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**POINT REYES HOSTEL RATED #2 HOSTEL IN THE WORLD**  
**POINT MONTARA LIGHTHOUSE AND PIGEON POINT LIGHTHOUSE HOSTELS ALSO MAKE TOP 10**

San Francisco, CA – The Point Reyes Hostel in Point Reyes National Seashore was the #2 customer-rated Hostelling International hostel in 2009, among more than 4,000 hostels in 80 countries. The rankings were compiled by the nonprofit International Youth Hostel Federation, based on millions of customer reviews submitted to the website [hihostels.com](http://hihostels.com).

Customers rate their hostel stays based on six criteria: friendliness of staff, efficiency of service, comfort, cleanliness, security, and location. The Point Reyes Hostel received an average score of 94.4%.

The Point Reyes Hostel offers shared dorm-style accommodations (one private room is available) in two historic ranch buildings owned by the National Park Service. Rates start at \$22 per night, \$11 per night for children 12 and under. A Bay Area Certified Green Business, the hostel is the only lodging facility located in Point Reyes National Seashore.

Two other California hostels, the Point Montara Lighthouse Hostel and the Pigeon Point Lighthouse Hostel, also made the Top 10 worldwide.

TOP TEN CUSTOMER-RATED HOSTELLING INTERNATIONAL HOSTELS, 2009:

1. HI-Baan Dinso, Bangkok, Thailand (96.7%)
2. HI-Point Reyes, USA (94.4%)
3. HI-Tonsberg, Norway (94.0%)
4. HI-Berunes, Iceland (93.4%)
5. HI-Point Montara Lighthouse, Montara, USA (93.3%)
6. HI-Eastham, Cape Cod, USA (93.0%)
7. HI-Pigeon Point Lighthouse, Pescadero, USA (92.6%)
7. HI-Nantucket, Cape Cod, USA (92.6%)
9. HI-Malmo City, Sweden (92.5%)
10. HI-Auberge du Beffroi, Mons, Belgium (92.4%)

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