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Adventure awaits You guys get ready for the hot spots and hidden gems of Santa Barbara and Montecito because scripted going on another road trip and it starts right now Let's go And just under 100 miles later we've landed at the hotel California in Santa Barbara Hello everyone and welcome to L A unscripted I'm Devin Now you may have noticed we've traded Pearl the RV in for a Mercedes sprinter van which is super cool And thanks to Dennis Dylan a very chic and comfortable way to travel and speaking of chic and comfortable what do you say We check out our home base this stunning hotel Now Spanish settlers gave Santa Barbara its unique architecture and the hotel California is a shining example So California is a very special project So we're 100 and 21 guest rooms We span three of the four corners of the intersection here of State and Mason just one block from the beach 10 minutes from the harbor and literally walking distance to it all We opened our doors in September of 2017 A few years prior to opening when the project was underway that this was a part of town that you really didn't want to go to In fact it was really considered the wrong side of the tracks as the train tracks go immediately you know behind the hotel Um In fact so much so that we now have a cocktail where we're sitting right now in Gin that we named the right side of the tracks because we are now located in the heart of everything where all the action is So the original hotel Californian was here at the corner of State and Mason built in 1925 It was about 10 days later that the very prominent earthquake and subsequent fire demolished the majority of Santa Barbara including the brand new hotel California So after that we were rebuilt really the Phoenix rising up through the ashes It's a 10 minute walk to the harbor where we can get on a boat or have the most fresh seafood 10 minutes down the street from Montecito And you can be up in some of the best hiking trails in 10 minutes as well Walking up and down State Street you'll find boutiques shops restaurants and pretty much everything you could ever imagine And literally just behind us including starting in our own building Here is the funk zone with over 30 wine tasting rooms distilleries breweries art galleries boutiques and so much to do here right in walking distance So really we call this Moroccan and Moorish in style and it is the signature design of Martin Lawrence board who is our interior designer Every room is a little bit different Every touch is really focused on You'll see a lot of different tile work with over a million different pieces of tile throughout the property and all different designs We have a number of

different bars and restaurants here on property We have goat tree which is open seven days a week We also have Blackbird which is available for guests for dinner um and locals as well where we're sitting right now is Gin our library bar It is known for its very unique cocktails We also have our tasting room which is the society at State and Mason probably one of my favorite spaces that we have at the hotel is Majel which is our spa It's four treatment rooms It's absolutely stunning It's a hand painted ceiling hand painted blue tiles and it's named after the color blue that is named Majel which was named after Jacques Majel who is the gentleman who designed Eve Laurent's private estate in Marrakesh Santa Barbara is really truly it it's made up by dreamers in a lot of ways When Santa Barbara was rebuilt after the 1925 earthquake and fire it was really rebuilt to be almost like a movie set This whole Spanish colonial architecture came out of that they all have that just beautiful feel that you're 90 minutes from L A but truly a world away and I think that makes it so special People do sometimes ask the question Are we the hotel that the Eagle song was named after we are a different hotel We have the end at the end of our name So we're a little special in our own way But you can also check in but you can also check out here You you can check out and something else This part of California is known for wine I'm going to do a little tasting here at the hotel coming up But first you can't come to Montecito in Santa Barbara without checking out the many places to buy orchids The streets are lined with greenhouses originally introduced here in the early 19 hundreds We went to the source for all things Orchid They're regal and royal and beautiful But I think the other thing is is that they're exotic Orchids are the most successful flowering plant family on the planet and there's over 30,000 species of orchids Hi my name is John Earnest and I'm the laboratory manager for gallop and Stribling orchids gallop and scribbling is one of the oldest orchid companies in this area And surprisingly somehow I A unscripted found this jewel I don't know how you guys did it but this is really one of the jewels of Montecito and it has a tremendous history in the area One of the capitals of the world of orchids is Montecito and many of those grand estates is where it all started Many of these people imported orchids from various places back in the day and started little collections Alex Stribling of Gallup and Stribling orchids His father was the gardener at the Ribbon Rock estate of mccormick These grand estates the Ireland the mccormick Elliott Rogers many of these estates had orchids and started orchids and that's really just about the time Gallup and scribbling orchids started and it just took off So what is this Actually one of the cool

