

968 Park Hotel

South Lake Tahoe, California



Repurposed wood marks the lobby at 968, a hotel with an admirably small carbon footprint.

About your stay

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968 Park, the newest addition to Tahoe's south shore, is a repurposed motel rebuilt as an ode to all things eco-friendly — reclaimed wood, all native vegetation and energy-efficient amenities. Young couples and families looking for calmer retreats, far from the maddening crowds at casino megaresorts, check in at this 58-room property for its light carbon footprint and prime perch near the lake and Heavenly Ski Resort.

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Jetsetter review

A short walk from all the South Lake Tahoe action, five minutes from the slopes of Heavenly Resort and 10 minutes from the casinos, 968 Park Hotel is within striking distance of something for everybody. With equally easy access to the mountains and the lake, you can have the best of all worlds: Shred Heavenly's slopes in winter and hit the beach come summer. No matter the season, simply venture across the street to the South Lake Tahoe Village for a few brews and bite to eat at day's end.



In the guestrooms, furniture and decorations are all rustic meets eco-modern. Despite its central location, the 58-room hotel manages to achieve a certain off-the-beaten-path vibe, perhaps thanks to its focus on eco-responsibility. 968 Park was rebuilt from the skeleton of what was once a Days Inn in 2009. Everything in the property is brand-new and was built or brought in according to LEED certification standards. Walls are insulated with recycled denim, ceiling fans cools rooms and the lobby's couch is backed by decorations made from a fence around the old inn's pool.

Guest rooms here are a more low-key, intimate option than those at the large casino resorts that straddle the California-Nevada border in South Lake. Everything is rustic-meets-eco-modern. All toiletries are biodegradable, and in-room functions are designed to maximize energy efficiency. The usual hotel amenities — flat-screen TV, iPod hookup, free WiFi, cable with HBO — are all still intact, so you can have your weekend away but not feel too guilty about your trip's carbon footprint.

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What to do

- **Shred.** Catch the Heavenly Gondola up for [pristine pistes and stunning Tahoe vistas](#). When ski season ends, Adventure Peak (at 9,100 feet) picks up the action with a rock-climbing wall, restaurant and hiking trails galore.
- **Gamble.** South Lake Tahoe is just east of the Nevada border, where all the casinos are located. [Harrah's](#), 10 minutes down the road, is the largest and frequently hosts big-name entertainers in its South Shore Room.
- **Hike.** Once spring sets in, take off on one of the countless [trails](#) that crisscross the impressive Sierra Lake Tahoe basin.

- **Swing.** Play a round at [Edgewood-Tahoe Golf](#), which has racked up plenty of industry awards in its more than 40 years in existence. Traveling with non-golfers? They'll dig the clubhouse food, bar and — best of all — sweeping panoramic views.

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