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Gerry Frank's picks: Head to Headlands for a relaxing Pacific City getaway

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Cape Kiwanda State Natural Area, home of the dory fishing fleet, at Pacific City on the northern Oregon coast. *(Terry Richard/Staff)*

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The royal couple of Pacific City, **Mary Jones and Jeff Schons**, have done it yet again - adding **Headlands Coastal Lodge & Spa** (33000 Cape Kiwanda Drive, Pacific City; 503-965-5037; headlandslodge.com) to their beehive of activity in Pacific City, which currently includes Pelican Brewing Company (Cannon Beach, Tillamook and Pacific City), featuring award-winning beers and fresh quality seafood, the Inn at Cape Kiwanda, the newly remodeled Stimulus Coffee & Bakery and more. With an unbeatable location featuring views of Cape Kiwanda and Haystack

Rock, visitors can delight in knowing that all 33 lodge rooms have private oceanfront balconies, with 18 adjacent condo-style cottages that also feature ocean views.

Tastefully appointed guest rooms offering comfort and luxury with fancy soaps and linens and modern amenities like flat screen TVs and in-room iPads are always a plus when deciding on lodging, but they aren't typically what make your getaway truly memorable. Often, one of the best parts to any Oregon Coast trip is settling into your home away from home, which starts with the guest experience. Priding themselves on having topnotch hospitality, "Oregon-style," Headlands staff are eager to help the moment you walk in and are able to tailor everything from the fill in your pillows to connecting you with an on-site adventure coach who will customize a whole itinerary based on your interests. Whether you opt for hiking and biking followed by food and beer or reach for the paddleboard, an adventure coach will make sure you have all the tools for a great experience. One walk through the lodge, and guests know that great care and Oregon flair was given to the design and construction.

Prefer to stay in? The on-site spa and wellness center at **Tidepools** will make for a great escape. With an outdoor hot tub and fireplace, massage and treatment rooms, steam rooms and an equipped fitness studio, you won't have to go far for some R&R or just to get your workout in. To add, complimentary group wellness classes will offer beach yoga, meditation and Pilates.

Although popular Pelican Brewing Company is right next door, **Meridian** serves up fresh, ocean-to-table cuisine on-site; led by creative Executive Chef **Andrew Garrison**. Breakfast includes sweet and savory options as well as classics like eggs Benedict. Lunch offers fresh soups, salads, sandwiches and beef and fish entrees. Black cod served with Oregon black truffle, parsnip mash, escarole and truffle jus is a house dinner favorite, but expect the menus to be ever-changing based on the season's best offerings. Vegan and vegetarian menus are available upon request, and an extensive drink menu from the full-service bar features coastal-themed cocktails, Oregon and Washington wines and famous Pelican brews on tap.