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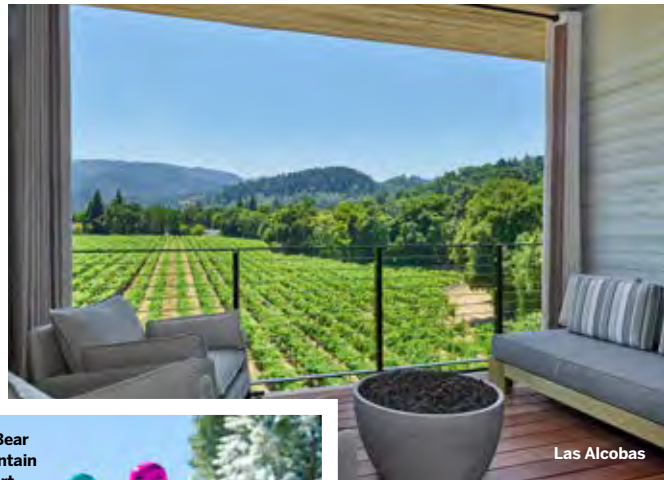
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Big Bear Mountain Resort

“We’re a little spoiled in California.”

Our cover model, actress Yaya DaCosta, speaks those words in Visit California’s new TV commercial, and I couldn’t agree more. Beautiful beaches? Check. Vibrant cities? Of course. Epic landscapes? There are, quite literally, too many to count.

This magazine is a testament to California’s unparalleled abundance. It’s also a vital itinerary-building tool, and I encourage you to flip through these pages with an eye toward planning your next trip here.



Caroline F. Beteta

CAROLINE BETETA
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You’ll need somewhere to stay, of course, and our “Rooms with a View” feature (p. 36) is a good place to start. The article showcases 10 hotels that offer jaw-dropping views—including multiple ocean-front properties, a lush wine country boutique, and a historic hotel in Yosemite National Park. (Full disclosure: We easily could have listed 100 more properties in this story; we simply ran out of space.)

You, on the other hand, won’t have to worry about running out of space—especially if you’re embarking on a road trip. With Highway 1 now fully open (“Dream Drive,” p. 44), you are once again free to navigate one of the

most iconic stretches of road on the planet. Who knows—you may even pull up alongside podcast superstar Dax Shepard (“California Questionnaire,” p. 192), a dedicated

road tripper who routinely ventures out to the mountains and deserts.

Timing is an essential component of travel planning, of course, and if you’re coming during our extended snow season you’ll want to read “Catch the Winter Wave” (p. 52), a guide to some only-in-California experiences.

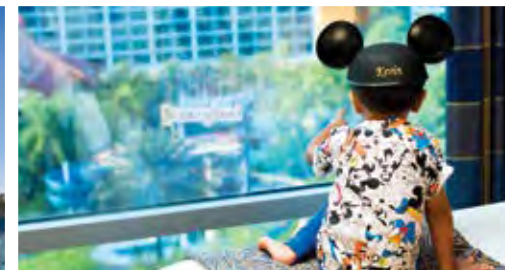
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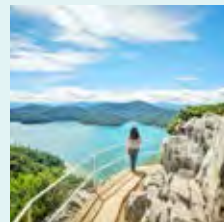
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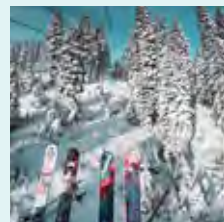
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contributors

We asked some of our contributing writers and photographers to share their California favorites.



Tai Power Seeff *Photographer, San Francisco: The Grid, p. 81*

Most memorable trip: Camping on the empty swath of Gold Bluffs Beach, strolling between the verdant walls of Fern Canyon, and marveling at the towering giants of the Lady Bird Johnson Redwood Grove. **Under the radar:** Albany Bulb, a gorgeous bayside walk with a collection of outdoor garbage sculptures. **Favorite destination:** The breathtaking beauty of Point Reyes National Seashore speaks to my soul on the deepest level. **Food recommendation:** The hip mom-and-pop restaurant Son's Addition in the Mission District—don't miss the Tuna and Uni Tostada and the Wagyu Steak Tartare



Reneice Charles *Writer, Going Solo, p. 15*

Most memorable trip: A road trip up the coast that included Mendocino, Big Sur, and Napa. **Under the radar:** Eat at taco stands! All the best tacos I've had have come from sidewalk vendors and trucks. **Favorite destination:** Big Sur! You can't beat the stunning coastal views, incredible hiking trails, and mouthwatering seafood. **Food recommendation:** The Spicy Oxtail Soup at Sun Nong Dan in L.A.'s Koreatown is so good it might change your life.



Ari Michelson *Photographer, Cover*

Most memorable trip: Driving up to Lake Tahoe from L.A. via Highway 395 **Under the radar:** Go see the huge trees! Sequoia National Park is not the first park on everyone's list, but it's amazing. **Favorite destination:** Palm Springs. It's only a two-hour drive away from L.A., and it's really hot, so all you need is a hotel room with crisp white sheets, room service, and a pool. **Food recommendation:** Gus's Fried Chicken on Crenshaw



Pascal Shirley *Photographer, Orange County: Ask a Concierge, p. 154*

Most memorable trip: Splitboarding 10 miles out to the Ostrander Ski Hut in the Yosemite wilderness. **Under the radar:** Death Valley is often overlooked. I recommend hiking out on the gigantic sand dunes and going to see the Artist's Palette. **Favorite destination:** Mammoth Lakes. The people, food, hot springs, and surreal beauty make it a very special place. **Food recommendation:** Some of my favorite spots are The Rose Venice, Gjista, and MTN.



Megan Michelson *Writer, Catch the Winter Wave, p. 52*

Most memorable trip: Weekend trips to Mammoth Mountain—skiing off a high-alpine volcano by day, soaking in hot springs and stargazing by night. **Under the radar:** Donner Ski Ranch is a tiny, family-owned ski area that offers \$40 midweek lift tickets. **Favorite destination:** Alpine Meadows. I have little nooks and crannies that feel like they belong just to me. **Food recommendation:** Truckee's Alibi Ale Works for the gourmet nachos



Blair Robertson *Writer, California's Craft Breweries, p. 32*

Most memorable trip: Visiting Steve Dresler, the legendary brewer at Sierra Nevada. He stopped to pour the Ovila series straight from the tanks. **Under the radar:** Claimstake in Rancho Cordova and Flatland in Elk Grove—quality brewers in Sacramento industrial parks. **Favorite destination:** Auburn, a Gold Rush town that has become a craft beer mini-mecca. **Food recommendation:** Vegan sandwich at Juno's Kitchen in Sacramento



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2 FOODIE FAVORITES

Foodies flock to Yelp's #1 rated restaurant, Porto's Bakery & Café. Grab a Chicago-style dog at Portillo's, famous fried chicken at Mrs. Knott's Chicken Dinner, drinks at the witch-themed bar The Cauldron or try "The Zoo," a 30-scoop ice cream sundae at Farrell's Ice Cream Parlour. Local Tip: Choose from over 100 craft beers at Rock & Brews.



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Going Solo

Now more than ever, travelers are exploring the world alone. Solo travel has grown increasingly popular in recent years: According to a 2018 Booking.com survey, 40 percent took a solo trip in 2017, and another 21 percent intend to do so in the future.

Why the shift? "In a word, freedom," says writer Janice Waugh of Solo Traveler, a resource and community for those interested in traveling alone (solotravelerworld.com). "People love the ability to do what they want when they want without having to consult others." Demographics have also evolved. There are now more single than coupled adults in the United States, people are getting married later in life, and "women of all ages are more independent than ever," Waugh says, noting that there are more solo female travelers than males.

Stephanie Rosenbloom, author of *Alone Time: Four Seasons, Four Cities, and the Pleasures of Solitude*, sees solo travel as an opportunity to develop a deeper connection with a place. "Traveling alone allows you to slow down and really pay attention; to notice all the marvelous, everyday details that we tend to miss when we're talking with or tending to companions."

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Yosemite National Park



Tonga Room & Hurricane Bar

Tiki Forever

If you've ever sipped a juicy, rum-drenched drink topped with a wedge of pineapple and a flirty umbrella, you can thank California for the pleasure. Tiki cocktails and their accompanying subculture were born in Los Angeles, when a young man returned from his travels abroad to open Don's Beachcomber in 1933. Although all of the California locations of Don the Beachcomber (its later name) have since closed, the legendary bar launched a global movement that lives on today in glowing, thatch-roofed tiki dives. Nodding to Polynesia and the Caribbean but truly authentic to no single location, these tiki-themed bars are worth a visit on your next trip to the Golden State.

False Idol SAN DIEGO

Travel through a secret stainless steel door inside Little Italy's Craft & Commerce and enter this theatrical speakeasy, where the walls are enshrined with hand-carved idols by local artist Bosko Hrnjak.

Don't miss: The postcards, swizzle sticks, and other memorabilia on display under the glass-topped bar, like a miniature museum celebrating San Diego's tiki past.

Bootlegger Tiki PALM SPRINGS

This Palm Springs spot returns a former 1953 Don the Beachcomber location to its tiki roots, with rattan furniture, carved mugs, and potent cocktails.

Don't miss: The New Originals section of the menu, with its distinctively modern pairing of rum with ingredients like cold brew, ancho chilies, strawberry-infused Campari, and mole bitters.

Tiki-Ti HOLLYWOOD

Opened in 1961 by one of the original Don the Beachcomber bartenders, this Hollywood dive covered in twinkle lights and license plates still serves 94 tropical cocktails.

Don't miss: The handheld Wheel of Tiki-Ti Drinks—give it a strong spin and leave your fate to the beverage gods.

The Pacific Seas LOS ANGELES

Climb the hidden staircase to reach this bamboo-decked dreamland above Clifton's in downtown L.A., where the decor is as polished as the carefully poured cocktails.

Don't miss: The Mai Tai, deliciously bright featuring fresh ingredients.

Tiki-Ko BAKERSFIELD

This "shady place for sunny people" welcomes visitors to a black-lit paradise, where drinkers seated beneath glowing

Puffer Fish lamps sip on cocktails inspired by *Gilligan's Island* and *The Big Lebowski*.

Don't miss: The Mauna Ahi, a fruity booze bowl served in a flaming volcano vessel with its own signature chant.

Smuggler's Cove SAN FRANCISCO

Created by cocktail guru Martin Cate, this destination drinkery—which is part pirate ship—stocks more than 550 rums.

Don't miss: The selection of rare international rums, available for sampling at up to about \$300 an ounce.

Tonga Room & Hurricane Bar SAN FRANCISCO

Built in 1945 around a swimming pool of the Fairmont Hotel, the Tonga Room in Nob Hill is a glorious throwback. More than 70 years later, it's still an exotic respite and one of the town's most entertaining tables.

Don't miss: The Island Groove Band, which plays on a floating stage on the restaurant's turquoise "lagoon."

The Jungle Bird SACRAMENTO

This escapist saloon brings island vibes inland with tropical decor, a thatched-roof bar, boozy drinks, and pu-pu platters.

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Sound Advice

California Now Podcast host and NPR veteran Soterios Johnson shares what he's learned while interviewing guests

The Channel Islands are the perfect place to get away from civilization—near civilization. "After speaking with author Ken McAlpine, I learned that five of the islands off the coast of Southern California are part of Channel Islands National Park. The islands offer no services, like restaurants or lodging, so visitors need to pack supplies and plan to camp if staying overnight. The payoff includes communing with nature, stunning views, and solitude."

California deserts offers excellent stargazing. "Astronomer Dennis Mammana, who leads Borrego Night Sky Tours in the Golden State's only International Dark Sky Community, makes it easy to enjoy the cosmos by providing telescopes and expertise in a setting devoid of light pollution."

The Redwood Coast is home to the biggest, tallest trees on the planet. "While interviewing *Lone Planet's* Alison Bing, I learned that the majestic redwoods are clustered in forests along the northern coast. A good place to appreciate them is the Avenue of the Giants, a 31-mile portion of old Highway 101. The southern end is about a three-hour drive north of San Francisco."

It's easy to find breweries all over the state. "The craft beer movement in the U.S. started in California, and the state boasts more than 900 craft breweries. Documentary filmmaker Jeff Smith blew my mind with the fact that San Diego alone has more than 150 microbreweries."

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California Hot List

From a Tony Award-winning musical to a celebration of Bollywood, don't miss these exciting performances in 2019

Diana
Feb. 19–March 31
La Jolla Playhouse
The highly anticipated new musical about the life of Princess Diana makes its world premiere in La Jolla, before a likely trip to Broadway.

Hamilton
Feb. 26–Sept. 8
SHN Orpheum Theatre
Lin-Manuel Miranda's blockbuster, the hip-hop reimagining of the story of Founding Father Alexander Hamilton, makes a triumphant return to San Francisco on its national tour.

Mystic India
March 14
McCallum Theatre
Ancient India meets contemporary Bollywood in this acclaimed explosion of color, dance, and special effects in Palm Desert.

Ojai Music Festival
June 6–9
Libbey Bowl
The 73rd edition of America's most vibrant contemporary classical music festival will celebrate conductor, singer, and mentor Barbara Hannigan, who serves as its 2019 music director.

Madama Butterfly
April 13–28
Opera San José
Puccini's heartbreaking saga takes place in 1890s Japan; come to the free talks before performances to learn more about this beloved opera.

Kiss My Aztec!
May 28–July 14
Berkeley Repertory Theatre
The world-premiere bolero, hip-hop, and merengue musical commemorating Latinx culture will mark Tony Taccone's final production in his 33-year career at Berkeley Rep.

L.A. Phil 100
Oct. 24
Hollywood Bowl
The Los Angeles Philharmonic will culminate its yearlong 100th-anniversary celebration with a concert on the date of its first performance.

American Ballet Theatre's The Nutcracker
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TASTING TECHNIQUES

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Curry says, "It's similar to wine tasting; you're looking for the same organoleptic qualities, but you have to work a little harder." To best appreciate the subtle flavors, leave your fragrance at home.

