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# Nico Guilis and Hotel Joaquin Host a California-Cool Dinner Party











Last night in Laguna Beach, as the sun was setting over the Pacific, friends from as far away as Honolulu and Austin, Manhattan and Manhattan Beach gathered beneath the stars. Over glasses of Slow & Low whiskey and Charles Smith wine, they toasted the collaboration of two of the city's most exciting new draws: the Walk the Line pop-up shop at Hotel Joaquin. Walk the Line founder Nico Guilis, better known on Instagram as Find Your California, swirled around the party, taking her trademark photographs of beautiful women with a decidedly West Coast take on glamorous ease: Dree Hemingway in an oversize sweatshirt and slim graphic pants, Eliana Gil Rodriguez in an off-the-shoulder bodysuit of her own design and an oversize sheer vintage shirt draped around her elbows. There was also XIX Palms founder Ali Botma and best friend Halley Elefante dressed in Botma's latest leopard-print confections. Around the room, sumptuous cardigans, silk dresses, vintage T-shirts, and skate sneakers were the unofficial dress code.

After shopping Guilis's curation of swimwear, La Ligne sweaters, Off Season après-surf gear, Beau Rush ceramics, and trove of vintage tees—"My vintage collection is unreal," Guilis admits—guests gathered for a dinner of farm-to-table vegetables and local seafood beneath the stars, where a lively conversation centered on whether or not Hotel Joaquin founder Paul Makarechian should add cage-diving with sharks to the property's list of adventure activities.

As the night cooled, guests migrated around the fire of the hotel's living room to hear Matt Costa play an acoustic set. Those who weren't curled up on the sofa, admiring their new Agolde and Mother jeans, played backgammon or took to the mic themselves—as did Hemingway and Emma Deigman. "I just wanted to have locals and artists, friends and the creatives behind Walk the Line's brands come together for a mellow night in this little slice of heaven above my favorite cove at this amazing property," mused Guilis, leaning against the bar. Mission accomplished.

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