things about our company is that we have our own laboratory Here is some orchid seed Oh it's almost like powder Yeah it's I didn't know I didn't know that Here are some orchids This is orchid seed Watch this one Oh we can do all our own breeding which we've done over 60 years Many of our orchids are award winning The other thing is we're a sustainable nursery So we recycle all our water We're very environmentally conscious for a long time No one could figure out how to grow an orchid Ok And what it turned out in the rain forest there's natural fungus that grows with the orchid and that fungus is what gives the seed what it needs to germinate So what we did is we figured out we didn't other people figured out how to give the orchid seed the same thing it would get from the fungus in the rain forest And that's what happens here So this is a flask This is how we grow all orchids Now this is we have a laboratory It has all these flasks in growing rooms Ok And you'll see here's the seed ok We put the seed in a flask It starts to germinate it germinates more And then we take it we take the individual plants and are those each individual plants that is an orchid that will turn into one of those are just little baby babies They are And here are those little babies growing bigger Oh my God There's nothing that can replace a live orchid Having a live plant It's spiritual You know it's a beautiful life in your house That's that's the whole thing right there And this city is such an orchid mecca There are over three dozen varieties named for Santa Barbara Now if you really want to see the hot spots and hidden gems of this 42 mile city you may need a little help or even a trolley tour We have to ride to check out all that Santa Barbara has to offer Hi how are you I'm nice to meet you I'm rusty driving the trolley since the year 2000 Not only do we do a guided history tour of the city of Santa Barbara We also do a lot of private charters We decided that one day we needed to have something some sort of entertainment for the community of Santa Barbara So looking back in history In the old days the trolley used to run on the railroad tracks up and down State Street So we were trying to do something to recreate that And of course the next thing you know we ended up buying a trolley and that's where it all started with one trolley r Are we gonna ride on this trolley Of course we are I'm so let's go Ok It looks like I got a new side gig All right welcome to Santa Barbara Ladies and gentlemen please keep your hands and feet inside the vehicle at all times And also please please I beg of you tune into L A unscripted every night Monday to Friday 7 p.m. KT A five these first three blocks right here State Street This is actually the the happening zone This is where you're going to find most entertainment right here in Santa Barbara Wow Yeah beautiful

looking straight outside the windshield or trolley This is going to be the remains of the El Presidio in the year 1925 That was the last major earthquake that we had it registered 6.5 on the Richter scale causing an enormous amount of damage to the city of Santa Barbara The presidio is a Spanish military outpost It was actually completed in the year 17 82 The main purpose for the Presidio was to protect all of the missions along the coastline of California So in the event of an invasion That would be it They would protect the mission before we ever get to that point Park Memorial Gardens Oh it's beautiful to the right hand side Oh my God Alice was the lady's name who actually developed this park back in the year 1980 After completing this project she then donated this park to the city of Santa Barbara And there again it has to be kept and maintained as a park The main reason she never wanted anything to be built on this piece of land right here There you go folks This is one of the most spectacular views here in the city of Santa Barbara Looking off to the left hand side is going to be this spectacular view of the Santa Barbara Mission mountains all up in the foreground The main purpose for the missions obviously was to promote Christianity originally built in the year 17 86 when she was first she did not even have a bell tower was not until the year 18 20 that they actually gave her her first bell tower 11 years later by the year 18 31 she finally got her second bell tower She was the only one that had twin matching bell towers and she was referred to as the queen of all the missions here in the state of California Coming up here in the left hand side of the trolley We're all gonna be looking at the Santa Barbara courthouse What you see here today This is originally built in the year 1929 That is gorgeous 1929 This is the Santa Barbara courthouse Wow The original courthouse that was here was originally built in the year 18 72 It's the prettiest courthouse I've ever seen all completed in the year 1929 Just as you see it today This is how it looks 365 days a year It's all about fun Everything on the trolley is all about fun That's it If you're getting on this trolley it's because you're looking for a good time coming up It's 10 clock wine tasting and delicious vegan eats unscripted road trip from Santa Barbara and Montecito will be right back Welcome back to L A and Scripted road trip to Santa Barbara California I'm David De Now there are over 200 wineries in this region alone And here at the hotel California the tasting room is calling my name Da da da Welcome to the society at State and Mason This is one of our fully food and wine society tasting rooms So fully family wines is really wonderful It started here in Santa Barbara So excellent excellent wineries I will explore some of them today Tasty So tell