Drink up

Olive oil is best enjoyed on its own. "The yeast in bread can interact with the flavor," says Curry. Hold the stemless snifter in your palm for warmth,

then sip a bit of oil, aerating it in your mouth before swallowing.

Note flavor profiles

Look for three central attributes: fruitiness, bitterness, and pungency. What do you taste and prefer on each scale?

Keep it clean

Curry recommends cleansing your palate with a slice of green apple and some sparkling water between each tasting. For strong-tasting oils, try plain yogurt.

Go light to strong

As in wine tasting, you'll try oils from delicate to aggressive. Unlike wine, when it comes to olive oil, the fresher, the better. "It's simply fruit juice," Curry explains.

Trust your judgment

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The Rebel Within

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The Homestead Bowl

Sally Loo's Wholesome Cafe San Luis Obispo
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The Yoda

Juice Ranch Santa Barbara
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Famed Ricotta Toast

Sqirl Los Angeles
This renowned bastion of new California cuisine started as a jam shop. The brioche toast, topped with ricotta and seasonal jam, remains its pièce de résistance.

The Bacon Flight

Cheeky's Palm Springs
Instead of serving meat straight up, Cheeky's infuses whimsy into its four-slice flight, enhancing applewood-smoked bacon with seasonal flavors like sumac.

SoCa Benedict

Watertable Huntington Beach
The SoCa, found inside a Hyatt Hotel, delivers all the hits: bacon-maple waffle, poached eggs, chicken-fried chicken, country slaw, and spicy hollandaise.

Pineapple Upside Down Pancake

Breakfast Republic San Diego
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Anderson Valley Brewing, Boonville
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Sierra Nevada Brewing, Chico
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GOLD COUNTRY

Knee Deep Brewing, Auburn
In 2012, Knee Deep was a tiny startup that shocked beer geeks by besting famed Pliny the Elder in a prestigious IPA contest. Now it has a 28,000-square-foot brewery that attracts a devoted following for its hoppy, full-flavored lineup. Nearby, Moonraker Brewing burst onto the scene by perfecting the hazy, juicy New England-style IPA and was named best new California brewery by the respected beer authorities at RateBeer.com.

CENTRAL VALLEY

Sudwerk Brewing, Davis
UC Davis is home to one of the world's most respected brewing educational programs, so it makes sense that people here know good beer. With an infusion of young management talent, Sudwerk has rebranded its award-winning lagers and attracted scores of new devotees without turning away its core base of craft loyalists.



HIGH SIERRA

Tahoe Mountain Brewing Company, Truckee
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SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

Cellarmaker Brewing, San Francisco
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CENTRAL COAST

Firestone Walker Brewing, Paso Robles
This California staple continues to push the boundaries in many ways, including the Luponic Distortion series—same recipe but with different hop varieties—and exciting new flavor profiles every 90 days. The brewery's annual Invitational Beer Fest in June attracts serious enthusiasts.



ORANGE COUNTY

Noble Ale Works, Anaheim
Even in a city nicknamed "Ale-heim" for its many craft breweries, Noble Ale Works still ranks as one of those at the top. Formerly a hoppy-focused operation, the small brewery (with expansion plans on the horizon) now rotates everything from the Tank Top Cream Ale to the nitro Pit of Despair Stout. Notable: The brewers took home gold at the 2018 Great American Beer Festival for the Nobility Imperial IPA.



LOS ANGELES

Three Weavers Brewing, Inglewood
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SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Hops Highway
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INLAND EMPIRE

Hangar 24 Brewing, Redlands
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DESERTS

Indian Wells Brewing, Inyokern
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actress **Yaya DaCosta** surveys the surroundings from the oversized balcony at the **Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills**, a sumptuous hotel blessed with amazing creature comforts (room service by Jean-Georges Vongerichten!) and an ideal location at the corner of Wilshire and Santa Monica Blvds.

For DaCosta, a New York native who stars on the NBC medical drama *Chicago Med*, California is a place to unwind and drink in the natural beauty. "Every time I land at LAX and get in a car, I feel my shoulders drop," she says. "I inhale and I look at the palm trees and think, 'Thank you. Yes. I'm back.' The landscape does that to me. It's just so beautiful. And the weather is just so perfect all the time. It makes it difficult to live other places."

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California hotels offer up some of the most majestic vistas imaginable, everything from buzzy cityscapes to bucolic vineyards to panoramic perches above the Pacific. There are hundreds of amazing options to choose from in the Golden State—here are 10 you need to know.

Rooms *With* a View

BY JOHN GODFREY

“When you get into a hotel room,” the designer Diane Von Furstenberg once remarked, “you lock the door, and you know there is a secrecy, there is a luxury, there is fantasy. There is comfort. There is reassurance.”

With any luck, there is also a window that provides a bit of scenic wonder. That’s certainly the case at the **Inn at Laguna Beach**, a 70-room property that boasts an impeccable location on the doorstep of the Pacific Ocean. The Sunset Vista Suite, pictured at right, features a 180-degree wraparound balcony that provides guests with a perfect vantage point for sunset viewing, watching the tide roll in, or toasting a favorite special occasion.

Speaking of raising a glass or two, you’ll be hard-pressed to find a more suitable spot for doing so than **Las Alcobas**, an adults-only luxury retreat in the heart of Napa Valley. Yabu Pushelberg’s stylish interiors are impeccable, but the visuals outside this St. Helena hotel are the true stars. Many of the hotel’s 68 rooms deliver breathtaking views of the Beringer Estate Winery next door; you’ll feel like you can reach down and pluck a cluster without leaving your balcony.



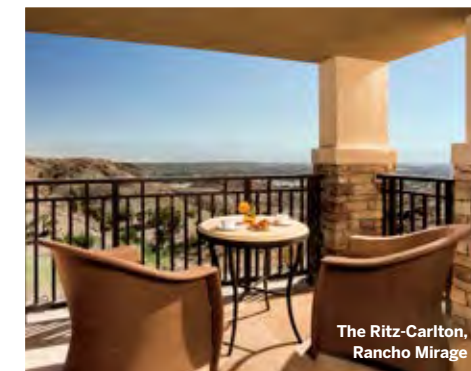
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Post Ranch Inn



The Ritz-Carlton, Rancho Mirage



Majestic Yosemite Hotel



Highlands Ranch Resort

The Golden State's rich diversity—the people, the cuisine, the attractions—has always been part of its allure, and the same can be said for its hotel views. The 39 guestrooms and one private house at the **Post Ranch Inn** in Big Sur do not come equipped with TVs or alarm clocks, but visitors to this renowned property aren't about to complain. You'll find all the entertainment you could possibly need by simply looking out the window; the epic scenery may lead you to lose

all sense of time.

Sometimes the scenic variety happens all at once. Near Palm Springs at the **Ritz-Carlton Rancho Mirage**, a majority of the rooms have private balconies, where you can contemplate the palm trees while considering the snow-capped Santa Rosa Mountains in the distance. After sundown, of course, all eyes gaze up as a canopy of stars fills the night sky.

The **Majestic Yosemite Hotel** is situated smack-dab in the middle of three icons—Half

Dome, Yosemite Falls, and Glacier Point—and takes full advantage of all this natural beauty. Consider booking one of its four Hotel Parlors if you're in the market for an amazing view. Similarly, **Highlands Ranch Resort**, located 10 minutes outside the entrance to Lassen Volcanic National Park, provides a perfect framework for viewing Mount Lassen and the surrounding wilderness.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: MODIAK GREENWOOD, DON RIDDLE, LITTLE/ALAMY, RACHID DAHNOUN



Four Seasons Resort The Biltmore Santa Barbara

CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM LEFT, COURTESY OF TOWER 23; COURTESY OF FOUR SEASONS RESORT THE BILTMORE SANTA BARBARA; BRENDAN MCCUIGAN

California's Pacific coastline covers 1,110 miles, and hoteliers here have made the most of this exquisite real estate. **Tower 23** in San Diego took its name from a nearby lifeguard tower on Pacific Beach, and everything about this charming hotel will make you feel like you're living in a Beach Boys song. The rooftop pool area provides all guests with a front-row seat to the sand-filled setting, and the oceanfront rooms will satisfy

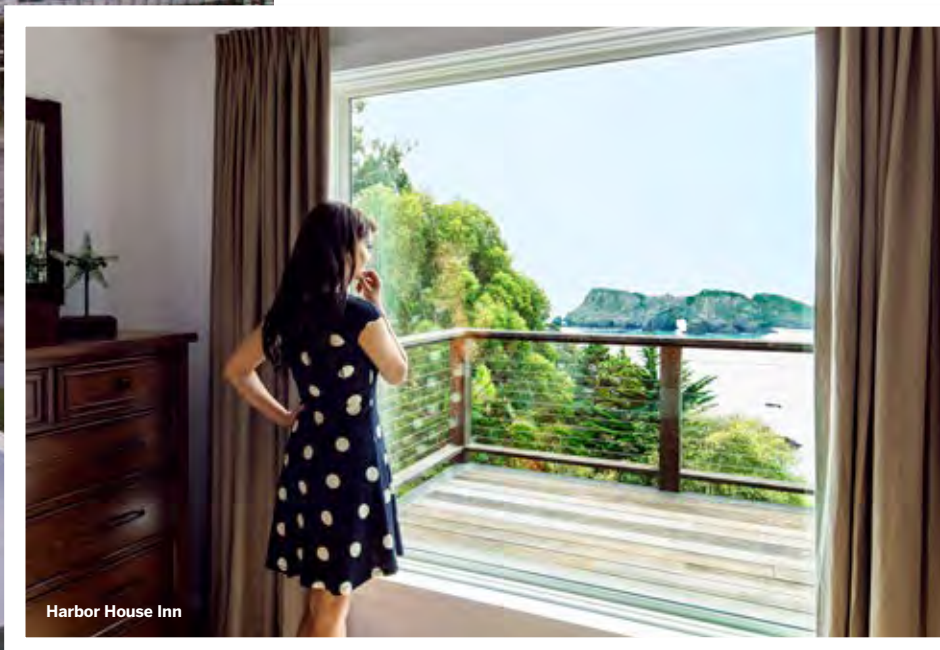
even the most discerning wave-watchers.

If you prefer your ocean views with a bit of lush landscaping, head to the **Four Seasons Resort The Biltmore Santa Barbara**. Every square inch of this resort's 22 immaculate acres radiates stylish sophistication—you'll feel like you're staying in a tropical paradise. What's more, the gently swaying palm fronds provide a perfect frame to idyllic Butterfly Beach, which is directly accessible from all 207 rooms.

Several hundred miles up the coast, in Elk, the **Harbor House Inn** features an old-growth redwood forest on one side of the property and a magnificently rugged private beach on the other. It first opened in 1916 but has since been completely reimagined and updated, providing guests with awe-inspiring views that are, like California, epic and timeless.



Tower 23



Harbor House Inn

DREAM DRIVE: HIGHWAY 1

CALIFORNIA'S ICONIC ROAD IS OPEN
AND MORE GORGEOUS THAN EVER

In July of 2018, Highway 1 reopened after 18 months of closures due to mudslides and a bridge outage. To celebrate, Visit California and local partners organized a convoy of more than 80 cars—representing eight decades—filled with tourism leaders and media for a “Dream Drive” down the coast to Morro Bay.

As attendees discovered, there are countless worthy stops and captivating views along the spectacular road, which extends more than 650 miles along the coast.

“As a bucket-list travel experience, Highway 1 is a unique journey because of its unparalleled natural beauty, fascinating history, and one-of-a-kind charm,” says Chuck Davison, President and CEO of Visit SLO CAL. “Coming from either direction, you’ll find yourself on an unforgettable excursion. From its pristine rugged coastline, mysterious cliffs, unique seaside communities, and local eateries, you are sure to be exposed to all the wonders that coastal California has to offer.”

CHRIS KAUFMAN/VISIT CALIFORNIA

Behind the Scenes

at Four California Theme Parks

BY KATRINA BROWN HUNT
PORTRAITS BY DANIEL HENNESSY

California theme parks offer up an endless supply of immersive fantasy experiences: fairy tales, super heroes, and careening, upside-down thrills. But the next time you're walking through one of the parks, take a moment to think about the many people working behind the scenes—whether portraying characters, operating machinery, or dreaming up the next exhilarating attraction. Some may even be performing tasks you never knew existed in the wee hours of the morning.

We chatted with four of these key players at some of California's biggest parks and learned how they landed their dream jobs and also what they do to make these parks so special.

LEGOLAND CALIFORNIA

Matt Slagle, *Master Model Builder*

Matt Slagle is living the dream of every LEGO-loving kid: He spends five days a week in a room filled with three million LEGO bricks, building to his heart's content. His "office" is the Model Shop at LEGOLAND California, where he is a Master Model Builder.

"We don't quite have every single LEGO piece that they make, but it's very close," says Slagle. "We build with what is produced for LEGO brick sets that kids play with at home. So every model you see in the park, you could go home and build it."



LEGOLAND
California
Model Shop

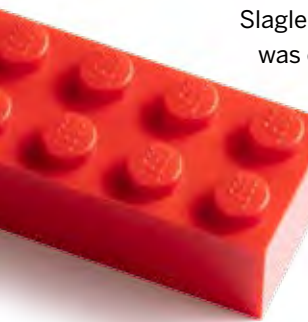
Granted, it would be challenging to recreate some of the Carlsbad park's creations. The 27,000 models that dot the grounds include the Golden Gate Bridge in Miniland, the underwater creatures at the Deep Sea Adventure, and the giant 20th-anniversary LEGO cake for the 2019 celebration.

Slagle grew up in nearby Poway and was one of the first visitors when the park opened in 1999.

In college, he got a job in LEGOLAND's Big Shop, where he first recognized that he could have a career as a builder. "I realized this was my natural job," he says, "so I got out all my LEGO

bricks and started building again."

Slagle spends his days creating new pieces while also giving some TLC to older models. Visitors love to peer through the Model Shop's glass window and offer suggestions. His advice to aspiring LEGO masters? "Never stop building," he says. "Then take it apart and make changes. Forget the instructions—you can do whatever you want."



