches, marine reserves, surfing, and panoramic views.

### **Spa Treatment**

At The Ritz-Carlton Spa, guests can embark on an immersive experience that will nurture the body and rejuvenate the spirit. Guests will have the choice of a couple's massage or two Redwood Forest Rituals. The couple's massage provides a side-by-side treatment in a private couple's room to create an intimate experience with a significant other, and the Redwood Forest Ritual uses a variety of indigenous earthy herbs and wood blends to leave guests feeling grounded, complete, and restored.

### **Sunset Bagpiper**

Take a short stroll to the Ocean Lawn located behind the resort and gaze into the sunset while listening to The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay's on-site bagpiper, who plays traditional piping music an hour and a half before sunset. Where the sea meets land, guests can take in the sights and sounds of the stunning California coastline while reveling in each other's company. A quintessential coastal spot – and one of the most photo-worthy locations on property – the sunset Bagpiper on the Ocean Lawn completes the resort experience.

The "Five Stars, Five Senses" Package is available Thursday through Sunday now through December 31, 2020 starting at \$2,091.

### **"Five-Star" Champagne Afternoon Tea**

This afternoon tea experience features a choice of premium tea by Damman Frères, homemade sweets, and savory tea sandwiches with a guaranteed window table overlooking ocean views. Includes a glass of champagne. Savory tea sandwiches include: *mini croissant with Dungeness crab; chicken coronation roll; spinach ricotta with olive oil caviar; and smoked salmon with apple cream and Kaluga caviar.* Cherry, chocolate chip and citrus vanilla scones are accompanied with Devonshire cream and homemade jams including caramelized apple compote, strawberry, pear and star anise jam, and mandarin marmalade. Sweet treats include: *crème fraîche cheesecake with strawberry ganache; citrus white chocolate tartlet; hazelnut financier with a dark chocolate dome; pistachio raspberry mousse; and pear spiced petite gâteau.* Available for \$99 per person.

As part of the brand-wide Community Footprints charitable initiative, the resort will donate \$10 for every “Five-Star” Champagne Afternoon Tea reservation to Boys and Girls Club of the Coastside.

### **Specialty Cocktail**

To continue the five-star celebration, the resort is launching a specialty cocktail named “Les Etoiles”, the French term translating to “the stars.” Les Etoiles presents a classic Champagne cocktail featuring Dom Perignon Champagne. After tasting the first sparkling wine, Dom Perignon famously said, “Come quick, I’m tasting the stars!” Available for guests in Navio.

To learn more and to place a reservation, please visit [ritzcarlton.com/hmb](http://ritzcarlton.com/hmb) or call 650-712-7000.

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Set atop a rugged bluff overlooking 50 miles of pristine California coastline, [The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay](#) is a 261-room spa and golf resort offering a relaxing and romantic setting. As the San Francisco Bay Area’s only oceanfront resort, the timeless estate provides guests with a relaxed yet refined experience for a romantic getaway. For more information, please contact The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay at 650-712-7000. For room reservations, contact your travel professional, visit [ritzcarlton.com/HMB](http://ritzcarlton.com/HMB) or call Ritz-Carlton worldwide reservations at 800-241-3333.

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