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# Desert Living

MODERN LUXURY FOR THE DESERT



## DESTINATION: MANHATTAN BEACH

### Shady Character

It's never been cooler in the shade than it is at Shade Hotel, the stylish 38-room boutique in Manhattan Beach. So cool, in fact, that this coastal property has been packed since opening its doors in late '05. Guest rooms offer low-key luxury, from high-def flat screens and WiFi to high threadcount linens and a chromatherapy whirlpool tub that fits two comfortably. The vaguely nautical design, with custom furniture and a soothing color palette including seafoam, comes from Christopher Lowell ("Wall To Wall"). But the best feature, found in only a couple of guest rooms (and bookending the lobby bar), must be the cyclone fireplaces – a swirling tornado of flame inside glass cylinders – operated from a bedside switch. Shade occupies a corner of the Metlox Project, former site of the Metlox Pottery Factory, now home to a variety of shops, restaurants and more, so guests need not wander far to satisfy every creature comfort. Trilogy Spa offers a full menu of beauty and massage treatments in a calming, zen-like setting – also available in-room at Shade for those who can't bring themselves to leave. Rooms from \$300/night.

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