DISNEYLAND RESORT

Rhonda Wood, *Urban Forester*

As a child, Rhonda Wood visited Disneyland every year with her grandparents. "It was our family's happy place," says Wood, now the resort's Urban Forester.

After a breakfast of Mickey Mouse pancakes at the River Belle Terrace, Wood and her family would often start at the Jungle Cruise. "I remember how excited I was every time my family and I boarded the Jungle Cruise—the smell of the water amongst the giant trees, along with enjoying the funny skipper's jokes."

The attraction is still her favorite. In college, while working for a plant nursery, Wood read an article about Morgan "Bill" Evans, Disneyland's original landscaper, and was inspired to write him. Her correspondence led to a job. "I started off pruning and climbing the trees inside the Jungle Cruise—those trees are enormous."

Now, her day-to-day routine highlights the attention to detail that Disneyland superfans love; the landscaping team starts around 2 a.m. to do maintenance before opening. That Mickey-shaped bed of flowers outside the entrance? It gets replanted nine times a year.

Her biggest project right now is the landscaping for Galaxy's Edge, the Star Wars-themed area set to open in 2019. The interplanetary zone will reflect "a diverse landscape that you might not see in a collection anywhere else," says Wood. "One thing that the guests will love are some petrified trees that have, at the base of them, a planting that gives the guests the perspective of ancient trees that have new trees growing from them."

But she still makes it a point to get back to her roots. "During training [for new landscapers], I always manage to make my way into the Jungle Cruise for a day of climbing the trees."



Galaxy's Edge
concept model

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Jungle Cruise

SEAWORLD SAN DIEGO

Jody Westberg, *Stranded Animal Coordinator*

They say you should “dress for the job you want.” A 13-year-old Jody Westberg took that advice literally. The South Dakota native first visited SeaWorld San Diego in 1986 and decided to dress like her idols—the employees. “I planned my outfit so that I would look like the people at SeaWorld,” she recalls. “I wore white shorts and a blue and white buttoned-down shirt. My dream was always to work at SeaWorld San Diego.”

Her plan worked well. As she explored the park, she says, “we’d run into team members and I would talk to them about how they got their jobs. One team member told me I should write a letter and tell them what I wanted to do—and I did.” She exchanged a number of letters with the park’s curator, Jim Antrim, and several years later, landed an office job with SeaWorld.

Westberg eventually worked her way onto the SeaWorld Animal Rescue Team, of which she is now director. Her team is on the receiving end of calls from first responders and beachgoers who report distressed animals along the Southern California coastline.

“I don’t have a typical day—that’s one of the things I love about my job,” she says. “I don’t know if I’ll be rescuing a giant seabird or responding to a [call about an] 18,000-pound whale who’s gotten entangled.” If need be, her team brings the animal back to the park for medical help so that they can be returned to the wild.

Back at the park, some things have not changed since Westberg first arrived at age 13. “Our blue and white uniforms still fall around those same guidelines,” she says.



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Minion Mayhem

UNIVERSAL STUDIOS HOLLYWOOD

Jon Corfino, *Senior Director of Universal Creative*

Pick your favorite blockbuster movie and consider its characters, storyline, setting, and everything the filmmakers did to create a world that came to life for 100 or so minutes. Now, imagine distilling that same movie into a theme park attraction.

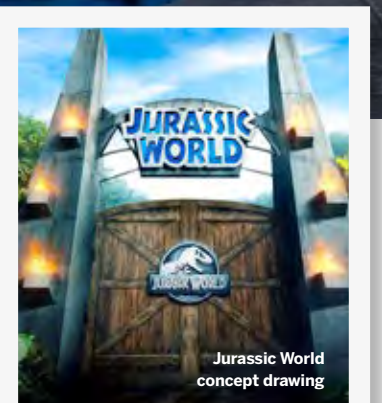
That’s what Jon Corfino does.

From creating a storyline to developing a ride’s mechanics and overseeing costume design, he makes sure every detail of a new attraction is true to the movie that inspired it. As the Senior Director of Universal Creative, Corfino has overseen projects including Despicable Me Minion Mayhem and the DreamWorks Theatre Featuring Kung Fu Panda.

Minion Mayhem, which debuted in 2014, is a crowd-pleasing ride that appeals to both little kids and grown-up animation fans: It combines a simulator ride with 3-D technology and stars the movie series’ hapless villain Gru. Outside, the carnival-style rides of Super Silly Fun Land very much mirror the amusement park featured in the first *Despicable Me*.

“The whole trick is to bring the movie to life so you can literally walk into it—and that means dimensionalizing it,” Corfino once said in an interview about Universal’s behind-the-scenes world. “It’s important to be able to pick moments, and create moments, where you’re totally immersed...and create the environment that you saw within the movie.”

And the innovation never ends. Next up, Corfino is overseeing the highly anticipated Jurassic World, set to open in late 2019. The ride will feature new technology, scenes, and characters, and Corfino has been involved in every step—right down to the texture of the raptors’ scaly skin. “We have a lot of surprises in store for next year,” he promises.





Catch the Winter Wave

The Golden State may be known for its sunny beaches, but its ski resorts provide plenty of dazzle too. Come experience a surf-meets-ski culture you won't find anywhere else.

BY MEGAN MICHELSON

Back in 2016, professional snowboarder Jeremy Jones and a few other athletes put together an outing where they went backcountry skiing and snowboarding in the Sierra at sunrise, followed by rock climbing on Donner Pass, then drove to Marin County to mountain bike on Mount Tamalpais and surf Stinson Beach—all in a single day. “This is why I ended up in California,” Jones explains. “We have really good snowboarding, mountain biking, rock climbing, and surfing in close proximity and you can, in theory at least, do it all in a day.”

That proximity to other sports has a big influence on California's mountain culture. The kick-back, adrenaline-loving spirit extends from the Pacific Coast to the snowy peaks in the High Sierra and beyond. Whether it's the rush of catching the perfect wave or scoring the first ski run of the day, there's a common thread among California's surf and ski tribes. The Golden State's resorts are the kinds of places where live music streams from outdoor decks all winter long, goggle tans are standard issue, snowboarders throw skate-inspired

BEN BIRK/SQUAW VALLEY ALPINE MEADOWS



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Mammoth Mountain



Royal Gorge Cross-Country Resort

The best part about California resorts? The welcome mat is rolled out for every type of skier and snowboarder, from total newbies to hard-charging experts.



Squaw Valley



Big Bear Mountain Resort

tricks out of 22-foot halfpipes, and après ski is as much a part of the culture as the skiing itself.

Plus, the quality and accessibility of skiing and snowboarding in California are some of its biggest draws. Jones moved to the Lake Tahoe area from his native Massachusetts to snowboard over two decades ago and never left. He built his career on the famed steeps of Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows. He then went on to launch the nonprofit Protect Our Winters and his snowboarding company, Jones Snowboards, in the town of Truckee, where he lives with his family.

"I just fell in love with this place—big mountains, close to the ocean, an easy-to-reach airport. It's a very happy, easy place to be," Jones says. "I've traveled all over the world, and I just kept coming back to Tahoe."

The Golden State's bright sun not only shines on the coast—it also beams on the high-elevation peaks and world-class ski resorts, which get blanketed in snow. Mammoth Mountain somehow manages to score 300 days of sun a year and an annual average of 400 inches of snow, which is usually enough to keep the mountain open well into June. This is also the home of ski destinations like Kirkwood, where two-foot dumps are a common occurrence, and Sugar Bowl, which received a whopping 751 inches of snow during the record-breaking 2017 winter. You won't find this unique combination of sunshine and powder days anywhere else on the planet.

The best part about California resorts? The welcome mat is rolled out for every type of skier and snowboarder, from total newbies to hard-charging experts with Olympic dreams. You'll find everything from steep chutes to mellow beginner slopes, plus lessons and clinics that cater to every

level. Even those who don't want to ski will find plenty of things to do in California's ski towns, on and off the snow.

Snow for Every Level

Some of the most accomplished pro skiers and riders have developed their skills on the famously extreme terrain around California. Freeskiing pioneers like the late Shane McConkey made the cliffs of Squaw Valley famous in ski movies, while Olympic champions such as skier Julia Mancuso and snowboarder Chloe Kim got their starts as kids at Squaw and Mountain High, respectively.



Jeremy Jones

This is the state that bred big-mountain skier Cody Townsend, Olympic gold medalist Jonny Moseley, and slopestyle snowboard star Jamie Anderson. Many of these athletes came to California for the steep terrain and abundant snowfall the state is known for, but they stayed for one main reason: They fell in love with the vibe, culture, and community of the place.

If you're an expert skier or rider, there's plenty of terrain to challenge you. Famous chairlifts and runs like Squaw Valley's KT-

22, Mammoth's Chair 23, or Kirkwood's The Wall will push your limits. Want to uplevel your experience? "Hire a guide," says Townsend. "A guide will help you find the secret powder stashes, get to the resort-accessed backcountry, and enjoy your time that much more."

Expedition: Kirkwood offers guided backcountry tours, avalanche education, and steep-terrain clinics. In 2017, Alpenglow Expeditions began offering first-of-its-kind guided side-country tours into previously closed terrain outside the boundary at Squaw Valley, enabling skiers to explore

CALIFORNIA
SNOW BY THE
NUMBERS

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Age when 2018 halfpipe gold medalist Chloe Kim started snowboarding at Mountain High in Southern California

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Elevation, in feet, of the peak of Mammoth Mountain, California's highest ski resort

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Feet of snow that fell at Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows in March 2018, earning the nickname "Miracle March"

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Minutes it took passengers aboard Sugar Bowl's historic Magic Carpet Gondola—installed in 1953 as the country's second gondola—to get from the parking lot to the base area, a vast improvement over the 30-minute tractor-powered sled it replaced

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The year Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area—formerly called Badger Pass—opened within Yosemite National Park

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Terrain parks at Big Bear Mountain Resort, ranked top 10 best in North America by *TransWorld SNOWboarding*

coveted zones like Tram Ridge and National Geographic Bowl.

"This is truly some of the best terrain in Tahoe," says Adrian Ballinger, founder of Alpenglow Expeditions. "You'll get 1,500-vertical-foot runs on incredible terrain. It feels different out there and our groups can now access this terrain via a 15-minute bootpack from the lift."

Of course, you don't need to be an expert or backcountry skier to enjoy California's mountains. Resorts across the state offer creative and game-changing lessons for everyone from first-timers to those with disabilities. Heavenly Mountain Resort recently launched a GoPro lesson, where guests learn how to use GoPro cameras to capture their experiences, and Mountain High offers virtual snow simulators to let you test new skills in a controlled environment before taking them to the slopes.

At Big Bear Mountain Resort, instructors help newbies as young as four years old learn the ropes at terrain-based Skill Builder Parks. At Sierra-at-Tahoe, in addition to affordable lessons for the whole family, a technology called Smart Terrain offers gently sloped runs that are custom-designed for learners. "Snow sports can feel hard to get into," says Steve Hemphill, the director of marketing at Sierra-at-Tahoe. "But at Sierra, we want to see as many people learning to ski and ride as possible."

For riders with disabilities, Achieve Tahoe teaches lessons at Alpine Meadows and Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra serves up half-day and full-day lessons as well as longer camps at Mammoth Mountain.

Beyond Skis and Boards

Even if you don't ski or snowboard, California's mountain towns offer countless activities that embrace the Golden State's classic sense of adventure. Many offerings take notes from popular beach activities.

If you can ride a beach cruiser, you could handle fat tire biking with Tahoe Mountain Guides, which leads trips on the growing number of snowy trails around Truckee. Or take the kids snow tubing at Tube Town in Soda Springs, with 20 lanes, tube rentals, and a lift to carry you to the top. If you love long, peaceful hikes, head to Royal Gorge, atop Donner Summit, where you'll find more than 20 miles of designated snowshoe trails, plus snowshoe rentals and nine rustic backcountry warming huts you can tuck into for a hot chocolate along the way.

The thrill of kiting across a surface isn't just for the ocean. The Sierra Snowkite Center, the first of its kind in California, opened in 2012 near Sugar Bowl ski resort. Founder Tyler Brown, a ski-racer-turned-kitesurfer, teaches lessons for first-time snowkiters on more gentle terrain and experienced kitesurfers looking



to access steeper backcountry slopes. "You don't need much experience to learn to snowkite," says Brown. "We can teach anyone and everyone."

Surf vibes come out in full force during spring skiing, when it's common to see girls in bikini tops and guys in T-shirts swooshing down the mountain. At Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows, you can ride an aerial tram to the mountaintop's newly revamped High Camp, where you can go ice skating or soak in the world's most picturesque hot tub at 8,200 feet.

A snow trip in California isn't complete without experiencing the lively après-ski scene. At Northstar, you can enjoy a free champagne bar at 2 p.m. on a mid-mountain slope or splurge for an upgraded setup with a bottle of bubbly, a meat-and-cheese platter, and your own private fire pit. At Heavenly, DJs spin music atop a retrofitted snowcat that roams the mountain for one of the rowdiest après dance parties around. For a more relaxed ending to your day, The Ritz-Carlton, Lake Tahoe at Northstar California hosts nightly "marshmology" and astronomy lessons, where you'll learn the history of the marshmallow and stargaze through a telescope while roasting s'mores over a campfire.



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Shasta Cascade

COME PLAY IN THIS ADVENTURE PARADISE IN
CALIFORNIA'S WILD NORTHEAST CORNER

The dark skies over Lassen Volcanic National Park provide an incomparable view of the stars above—including a glimpse of the Milky Way. At the base of Mount Lassen, the crystal-clear, high-elevation Lake Helen sits at 8,200 feet. During warmer months, pack a picnic to enjoy with views of Lassen Peak above.

