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The Inn at Windmill Lane has the comforts of home for all its guests.



This outdoor day bed is perfect for curling up by the fire on chilly Hamptons evenings.



The austere meetinghouse was designed by Nicholas Botta.

HAMPTONS HIDEAWAY

The Inn at Windmill Lane is a stalwart getaway nestled within Amagansett.

This Amagansett property is a séance, a single-style mansion with muscular chimneys and eave and eyebrow windows called up through a combination of historical passion and very deep pockets.

The property is gorgeous. Sure, there are online mutterings about the lack of a pool, but that's not because the owners are cheap—one look at the spacious marbled bathrooms will tell you that—but because their hands were tied by the past. They were only allowed to build on the footprint of the original building. That's why reception is in what looks like a tollbooth up from the end of the driveway, and why there's a vast lawn that could hold an Olympic-size pool, but is used for weddings.

That being said, the owners expensively embroidered the property where

they could. See that regimental line of lirioidendron trees along the brick walk? They were brought in.

And the rooms are beautiful, even the smallest double, which in the main house comes to 615 square feet. (In the main house, suite 5 is the most popular because of its vaulted ceilings.) The team wanted everything to be "timeless," according to their very attentive concierges—and it shows. The bathrooms throughout are a lavishly expensive play of tiles and fittings, and the walk-in closets have built-in dressers.

The architect, Nicholas Botta, used wainscoting and molding throughout to create interiors that have the simplicity of a Shaker meetinghouse, but somehow come across as luxurious, not austere. That's especially apparent in the three cottages at the back of the property, where you can wake up to clerestory window mullions boldly shadowed on a white arched embrasure. It made me say a prayer of thanks for being here. 23 Windmill Lane, Amagansett, 267-8500; innatwindmillane.com