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Coastal Service NOSTALGIC DETAILS MAKE HOTEL JOAQUIN THE ULTIMATE "DO NOT DISTURB" BEACH GETAWAY

From top: Each room at HOTEL JOAQUIN has a record player and a dozen moodsetting albums to help guests sink in. Views of nearby Shaw's Cove.

Hotel Joaquin is the latest boutique resort from Paul Makarechian (the mastermind behind Palm Springs' Korakia Pensione), idyllically sited above his longtime favorite Laguna Beach scuba spot. In an effort to create something personal and "not just an Instagram moment," he went low on tech and high on adventure. The 22-room hotel (with actual keys, of course) is TV-free with a beach garage full of longboards. Designer Robert McKinley of Montauk's The Surf Lodge infused Californian style with European sophistication, preserving 1930s details while layering in Moroccan-inspired rugs, rattan furniture and Italian linens. "I only want to do soulful hotels now," Makarechian says. "Laguna has been in my heart and soul since adolescence." *Rooms from \$359. 985 N. Coast Hwy., Laguna Beach, 949-494-5294; hoteljoaquin.com.* • JENNIFER BLAISE KRAMER