Shasta Cascade

BOAT

Ahjumawi Lava Springs State Park proves the adage that the journey is as important as the destination. That's because the only way to reach the park's turquoise bays is via a 2.5-mile paddle (rentals available in nearby towns). What does that effort get you? Solitude, for one thing, as well as the chance to hike trails leading to views of Mount Shasta. The birding is also spectacular, with bald eagles and one of California's largest concentrations of ospreys. parks.ca.gov

Ahjumawi Lava Springs State Park



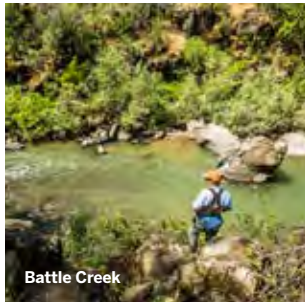
Lassen Volcanic National Park

HIKE

Lassen Volcanic National Park gets so much snow that it can take two months to clear the park highway. But all that white stuff makes Lassen a wonderland for snowshoeing. From the easy loop around Reflection Lake to a challenging trek up the 9,250-foot Brokeoff Mountain, Lassen has routes for all skill levels. And on weekends from January through April, ranger-led walks explore the forest near the Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center. nps.gov/lavo

FISH

Choosing the best fishing spots around Redding can be challenging for newbies and experienced anglers alike. For more than 40 years, **The Fly Shop** has been the go-to source for destinations along the Sacramento River, as well as other area streams. Hire skilled guides for rainbow trout fishing and seasonal outings to hook shad, a ferocious fish that always puts up a fight. Or improve your technique at the shop's fly-fishing school near Mount Shasta. theflyshop.com



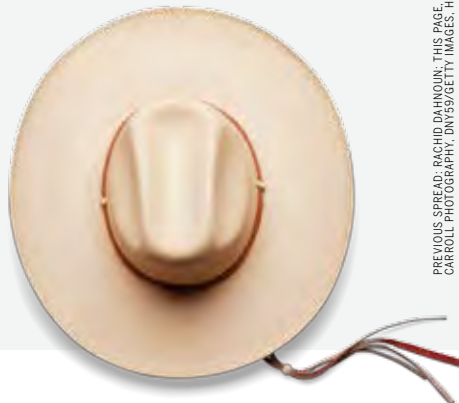
Battle Creek

SEE

You might be surprised to learn that one of Lassen National Forest's most memorable walks is completely in the dark. And underground. Near Old Station, walk a short trail to explore the **Subway Cave Lava Tube**, formed around 20,000 years ago. Descend a staircase into the tube (which maintains a chilly 46 degrees), then use your flashlight (you'll need one!) to pick out details such as a partial collapse of the cave's ceiling. Rangers lead tours on weekends from mid-June through Labor Day. fs.usda.gov

STAY

Surfers aren't the only dudes in California: At **Marble Mountain Ranch**, the dudes wear cowboy hats and saddle up for trail rides into the Klamath National Forest. This guest ranch also offers rafting on the Klamath River, as well as fly-fishing for steelhead. You'll stay in private Western-style cottages, some with kitchens and up to three bedrooms. And after a long day, nothing beats classic California ranch cuisine like tri-tip smoked over wood from local fruit trees. marblemountainranch.com



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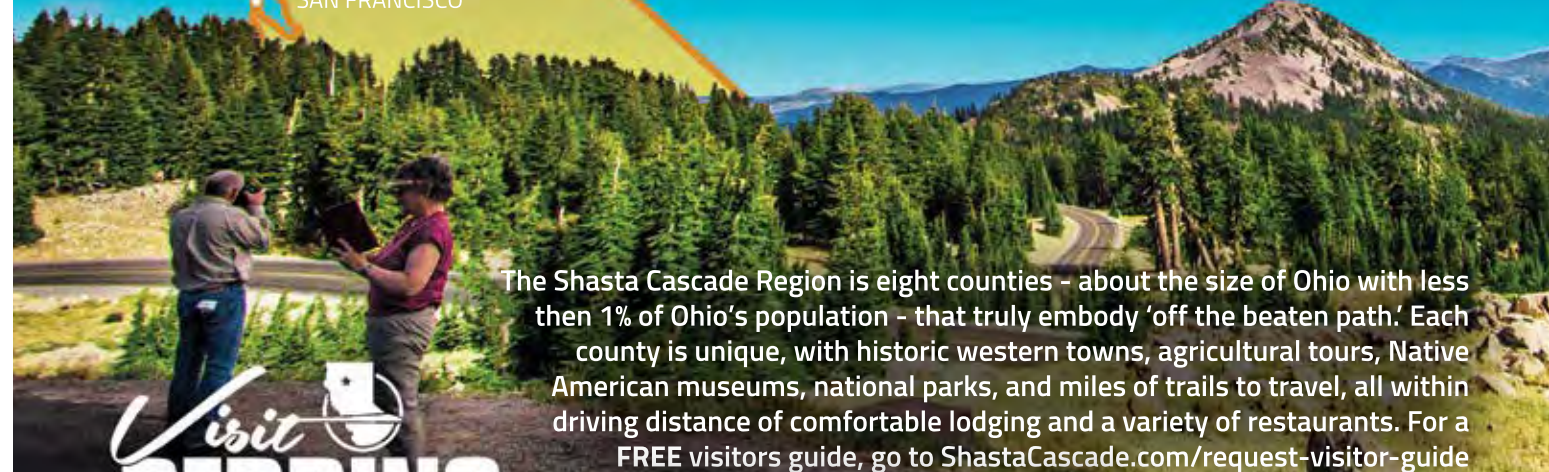
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530-359-2671



Lake Shasta Caverns
LakeShastaCaverns.com
800-795-CAVE



Win-River Resort & Casino
WinRiver.com
800-280-UWIN



Sheraton Redding
SheratonRedding.com
530-364-2800



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A PERFECT DAY IN...

Redding

Spend a day—or ideally longer—discovering the caves, mountains, and waterfalls that surround this central hub of the rugged Shasta Cascade region

Rise and Shine

THEORY COLLABORATIVE

Start your morning with a locally roasted coffee or seasonal latte at this minimalistic, modern cafe that becomes a craft beer bar by night. If available, sample the Ethiopia Keramo espresso, a gold-medal-winner at the 2018 Golden Bean North America roasting competition.



Theory Collaborative

Explore a Cave

LAKE SHASTA CAVERNS

Book a tour to explore the limestone caves of Lake Shasta Caverns, 17 miles north of Redding. Your two-hour tour starts with a short catamaran ride across the blue-green waters of Shasta Lake. Your guide will then teach you about the stalactites, helictites, and rare formations found in the cave.



Lake Shasta Caverns

Snack and Play

THE PARK

Pick your favorite cuisine from the Food Trucks at The Park, where mobile vendors gather to offer lunch and dinner al fresco during spring and summer. Relax around a fire pit and listen to music as you finish your tacos, pizza, or Italian ice. Then jump in for a round of bocce or giant Jenga.

Get a History Lesson

TURTLE BAY EXPLORATION PARK

This 300-acre, kid-friendly museum and wildlife center features creative ways to learn about pioneer history and local wildlife. There are more than 64 different species of animals, including butterflies, porcupines, owls, and foxes.



Sundial Bridge

Stroll Across Art

SUNDIAL BRIDGE

Crossing the Sacramento River, Redding's Sundial Bridge is a stunning marvel of architecture designed by Santiago Calatrava. Walk to the north side to explore the McConnell Arboretum & Botanical Gardens.

The Mosaic Restaurant



Eat Dinner With a View

THE MOSAIC RESTAURANT

Settle into one of the tables overlooking the river with the craft cocktail or California wine of your choice. Plates are meant for sharing, from the charcuterie platter to the oven-baked artisanal pizzas. Up for something unique? Try the Peach Perfect pizza, with grilled peach, local fromage blanc, bacon, and serrano honey.

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INSTAGRAM-WORTHY

Mount Shasta

With its graceful slopes rising more than two miles, this 14,179-foot volcanic peak draws both outdoor adventurers and spiritual seekers who revere the mountain as a power center. With seven glaciers and four volcanic cones, Mount Shasta is so massive that its base is 50 miles around. To truly see it, step back and view from a distance. For an easy drive-up overlook, try the Herd Peak Lookout in Klamath National Forest. [discoversiskiyou.com](https://www.discoverisiskiyou.com)

Shasta Cascade

visit

ALTURAS

Modoc National Forest. Forest meadows, lava beds, and high desert plateaus. 530/233-5811; fs.usda.gov

Modoc National Wildlife Refuge. View wildlife at this high-desert oasis. This refuge attracts seasonal migrants, and offers a permanent home for upland game, owls, and small mammals. 530/233-3572; fws.gov

ANDERSON

California Welcome Center. 1699 Hwy. 273. Open 7 days a week, 361 days a year for information on all of the attractions listed on page 61. 530/365-7500; shastacascade.com See ad, p. 61

UpStateCA Wine & Beer—Download the free app. UpStateCA offers a booming wine and beer culture in the Shasta Cascade region. Enjoy beauty by the glass in a natural wonderland loved by outdoor adventurers. See ad, p. 61

BECKWORTH

Maddalena Ranch. The only private property in the Sierra Valley where the public has direct access to the wetland ecosystem for walking, canoeing, nature photography, and birding. 530/283-5758; frit.org

BIEBER

Ash Creek Wildlife Area. Fish, camp, and bird-watch among wetlands. 530/294-5824; wildlife.ca.gov

BLAIRSDEN

Plumas-Eureka State Park & Museum. Discover buildings that depict life in Gold Rush-era California. 530/836-2380; parks.ca.gov

BURNEY

McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park. Relax and cool off in the spray of the park's centerpiece, the 129-foot Burney Falls. 530/335-2777; parks.ca.gov

BUTTE COUNTY

Explore Butte County. Savor the pace of Butte County. From farm-to-table restaurants to you-pick family farm tours to blood-pumping outdoor activities; whatever your speed, we've got it all. Explorers Welcome! explorebuttecounty.com See ad, p. 31

CASSEL

Crystal Lake Fish Hatchery. Enjoy hiking and picnicking on the grounds of this trout-rearing facility. 530/335-4111; wildlife.ca.gov

CASTELLA

Castle Crags State Park. See rock pinnacles and hike along 28 miles of trails. 530/235-2684; parks.ca.gov

CEDARVILLE

South Warner Wilderness. Over 70,000 acres of peaks and valleys to explore. 530/279-6116; fs.usda.gov



California Welcome Center™

Anderson: 1699 Highway 273; 530/365-1180

More information
Shasta Cascade Wonderland Association
530/365-7500; shastacascade.com

CHESTER

Lake Almanor. Water-ski, sail, kayak, paddleboard, and more. 530/258-2426; lakealmanorarea.com

CHICO

Bidwell Mansion State Historic Park. A beautiful, three-story, 26-room Victorian House Museum that stands as a memorial to political activists John and Annie Bidwell. 530/258-2426; parks.ca.gov

Bidwell Park. Enjoy biking and a picnic along Big Chico Creek Canyon. 530/891-4671; ccnaturecenter.org

Centerville-Coleman Community Memorial Museum. Exhibits and artifacts reflecting the cultural history of Sutter County. 530/822-7141; co.sutter.ca.us

Chico Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Bureau. Plan your trip to Chico; the Visitor Center is open to the public. 530/891-5556; chicochamber.com

Chico Museum. View a timeline covering the period 1830 through 2000. 530/891-4336; chicomuseum.org

Honey Run Covered Bridge. Stroll across a three-part span. 530/891-1838; hrcoveredbridge.org

National Yo-Yo Museum. The largest display of yo-yos and yo-yo memorabilia in the nation. Free lessons on Saturdays. 530/893-0545; nationalyo-yo.org

Shubert's Ice Cream & Candy. Homemade flavors and seasonal favorites made from locally grown produce. 530/342-7163; shuberts.com

Stansbury House. Ponder life in the 19th century in this 1883 Italianate Victorian—a style patterned after the sturdy square manor houses of the Italian countryside. 530/342-3037; stansburyhome.org

CORNING

Woodson Bridge State Recreation Area. A popular spot for camping; enjoy hiking at this beautiful oak woodland park. 530/839-2112; parks.ca.gov

COTTONWOOD

Battle Creek Wildlife Area. Lush marshes and riparian woodlands provide nesting grounds for bald eagles and osprey. 530/225-2300; wildlife.ca.gov

Coleman National Fish Hatchery. Watch salmon leap up a fish ladder. The hatchery is open for self-guided tours daily from 7:30 a.m. to dusk. 530/365-8622; fws.gov/coleman

DUNSMUIR

Downtown Dunsmuir. A classic alpine village nestled in a river canyon, surrounded by pine forests and the majestic presence of Mount Shasta. 800/386-7684; dunsmuir.com

FALL RIVER MILLS

Fort Crook Museum. View period rooms and attend a blacksmithing workshop. 530/336-5110; fortcrook.com

FORT JONES

Fort Jones Museum. Find obsidian, fossils, and other native rocks. 530/468-5568; fortjonesmuseum.com

GRAEAGLE

Lakes Basin Recreation Area. Breathtaking scenery, and over 20 small lakes nearby for camping, fishing, boating, swimming. 530/836-2575; fs.usda.gov

Mt. Elwell. Clamber up to a vista of the Lakes Basin Recreation Area. 530/836-2575; summitpost.org

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KEY



GRIDLEY

Gray Lodge Wildlife Area. Find a prime viewing spot, with more than 230 bird species. 530/846-7500; wildlife.ca.gov

McCutcheon Pearl Harbor Battle Monument. World War II memorial honoring American veterans. 530/846-2537

LAKEHEAD

Lake Shasta Caverns National Natural Landmark. 20359 Shasta Caverns Rd. Two-hour tour includes a boat ride across Shasta Lake, a scenic bus ride to the caverns, and a one-hour guided tour of the caves. Open all year. 800/795-2283; lakeshastacaverns.com See ad, p. 61

Shasta Marina at Packers Bay. Experience Luxury Houseboating with Shasta Marina at Packers Bay. We are a full-service marina with fuel dock and marina store. Open year-round...Houseboats...Ski Boats...Jet Skis...Kayaks...Paddle Boards...Moorage! 800/959-3359; shastalake.net See ad, p. 61

