



▲ Casa Monica Hotel Completes Spanish-Inspired Renovation

The Casa Monica Hotel in St. Augustine, FL, has just completed the first phase of a \$1 million renovation. Ten years after restoring the famed Flagler property to its original glory, the Kessler Collection is revamping the luxe design.

Helmed by Debbie Golding, vice president of design & purchasing for the Kessler Collection, the guest rooms now boast all new custom-designed interiors with retro-classic rouge carpets, custom furnishings with gold accents and plush velvet tufted headboards.

In addition to the new look of the guest rooms, all the bathrooms have been updated as well, touting high-end toiletries and either a large walk-in shower or a tub/shower combination.

The wind-swept pool deck also features a new look with modern scalloped awnings and sleek new pavers.

The history and Spanish roots of the hotel and St. Augustine itself are also reflected in the renovation's designs, further enhancing the exotic, Moroccan ambiance that marks the property.

The Signature Suites were updated as well and are situated in two tile-topped towers and an impressive central turret. Each of these one- to four-bedroom units is unique. The turret suite includes a half-round living room with gun-port windows overlooking the historic district, while a three-story town house in one of the towers has a huge whirlpool bathroom on its top floor.