me what this setup is Yeah absolutely So this is our Riviera Reserve flight So every time you visit you'll have a new flight This very first one we're going to chateau Saint Jean It was started by three family members that decided they wanted to get into the wine industry But this is our chardonnay They make some beautiful chardonnay as well It comes from I believe five different plots So good This is a beautiful food pairing wine In fact we're going going to do it right now This is so cute Yeah we have a little salmon but ok with a little hazelnut and citrus So that hazelnuts playing off of the oak Oh My God That is actually amazing together It's funny because this is so good when you take a bite of it but then you take a bite and you take a bite of this It's even it's like it comes alive This is such a good pairing I don't know if I've ever had anything together like this Oh My God OK That's fantastic This is our four graces in 2019 4 Graces Valley View P No it smells so good It almost looks like roses You have to be a little careful with your pairing because you have to consider some aspects And so we have here a forged wild mushroom pt That is so good Oh My God Another home run Oh My God That is so delicious I'm glad you enjoy that You guys are doing such a good job So this next one here this one is our fully Johnson handmade Mal Bet And so what we have that paired with is a brazo smoked Brazil with Arugula manchego cheese and a little cherry compote I believe Oh my when I love the bitterness of the arugula would be the best wine pairing I've ever had I love the food Each single wine goes so perfectly with the food I can't tell you All right And now we're ending with the star of the show This is 2018 Marist Napa Valley C This is the c that we are using to compete with all the other famous Napa Valley Cabs Point stars This is darling Oh that is so good Yeah Wow It's richer in smoothness to it So this is a seared filet mignon Take a sip of this with a RPP Oh Wow OK I had a little bit of aged per like this It's a little mess You got to get down and dirty a little bit of a bit Oh my God I oh wow Isn't that Wow It's like all of a sudden all the you know how you taste things in different parts of your mouth It's like all of a sudden all the areas of your mouth are like wow all of this comes from Chef Travis here at the hotel Oh wow that is magic So good And those all went together so perfectly coming up dying like the stars in Montecito will be back with more of Montecito in Santa Barbara in seconds So we stopped for an amazing lunch here at the llama dog It is coolest part of town called the Funk Zone The Funk Zone is a small section of the city that's become really like the hottest neighborhood in town The place where celebs go to dine everyone else goes to hang out It's wine tasting rooms art galleries restaurants and

shops that overflow on weekends and holidays Welcome back to Scripted road trip to Santa Barbara I'm de from the hotel California You know sitting just down the road from here that tiny little town of Montecito which is Spanish for little Mountain home to Oprah Megan and Harry Ashton Mila and a host of other celebrities It's also home to the delicious vegan eatery Oliver Oliver's is a vegan restaurant kind of more upscale plant based Uh We are actually the only vegan restaurant in Montecito and one of very few in Santa Barbara We have a little bit of American a little bit of Mexican food on there along with a little bit of Thai and things like that So we can really accomplish the entire globe into our menu People are definitely very surprised just with all the flavors and everything I mean I would have never you know ever thought about coming to a vegan restaurant until I started running a vegan restaurant and I was so surprised so thrilled that you could do so much with vegetables but to come and have an experience like this is like no other We were so lucky with having this incredible patio during the pandemic just for the fact that you know obviously you couldn't even eat inside even if you wanted to So really even with the bar just it's this really just fun vibrant atmosphere We've had multiple celebrities uh come here and uh you know the great thing about Montecito there's no paparazzi So we're going to make a few different cocktails today One is our Billy Billy which will be jalapeno Thai basil along with cucumber lime and tequila Oh my God that sounds so Yeah And of course a sweet is called Bill Bill We have Billy Baldwin who comes in So he he Oh yeah so we also kind of go more for him as well Ok So if it's good enough for Billy Billy Baldwin good enough for me Yeah Oh now we have our Montecito mint So it's gonna be mutal cucumber along with uh mint as well and we'll be adding our gin and I'm not usually a big gin drinker but who That's good Third one is going to be in the summer in the summer That's so perfect That looks so perfect so pretty and festive looking Ok I know I'm like this already That's almost like a sunrise but more beachy really really good drink and it's so fun to look at I love it Cheers What's your favorite dish on the menu My favorite dish on the menu is the crab cake No crab is not orange or how is that Not crab Oh my God It is so spot on that corn is amazing Oh I could eat this all day long and this is Ricky My right here Oh Is this the Pad Thai The famous Pad Thai It looks like Pad Thai Oh my God I like that better than even real Pad Thai That is so tangy and delicious and crunchy and not crunchy and salty and sweet and everything good So here we have R and bringing out the scallop boutin OK How in the world is that not a scallop and your mushroom

Seriously Wow you guys I mean what an amazing menu you guys have This is so good and then we have the key lime key lime pie Woo this is so good I could eat This is a whole meal We've seen a lot of different things happen to us here in Montecito during that time with the mudslides the pandemic and everything but we still managed to come out on top and just thrive through it all and that is all the time we have for tonight Thank you so much for joining us and thanks to Dennis Dylan for all of our summer RV adventures And thanks to the hotel California It is stunning here We loved it We'll see you next time Good night You guys