MCCLOUD

Ahjumawi Lava Springs State Park. Cruise a freshwater spring. 530/335-2777; parks.ca.gov

MINERAL

Lassen Peak. Conquer the summit for breathtaking vistas. 530/595-4480; nps.gov

Lassen Volcanic National Park. Meander by steam vents, boiling pools, volcanic peaks, and painted dunes. 530/595-4480; nps.gov

MOUNT SHASTA CITY

Lake Siskiyou. A recreational jewel with a panoramic view of majestic Mt. Shasta. 530/926-2618; lakesiskiyouresort.com

Mt. Shasta Fish Hatchery. Tour the oldest operating hatchery in the Western U.S. and feed trout from the fish food dispensers. 530/926-2215; visitmtshasta.com

Mt. Shasta Ski Park. Ski or board at Marmot Ridge; terrific for novices. 530/926-8610; skipark.com

OLD STATION

Hat Creek Ranger District. Find campgrounds and picnic areas nestled along Hat Creek. 530/336-5521; fs.usda.gov

Lassen Scenic Byway. Drive a 185-mile loop that passes through Lassen Volcanic National Park. 800/474-2782; volcaniclegacybyway.org

OROVILLE

Feather Falls. Visit what is, at 660 feet, the sixth highest waterfall in the U.S. 530/534-6500

Forebay Aquatic Center. Promoting education, recreation and water sports. Equipment rental available. 530/961-3767; forebayaquaticcenter.com See ad, p. 31

Lake Oroville State Recreation Area. Picnic, hike, sail, water-ski, and check out the unique floating campsites. 530/538-2219; parks.ca.gov

Oroville Chinese Temple & Garden. Built by Chinese immigrants in 1863, visit the Tapestry Hall to see embroidery and other folk art. 530/538-2496; cityoforoville.org

Oroville Wildlife Area. Nearly 12,000 acres of primarily riparian woodland habitat. 530/538-2236; wildlife.ca.gov

Sierra Oro Farm Trail. Tour local farms and wineries. 530/533-1473; sierraoro.org

PORTOLA

Western Pacific Railroad Museum. Get on passenger cars of a locomotive. 530/832-4532; wplives.org

QUINCY

Bucks Lake Wilderness. Float on a river or hike along 13 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail. 530/283-0555; fs.usda.gov

Feather River National Scenic Byway. Spectacular scenery and scenic turnouts. 530/927-5180; plumascounty.org

Plumas County Museum. Learn about the county's logging and Native American history. 530/283-6320; plumasmuseum.org

Plumas National Forest. Find lakes, beautiful deep canyons, rich mountain valleys, and meadows. 530/283-2050; fs.usda.gov

RED BLUFF

Kelly-Griggs House Museum. See a refurbished Victorian mansion. 530/527-1129; visitredding.com

William B. Ide Adobe State Historic Park. See the ranch of an early California visionary. 530/529-8599; parks.ca.gov

REDDING

Redding Visitors Center. 840 Sundial Bridge Way. Information on national parks, state parks, and more, all within a short proximity of Redding. 530/242-3102; 530/225-4100; visitredding.com See ad, p. 61

Sacramento River National Recreation Trail. Wander a 17-mile paved trail connecting the Sundial Bridge and Shasta Dam. 530/225-4100; reddingtrails.com

Shasta-Trinity National Forest. Go backpacking, mountain climbing, horseback riding, and boating. Watch for wildlife near White's Bar and the Sven-Olbertson Side Channel. 530/623-2121; fs.usda.gov

Turtle Bay Exploration Park. Fun, non-profit 300-acre gathering place featuring the Sundial Bridge, a museum, forestry and wildlife center, arboretum, and botanical gardens. 530/243-8850; turtlebay.org See ad, p. 61

Win-River Resort & Casino. 2100 Redding Rancheria Rd. Native American Gaming Resort & Casino offering entertainment, hospitality, latest slots, table games, live-action poker, bingo, and a relaxing spa in the North State. 800/280-UWIN; winriver.com See ad, p. 61

SHASTA LAKE

Shasta Dam. Ride an elevator to the top of America's second-largest dam. 530/275-1554; shastalake.com/shastadam

SHINGLETOWN

Wild Horse Sanctuary. 5,000 acres of mountain meadows and forestland serve as home to 80 wild horses. 530/474-5770; wildhorsesanctuary.org

SUSANVILLE

Bizz Johnson National Recreation Trail. Bird-watch and hike along a river canyon. 530/257-0456; blm.gov

Eagle Lake Recreation Area. Fish for prizewinning-size trout. 530/257-4188; eaglelakerecreationarea.com

Susanville Railroad Depot Museum. Explore history and get information on local sights. 530/257-3252

TAYLORSVILLE

Indian Valley Museum. Learn about the rich traditions and history of the Maidu Indians. 530/284-1046; sierranevadageotourism.org

TEHAMA

Tehama County Museum. View cattle artifacts and memorabilia. 530/384-2595; calif-tech.com/tcmuseum

TULELAKE

Lava Beds National Monument. More than 700 caves, rock art sites, historic battlefields, and a high desert wilderness experience await. 530/667-8100; nps.gov

WEAVERVILLE

Trinity Alps. Backpack rugged peaks to see the alpenglow. 530/623-2121; wfdca.org

Weaverville Firefighters Museum. See modern and antique fire equipment. wfdca.org

Weaverville Joss House State Historic Park. Home to a Taoist temple. 530/623-5284; parks.ca.gov

WEED

Living Memorial Sculpture Garden. Explore a war memorial and garden. 530/938-2218; weedlmsg.org

Weed Historic Lumber Town Museum. Ponder the challenges in logging before electricity or diesel power. 530/938-0550; snowcrest.net/whm

WHISKEYTOWN

Oak Bottom Marina. 12485 State Hwy. 299 W. On Whiskeytown Lake, 10 miles west of Redding. Boat rentals; kayak/SUP rentals at Oak Bottom and Brandy Creek Beach. Camping, launch ramp, swimming beach, boat gas, and stores. 530/359-2671; whiskeytownmarinas.com See ad, p. 61

Whiskeytown National Recreation Area. Sapphire-blue waters, surrounded by mountain peaks. 530/242-3400; nps.gov

YREKA

Klamath National Forest. Camp in forested woodlands or open meadows. 530/842-6131; fs.usda.gov

Yreka National Historic District. Take a self-guided walk around 75 Victorian homes. 530/842-1649

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HOTELS AND RESORTS

REDDING

Best Western PLUS Hilltop Inn. 2300 Hilltop Dr. 115 rooms. Free hot breakfast in award-winning restaurant. Best Western Director's Award recipient past 10 years for highest standard of cleanliness. 530/221-6100; 800/336-4880; thehilltopinn.com \$\$ See ad, p. 61



Sheraton Redding Hotel at the Sundial Bridge. 840 Sundial Bridge Drive. 130 rooms. Experience resort-style comfort, on-site restaurant/bar, walking distance to the Sundial Bridge, and a private entrance into Turtle Bay Exploration Park. 530/364-2800; sheratonredding.com \$\$\$ See ad, p. 61





North Coast

EXPLORE TOWERING REDWOODS, ISOLATED BEACHES, AND IDYLIC COASTAL VILLAGES

North of Fort Bragg in Mendocino County, a beautiful waterfall flows into the ocean near the town of Westport off Highway 1. California's North Coast region has miles of stunning oceanfront locations, most of which are wild, rugged, and delightfully peaceful.

North Coast

FLOAT

Rent a kayak or paddleboard at Trinidad's Stone Lagoon Visitor Center and explore the cluster of brackish lagoons and marshes at **Humboldt Lagoons State Park**. Pack your binoculars for views of Roosevelt elk, river otters, pygmy owls, and belted kingfishers. Take a dip in Stone Lagoon's warm(ish) waters, stroll Big Lagoon's sandbar, or paddle yourself to sleep at Ryan's Cove boat-in campground, nestled in a grove of Sitka spruce. parks.ca.gov



TOUR

Get kissed by a giraffe at **B. Bryan Preserve**, a Point Arena ranch where endangered African Rothschild's giraffes roam alongside kudus, antelopes, and zebras. Ride through the preserve in an open-air vehicle and feed apples to the long-necked beauties. If you're feeling bold, hold a biscuit in your teeth and get a big, slobbery giraffe smooch. Reserve ahead for tours, or book a cottage and spend the night. bbryanpreserve.com



SIP

Order the sampler at one of California's first woman-owned breweries, **McKinleyville's Six Rivers**, and pair it with house-made pretzels and beer cheese. The brewers concoct inventive flavors like spicy chili pepper ale, macadamia nut porter, and seasonal strawberry wheat (yes, it's red). Find the best seats outside on the Pacific-view patio or join the indoor fun: Sunday trivia games, pool tables, and Pac-Man. sixriversbrewery.com

HIKE

Wander the blufftop trails at **Jug Handle State Natural Reserve** and you may spot gray whales spout as they pass by on their annual migration to Alaska (mid-December to mid-April). Or hike the Ecological Staircase Trail that ascends three wave-cut terraces, each 100,000 years older than the last. At trail's end, find a pygmy forest of miniaturized pines and cypress, where two-foot-high trees are more than a century old. parks.ca.gov



Jug Handle State Natural Reserve



Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park

DRIVE

Howland Hill Road is a 10-mile-long version of a drive-thru tree. The slow-going gravel road meanders through Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park, offering close encounters with cathedral-like redwoods and a welcome break from U.S. 101. Giant trees hug the road so tightly you can reach out and touch them. Make a stop to hike the Boy Scout Tree Trail to Fern Falls, or walk among the Stout Grove's behemoths. parks.ca.gov



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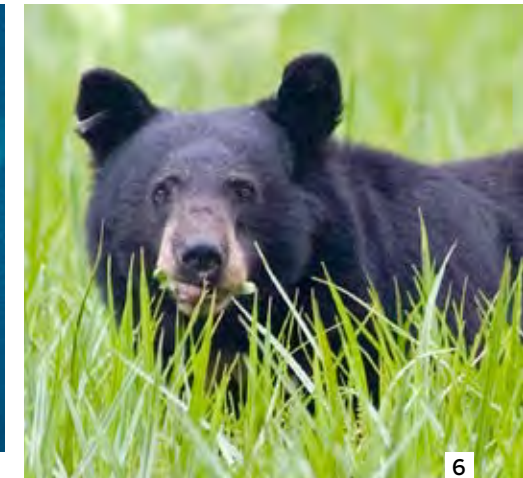
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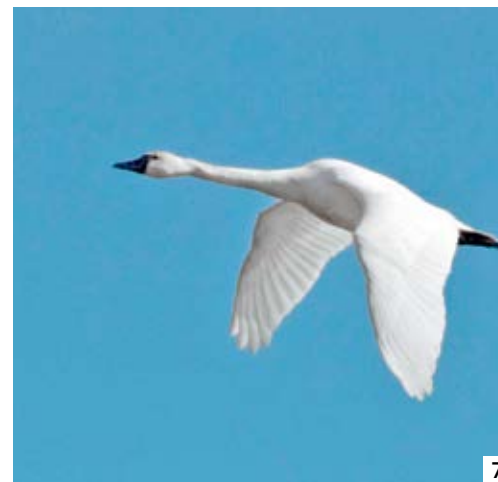
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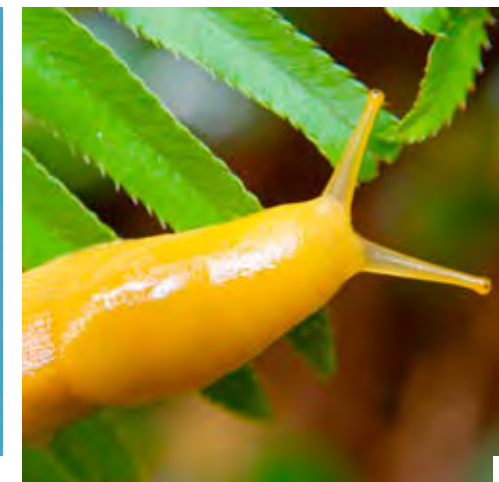
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THE GRID North Coast Wildlife

Spot animals in this bio-diverse region

With its bounty of mountains, redwood forests, and shoreline, the North Coast is home to a vast range of wildlife. **1. River otter** Often seen in small groups, somersaulting and sliding in the mud. *Eel River, Big River* **2. Snowy egret** A skilled fisherman that uses its bright yellow feet to probe the water to stir up prey. *Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary* **3. Harbor seal** Lovable pinniped that can reach up to six feet in length. *Crescent City Harbor, Trinidad Harbor* **4. Roosevelt elk** 600- to 800-pound member of the deer family with antlers up to four feet long. *Elk Meadow, Gold Bluffs Beach* **5. Gray whale** Watch for telltale spouts as these mammals pass the coast every winter. *Mendocino Headlands, Patrick's Point State Park* **6. Black bear** Their fur ranges from gold to cinnamon to brown to black. *Klamath National Forest, Humboldt Redwoods State Park* **7. Tundra swan** This snow-white bird bugles with a distinct musical note. *Garcia River* **8. Banana slug** Nature's recycler eats leaves and needles then deposits the remains. *Redwood forests* **9. Western snowy plover** Tiny wading shorebird with nests on dune-backed beaches. *Humboldt Lagoons State Park*

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Ferndale

NEED-TO-KNOW NEIGHBORHOOD

Ferndale

This Eel River Valley hamlet charms with unspoiled Americana—art galleries, five-and-dimes, old-fashioned diners—and absolutely no chain stores.

