Introducing Direct Booking

An exciting feature on VisitLongBeachPeninsula.com.

Direct Booking is a destination-specific portal to reserve lodging online.

Benefits include:

- Easier booking process for visitors
- Increased local sales for lodging properties
- Enhanced positive impacts of tourism for local communities

"Visitors that care" can take pride in knowing that the full amount spent on lodging is staying local and having a positive impact on the local economy.

The program is part of a wider Pacific County Tourism Sustainable Growth Initiative aimed at improving quality of life and steering tourism to benefit all involved.

Benefits	<u>Customer</u>	Business	Community
Goals	 Real-time rates and availiability Easy direct booking & customer service with individual property More localized information and ability to work direct-ly with local business Customer sees only properties in the destination they are seeking Better experience, positive impact 	 No commissions, fees, or subscriptions 100% of sale price to the property Ability to communicate directly with guests (not through 3rd party call center) Customer is not being led to a different destination Increased profit margin, more localized information 	 Not having to share community profits with a faraway corporation Attracts values-aligned visitors that are good guests and stewards Boosts economy & increases future destination marketing resources Supports locally owned businesses and more local jobs
	 Better experience, positive impact 	 Increased profit margin, more localized information 	 Increased positive economic impact of tourism and better quality of life for all

Small changes can make a BIG difference in a small town. If 10% of overnight visitors booked direct, 11 more local families would be supported by tourism. A 20% use would keep millions of dollars in our rural county of less than 22,000 residents rather than extracted by faraway corporations in urban centers.



