

The Francis House

Calistoga, California, United States



Previously, we have never found a recommendable hotel in downtown Calistoga, but an exceptional hideaway has now opened, set within a stately landmark building, surrounded by a gated compound, just two blocks from the main street. Built in 1886 as a family home for a prominent local merchant, the property is a surviving example of French Second Empire architecture in the Napa Valley. Over time, the building had fallen into disrepair and was slated for demolition. Then, in 2015, a local real estate broker, Richard Dwyer, and his wife, Dina, decided to purchase the historic building and restore it to its original splendor. Today, the interior contains a pleasing mix of contemporary and classic elements, plus carefully selected artwork. Our room featured a period writing desk and handsome brass accents. **The Francis House** has no restaurant, but a gourmet breakfast is served. Aside from a swimming pool, amenities include an infrared sauna, a salt room and a fire pit. The Dwyers are gracious hosts who go above and beyond to make guests feel at home.