1 Ferndale Meat Co.

376 MAIN STREET
Meat-loving TV host Guy Fieri (of *Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives*) grew up in Ferndale, so this first-rate butcher shop comes as no surprise. Grab a pastrami sandwich from the deli, or take home a tri-tip. **707/786-4501**

3 Poppa Joe's

409 MAIN STREET
This cash-only diner has slanted floors, trophy animal heads, and a shoe-shine chair. Order the bacon with your jumbo-size pancakes, and ask what the fish are biting on. **707/786-4180**

2 Mind's Eye Manufactory & Coffee Lounge

393 MAIN STREET
At this quirky and cool makers' workshop, take a class in woodblock printing, listen to a local guitarist, play chess, build your own kayak, or just sip a pour-over. Or do it all. **mindseyemanufactory.com**

4 Golden Gait Mercantile

421 MAIN STREET
The shelves at this throwback emporium are lined with heirloom goods, old-timey candy, cozy long johns, and tasty jams. Don't miss the shopkeepers' museum upstairs. **goldengaitmercantile.com**

5 The Blacksmith Shop & Gallery

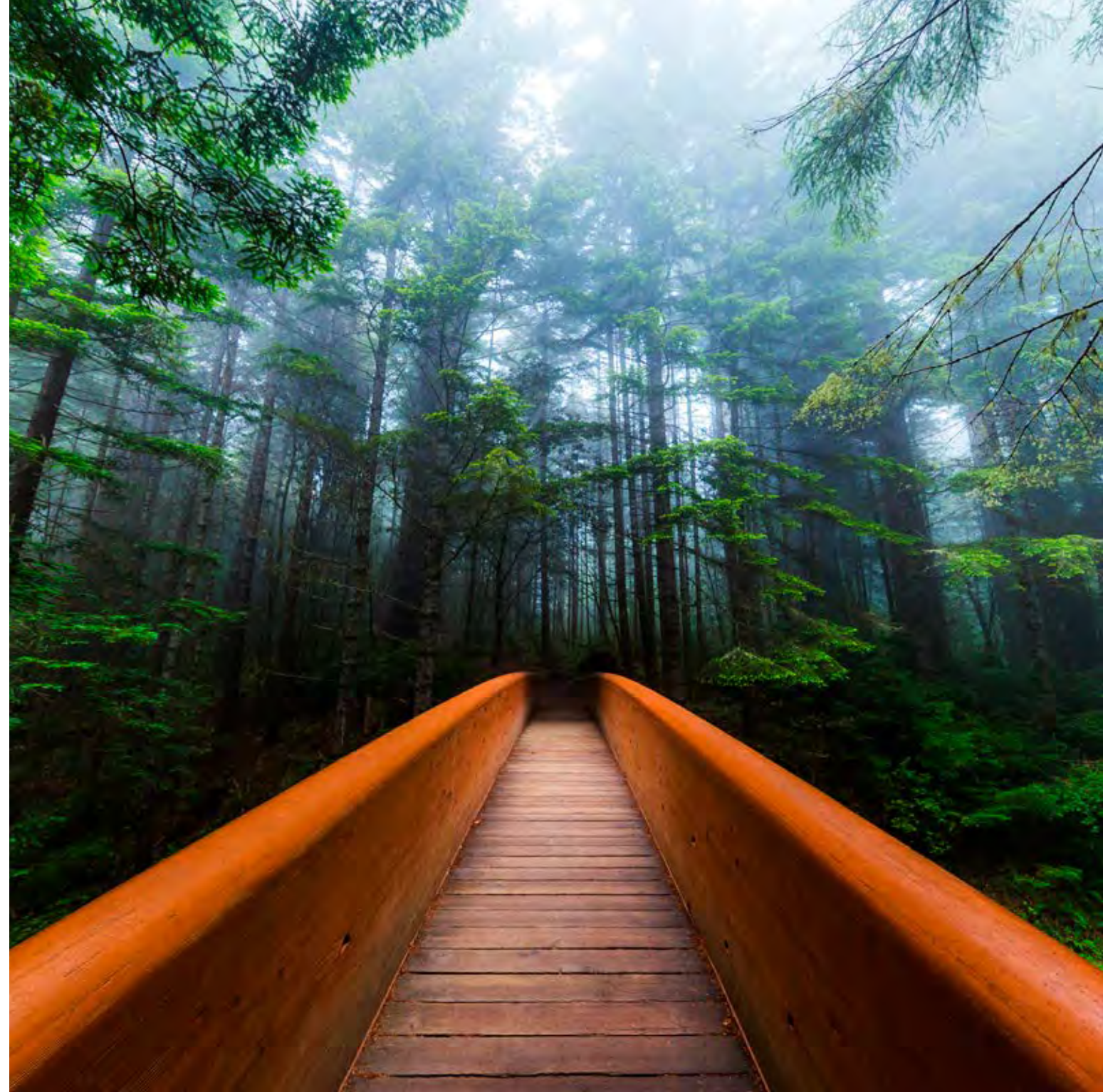
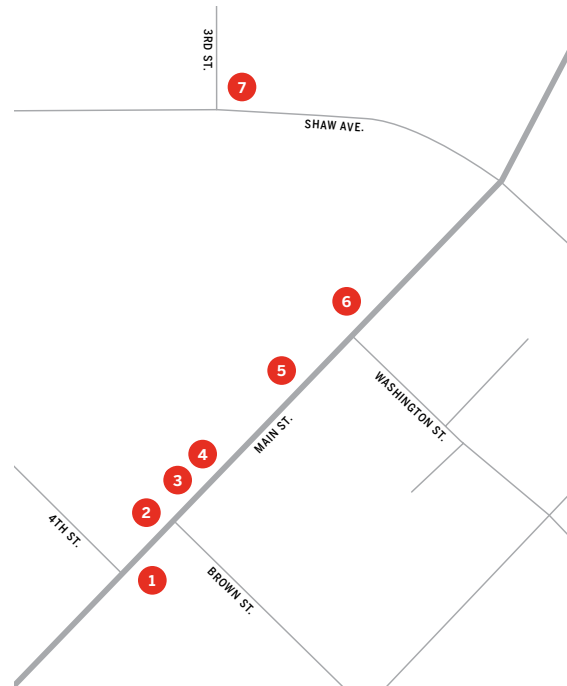
455 MAIN STREET
Contemporary ironwork pieces, from hand-forged furniture to wrought-iron art, are made by a coalition of master blacksmiths. Take home cutlery, candleholders, wine racks, fireplace tools, and more. **ferndaleblacksmith.com**

6 Abraxas Jewelry and Leather

505 MAIN STREET
A shop crammed full of earrings—especially turquoise, opal, onyx, moonstones, and mother-of-pearl—plus a huge selection of hats and leather goods. Check off everyone on your gift list. **707/786-4288**

7 Ferndale Museum

515 SHAW AVENUE
Galleries are jam-packed with a collection of farming, logging, and dairy equipment. The working seismograph fulfills a need—when an earthquake shakes the town, neighbors show up to find out the magnitude. **ferndale-museum.org**



INSTAGRAM-WORTHY

Lady Bird Johnson Grove

Sitting at more than 1,000 feet above sea level, this grove—named for the former first lady—has a unique ridgetop location in Redwood National Park. Due to the extra rain at this elevation, the tall trees share space with a lush ground cover of ferns. Explore the upland forest on an easy one-mile hike, near Orick. **visitredwoods.com**

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North Coast



Information
North Coast Tourism Council
northcoastca.com

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ARCATA

Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary. A popular birding spot. 707/826-2359; arcatamarshfriends.org

Humboldt State University Natural History Museum. 707/826-4479; humboldt.edu

King Range National Conservation Area. Hike, bike, and camp on 35 coastal miles. 707/986-5400; blm.gov

BENBOW

Benbow Lake State Recreation Area. Picnic or hike at the large day use area. 707/923-3238 (summer), 707/247-3318 (winter); parks.ca.gov

BOONVILLE

Anderson Valley Historical Society Museum. Learn about local history and early ranching. 707/895-3207; andersonvalleymuseum.org

CRESCENT CITY

Battery Point Lighthouse and Museum. Light tower with displays of maritime artifacts that chronicle its history. 707/464-3089; delnortehistory.org/lighthouse

Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park. Hike eight miles of coastline. 707/465-5128; parks.ca.gov

Redwood National & State Parks. Explore a redwood ecosystem. 707/465-7335; nps.gov

EUREKA

Blue Ox Millworks Historic Park. See antique wood-working machinery. 800/248-4259; blueoxmill.com

Fort Humboldt State Historic Park. Find an 1853 military post. 707/445-6547; parks.ca.gov

Old Town Eureka. Find bookstores, museums, galleries, and restaurants. 707/442-9054; eurekamainstreet.org

FERDALE

Ferndale State Historic Landmark. A Victorian-era village. 707/786-4477; visitferndale.com

FORT BRAGG

Guest House Museum. A historic home—now community museum—built in 1892 primarily of coast redwood milled by Fort Bragg Redwood Company. 707/964-4251; fortbragghistory.org

Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens. Traverse fern canyons and flower-filled settings. 707/964-4352; gardenbythesea.org

Skunk Train. An adventurous ride deep into the redwood forest on one of America's most scenic railroads. Trips depart from Fort Bragg and Willits. 707/964-6371; skunktrain.com See ad, p. 73

FORTUNA

Fortuna Depot Museum. Visit an 1893 railroad depot. 707/725-7645; sunnyfortuna.com/museum

GARBERVILLE

Avenue of the Giants. Drive or bike along a 32-mile route. 707/946-2263; humboldtredwoods.org

GASQUET

Smith River National Recreation Area. Swim, raft, or fish for trout and salmon. 707/457-3131; fs.usda.gov

GUALALA

Redwood Coast Chamber of Commerce. Can't-miss stops and boundless recreational activities. 707/884-1080; redwoodcoastchamber.com

HOPLAND

Solar Living Institute. Tour the 12-acre Solar Living Center. 707/472-2450; solarliving.org

KELSEYVILLE

Clear Lake State Park. Enjoy swimming and fishing at this freshwater lake. 707/279-4293; parks.ca.gov

KLAMATH

Trees of Mystery. Redwood Hwy. 101. Explore the Trees of Mystery. Take a journey on the Sky Trail Gondola. Visit the museum. Walk among redwood carvings. CLIA member. 800/638-3389; tfofm@treesofmystery.net; treesofmystery.net See ad, p. 73

LAKE COUNTY

Clear Lake. Find more than 100 miles of shoreline in this watersport mecca—the largest natural freshwater lake

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wholly within California. On land, explore a burgeoning wine region that produces impressive Cabernets and Sauvignon Blanc. 800/525-3743; lakecounty.com

LAKEPORT

Lakeport Historic Courthouse Museum. Local history and pioneer artifacts. 707/263-4555; co.lake.ca.us

LEGETT

Drive-Thru Tree Park. Enjoy a hike or picnic in this redwood grove. 707/925-6464; drivethrutree.com

LITTLE RIVER

Van Damme State Park. Find a scenic trail system and kayak tours. 707/937-5804; parks.ca.gov

LOLETA

Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge. View wildlife, hike, and bird-watch. 707/733-5406; fws.gov

MANCHESTER

Manchester State Park. Find a beach, sand dunes, and grasslands. 707/882-2463; parks.ca.gov

MCKINLEYVILLE

Azalea State Natural Reserve. Enjoy springtime blooms. 707/488-2041; parks.ca.gov

MENDOCINO

Mendocino Headlands State Park. Miles of trails wind along Mendocino cliffs. 707/937-5804; parks.ca.gov

Point Cabrillo Light Station. A fully restored lighthouse. 707/937-6123; pointcabrillo.org

MIDDLETOWN

Langtry Estate & Vineyards. Enjoy a glass of wine at this graceful estate. 707/995-7521; langtryestate.com

MYERS FLAT

Shrine Drive-Thru Tree. Drive through a redwood tree on the Avenue of the Giants. 707/943-1975; visitredwoods.com

NAVARRO

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SIP

One of the Bay Area's best booze crawls is **Spirits Alley** at Alameda Point, a former Naval Air Station reinvented as a drinking destination with breweries, distilleries, and wineries for your tasting pleasure. Start with a guided tour at St. George Spirits or Hangar 1 Vodka, then chase the hard stuff with a glass of local grape juice from Rock Wall or Building 43 Winery. Close your crawl on the patio at Faction Brewing, where the beer is cold and the San Francisco skyline spreads before you like a mirage. alamedaca.gov/visitors/spirits-alley



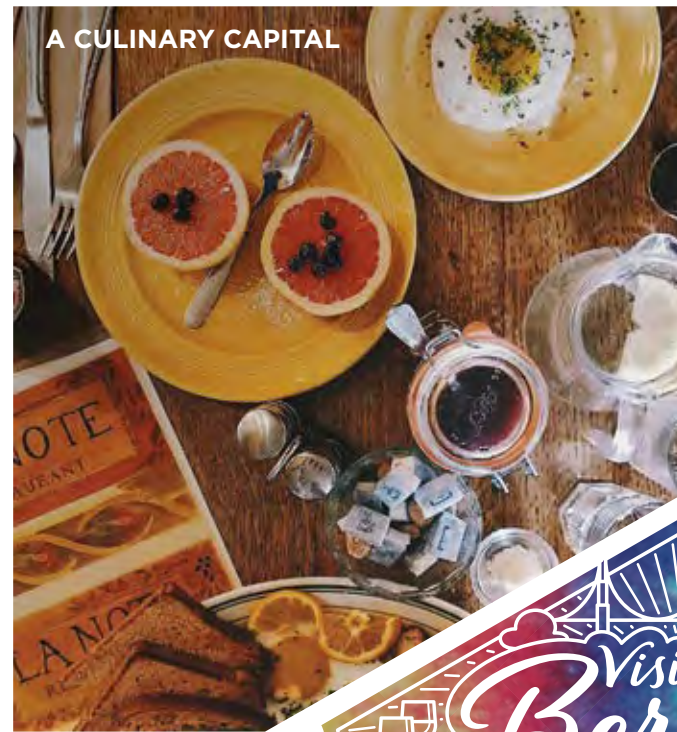
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SEE

The massive elephant seals at **Año Nuevo State Park** near Pescadero cut a distinctive silhouette, with the males sporting giant fleshy snouts used to attract females and fend off challengers. While the creatures went nearly extinct in the late 1800s, they've rebounded tremendously, with nearly 10,000 animals returning to this park annually to mate, give birth, and molt. The best way to get to know the seals is on a guided walk—do-cents lead guests on a distinctly Californian safari past newborn pups and 4,000-pound alphas. parks.ca.gov



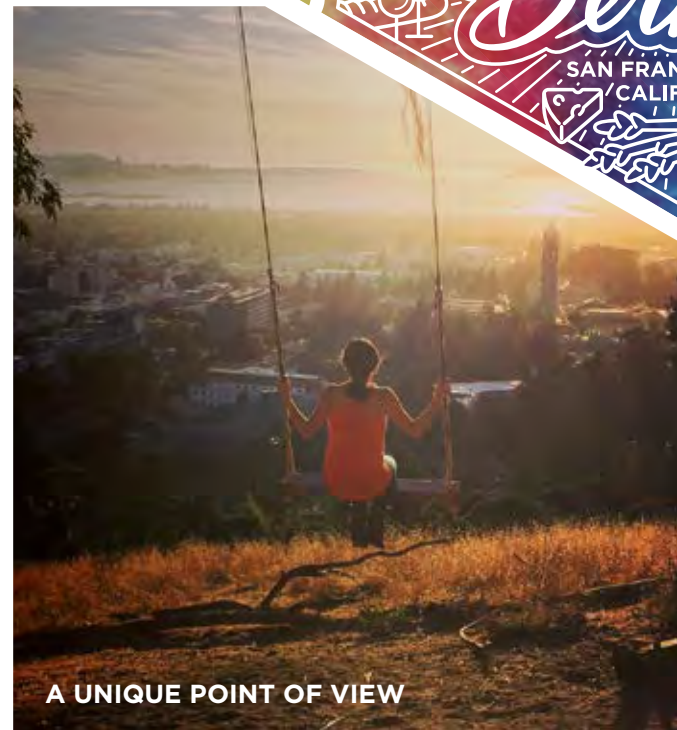
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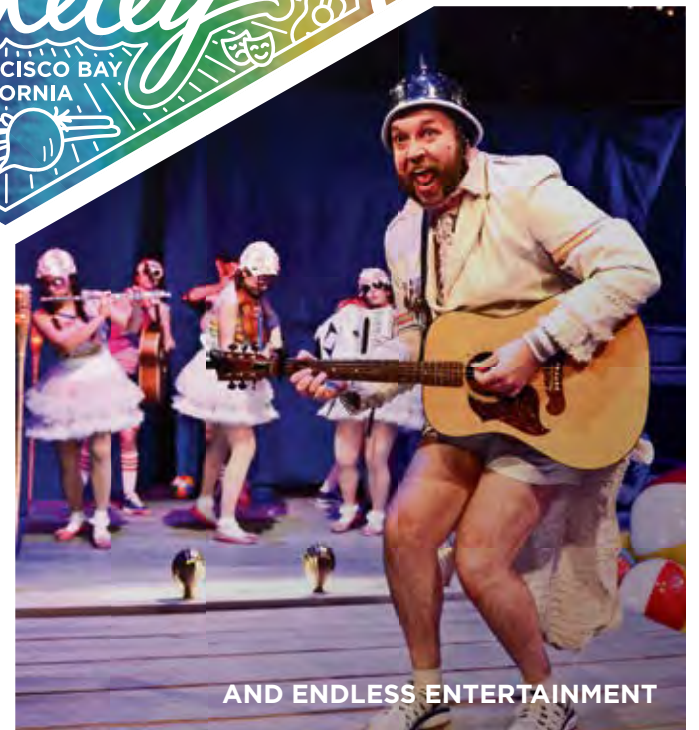
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DINE

After meeting at Lisbon's acclaimed Restaurant Eleven, chef couple David Costa and Jessica Carreira returned to the latter's hometown to open **Adega**, a comfortable-yet-refined eatery in San Jose's Little Portugal. Here Costa creates elevated dishes rooted in traditional Portuguese flavors, Carreira turns out brilliant desserts, and the wine list boasts vintages rarely seen this side of the Atlantic. The pair's efforts earned the city its first Michelin star and transformed a modest restaurant into a dining destination. adegarest.com



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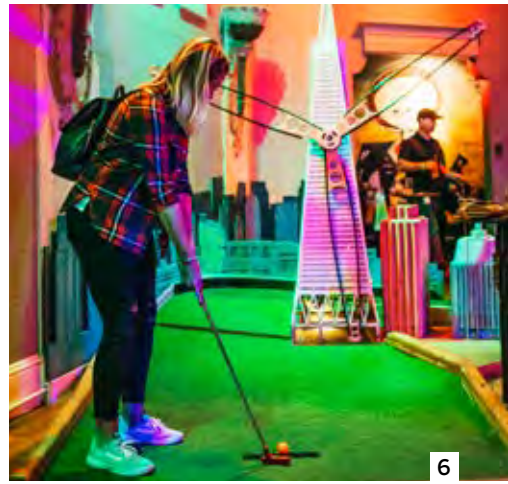
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THE GRID

San Francisco's Hidden Gems

Get to know the City by the Bay beyond the big landmarks

From the Golden Gate Bridge to the Painted Ladies, San Francisco's most popular attractions have been documented endlessly. Leslie Santarina, the blogger behind Spotted SF and author of *500 Hidden Secrets of San Francisco*, makes a point to seek out less-familiar corners. Here are a few of her favorite finds: **1. St. Francis Fountain** This 100-year-old diner specializes in giant breakfasts and ice cream sundaes. 2801 24th St. **2. Primavera** Saturday mornings are for fresh tamales and chilaquiles. *Ferry Plaza Farmers Market* **3. Andy Goldworthy Sculptures** The British artist's installations are made from fallen trees. *The Presidio* **4. Bourbon & Branch** Make a reservation to nab the password for this retro speakeasy. 501 Jones St. **5. Portals of the Past** These pillars survived the earthquake of 1906. *Golden Gate Park* **6. Urban Putt** Cocktails + whimsical indoor mini-golf = perfect date night. 1096 S. Van Ness Ave **7. Faery Door** Visitors leave trinkets behind this whimsical artwork built into a log. *Golden Gate Park* **8. Bob's Donuts** Fresh, classic donuts—all day, every day. 1621 Polk St. **9. The Cheese School** Learn to make and pair cheese at these hands-on classes. *Ghirardelli Square, 900 North Point St.*



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Seacliff State Beach. Known for its fishing pier, the beach also has a long stretch of sand backed by bluffs and is a popular swimming spot. The weather can be changeable; layered clothing is recommended. 831/685-6500; parks.ca.gov

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Tilden Regional Park. Take a carousel ride, bring a picnic, swim at Lake Anza or take a stroll through the botanic garden. There's something for everyone and plenty of quiet places, too. 510/544-2747; ebparks.org

University of California, Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive. One of the largest university art museums in the United States, with a gallery, store, theaters, and a café in downtown Berkeley. 510/642-0808; bampfa.berkeley.edu

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Sonoma Coast State Park. Find long sandy beaches below rugged headlands, a craggy coastline with natural arches, and secluded coves. Foggy summer mornings usually shift to cool ocean breezes in the afternoon. 707/875-3483; parks.ca.gov

BOULDER CREEK
Big Basin Redwoods State Park. Established in 1902, the state's oldest park is home to the largest continuous stand of ancient coast redwoods south of San Francisco. With 80 miles of trails, be sure to pick up a map at park headquarters before you begin your hike. 831/338-8860; parks.ca.gov

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Sharpsteen Museum. Unique dioramas depict Calistoga in the 1860s, when the elegant hot springs resort was developed by California's first millionaire, and permanent exhibits present the history of the upper Napa Valley from its pre-history to post-World War I. 707/942-5911; sharpsteenmuseum.org

CAPITOLA

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Eugene O'Neill (Tao House) National Historic Site. Visit the home where this first American playwright to win the Nobel Prize for Literature penned *Long Day's Journey Into Night*. Reservations are required. 925/838-0249; nps.gov/euon

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FELTON

Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park. Hike or bike through a variety of forested areas that include redwoods, evergreens, and ponderosa pines. Trails vary in length and elevation; picnic areas are available. 831/335-4598; parks.ca.gov

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Austin Creek State Recreation Area. Home to a rich diversity of native plants and animals, discover open woodlands, rolling hills, and meadows. Features family campsites and a number of hiking trails. 707/869-2015; parks.ca.gov

Russian River Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Centers. Surrounded by ancient redwoods in the heart of Sonoma Wine Country, the Russian River is a unique vacation destination that includes a number of eclectic towns. 707/869-9000; russianriver.com

HALF MOON BAY

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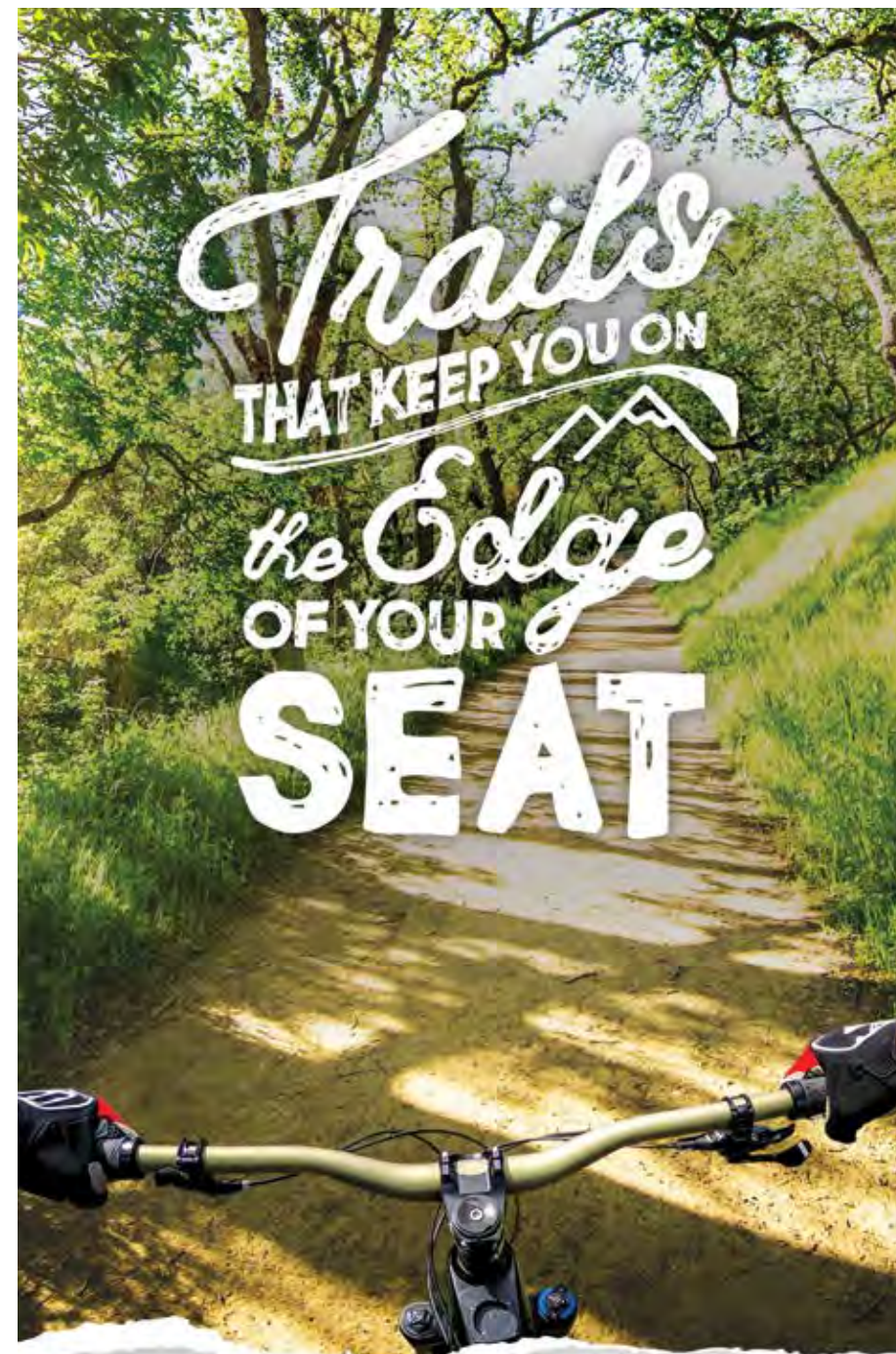
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Año Nuevo State Reserve. Take a 3–4 mile hike to view elephant seals; obtain a free visitor's permit daily from the entrance station. There is also the Marine Education Center with natural history exhibit, bookstore, and theater. 650/879-2025; parks.ca.gov

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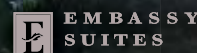


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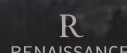
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Lady Bird

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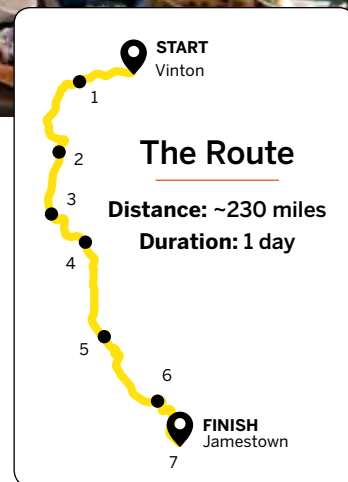
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Gold Country



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1. Sierraville
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4. Coloma
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6. Angels Camp
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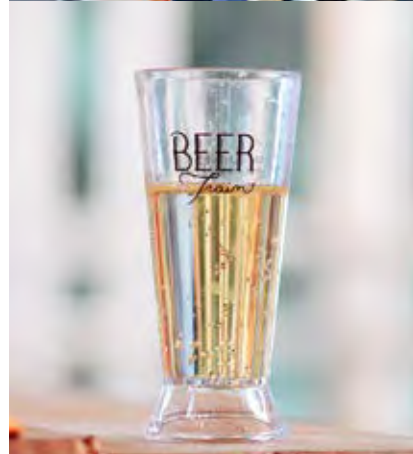
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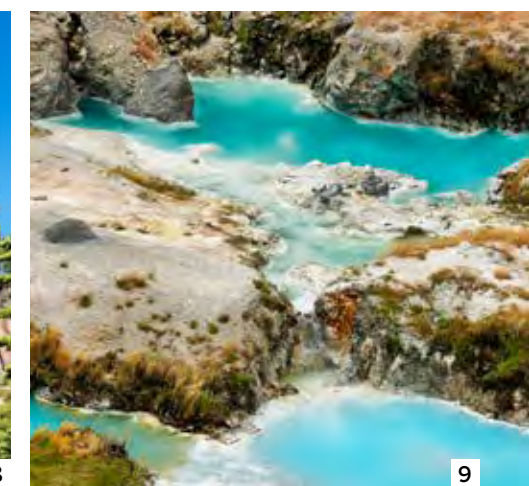
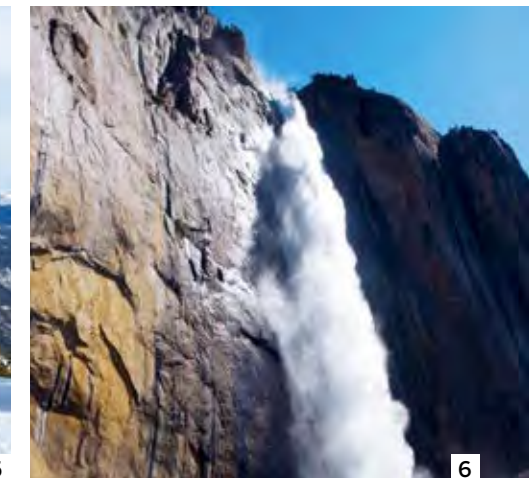
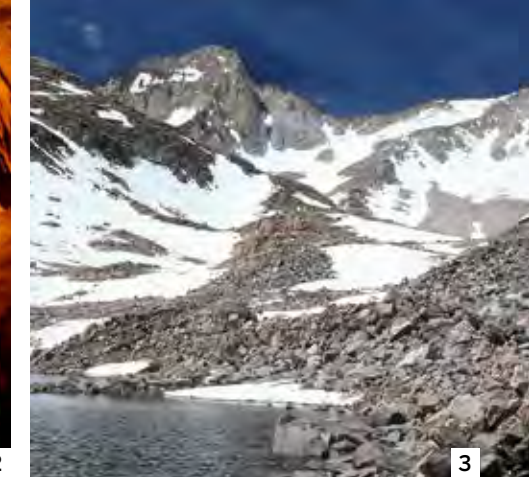
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Robert Lewis

Bear sightings, pepperoni pizza, and alpine hikes are all part of a day's work for Robert Lewis, a park ranger at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. We asked him to share his best tips for enjoying the majestic parks.

Best easy hike for visitors? Head for Moro Rock before 9 a.m., climb to the top, and look down into the Central Valley and enjoy the views. Visibility can be hazy depending on the air quality, which can lead to a good discussion about what we can do to reduce ozone pollution.

What's your favorite park animal? The mountain chickadee, which I call the "cheeseburger bird" because of the way its call sounds. After several days in the backcountry, the chickadee's call reminds me of what I crave—a cheeseburger, fries, and an ice-cold Diet Coke.

Where should visitors go to see bears? Go to a place like Crescent Meadow or Halstead Meadow at sunset or sunrise. Walk silently and listen for the sound of bears rooting around. (And don't forget to protect our bears by storing food and scented items in bear boxes.)

What's your favorite park holiday? Labor Day. The crowds disperse, there are less mosquitoes, it's cooler during the day, and evenings are perfect for sleeping outdoors. Soon the fall colors will begin.

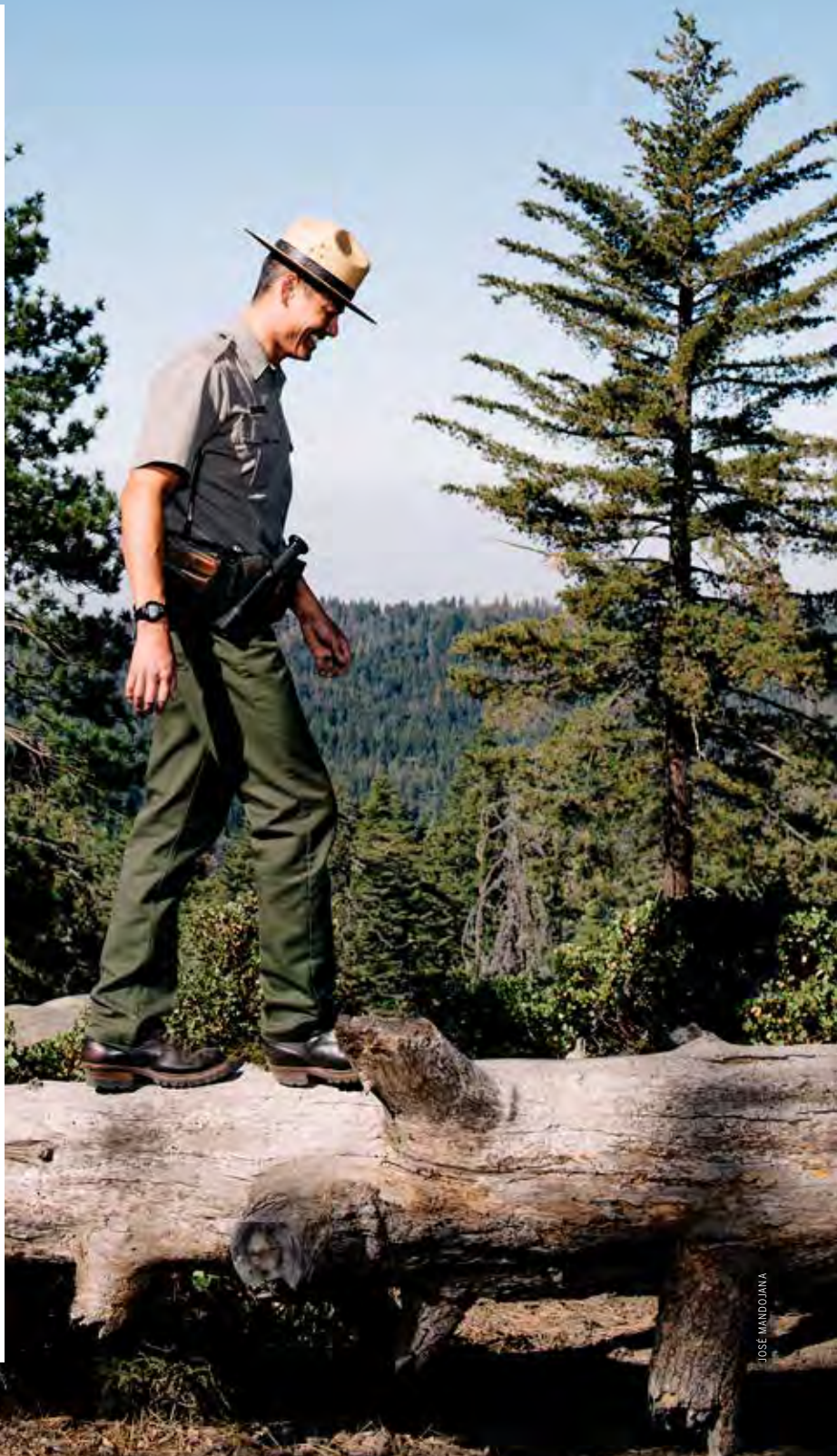
Favorite food stop in the parks? I get a pepperoni pizza at Stony Creek Lodge whenever I'm driving between the two parks.

Favorite sunset spot? In winter, it's Triple Divide Pass, where three crests come together.

Favorite spot to begin the day? In summer, I love seeing the sunrise in the aptly named Evolution Basin as the new day dawns.

How can visitors help protect Sequoia and Kings Canyon? Leave the areas you visit cleaner than you found them and leave no trace of your visit. Become stewards of the park.

What's the best part of your job? Sometimes when the visitor center is closed, a motivated parent will track me down to administer the Junior Ranger oath to their child. It's a great feeling to pin the new recruit into the order. nps.gov/seki



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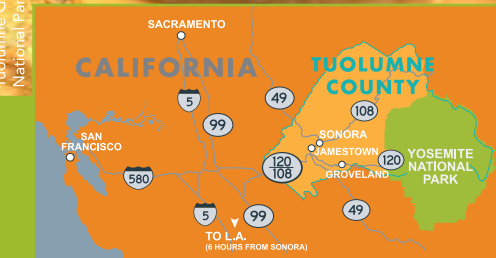
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Jelly Belly

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TASTE

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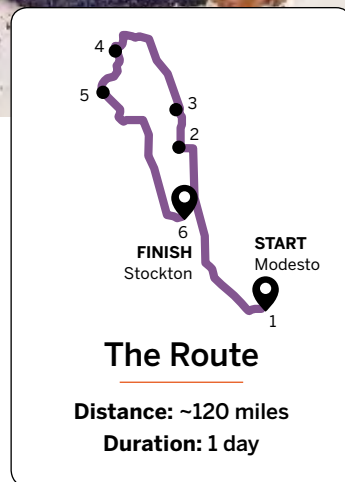
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StreetZlan



ROAD TRIP

Central Valley Foodie Road Trip

This meandering drive begins in Modesto and loops back through the Delta, where you'll find vintage restaurants, premium wineries, and fresh, delicious produce

1. Modesto

Mr. T's Delicate Donut Shop officially made it to *The A Team* after earning honors as one of America's top 15 destinations for the fluffy pastry. For sit-down breakfasts in a down-home setting, head to Cahoots Corner Café in nearby Oakdale for favorites such as the chicken-fried steak.

2. Lodi

Zinfandel fans flock here for premium wines produced from grapes grown on ancient vines—some nearly 140 years old. Get the lay of the land at the Lodi Wine & Visitor Center, then stop at Michael David Winery for some of the region's best.

3. Galt

In a beautifully restored 19th-century building, Brewsters Bar & Grill cooks up contemporary comfort foods. Over at Pastosa by Lucia, such favorites as the house-made gnocchi have brought the flavors of Italy to town. And the eclectic street foods

at StreetZlan range from chicken and waffles to smoked brisket tacos.

4. Clarksburg

Discover the area's surprising wine



Michael David Winery

country at the Old Sugar Mill, a onetime beet sugar refinery that's now home to 15 wineries. Nearby, tiny Julietta Winery is known for its Chenin Blanc—best savored in a new tasting area shaded by oak trees.

5. Delta Farms & Winery Trail

This route leads to numerous fruit and vegetable farms while following State Highway 160 and the Sacramento River. In Courtland, three varieties of organic pears grow at Steamboat Acres, a sixth-generation family farm. Tomato lovers should check out Delta Islands Organic Farm, where you can choose from 40 varieties.

6. Stockton

Step back in time at Genova Bakery, an old-school Italian deli that opened in 1918. (Try to leave room for cannolis.) For more than 40 years, Dave Wong's has been the place for traditional Cantonese fare, as well as such surprises as a white fish steamed in banana leaf.

A PERFECT DAY IN...

Fresno

Surrounded by orchards and farmland, the Central Valley's biggest city also boasts a vibrant entertainment district

Walk in the Park
WOODWARD PARK

Explore Fresno's 300-acre urban oasis, where trails connect to routes along the San Joaquin River Parkway.

The park's highlight is the Shinzen Japanese Garden, a serene escape with a thatched-roof teahouse and a landscape that changes seasonally. Don't miss the bonsai garden, one of California's best.



Shinzen Japanese Garden

Into the Country

FRESNO COUNTY BLOSSOM TRAIL

Here in California's agricultural heartland, there are two drives-in-one along a 62-mile loop. In mid-February, orchards of apricots, almonds, and plums burst into color on the Fresno County Blossom Trail. From May into September, the route morphs into the Fresno Country Fruit Trail, where you'll find just-picked produce at farmstands.



Blossom Trail

Power Up With Breakfast

RED APPLE CAFE

A farm scene mural behind the counter and an inviting patio add to the appeal of this homey Fresno favorite known for its apple crunch French toast and such inventive combinations as homestyle potatoes topped with chorizo, Ortega chiles, scrambled eggs, and cheese.

Digging Fresno

FORESTIERE UNDERGROUND GARDENS

It gets hot in Fresno, so Sicilian immigrant Baldassare Forestiere took matters into his own hands—literally. He spent 40 years digging this remarkable 10-acre network of subterranean tunnels and chambers. Chill out as you tour his verdant creation, where fruit trees still grow.



Forestiere Underground Gardens

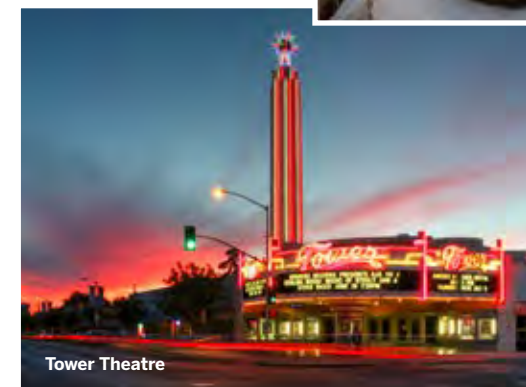
Do Do that JuJu
HOUSE OF JUJU

Swing into Old Town Clovis and bite into a juicy burger at this popular spot that recently moved into bigger digs. Take your pick of everything from bison to veggie burgers, all served on brioche buns. Select such variations as the JuJu Bleu—with bleu cheese, caramelized onions, and applewood smoked bacon.

Fresno After Dark

TOWER DISTRICT

The neon-lit, 1939 Art Deco Tower Theatre is this historic neighborhood's hub and hosts performances by such stars as Graham Nash and Travis Tritt. Preshow, head to the trattoria Oggi Così Si Mangia for its authentic Italian cuisine. After the concert, choose from 45 beers on tap at eccentric Goldstein's Mortuary & Delicatessen (which is actually neither).



Tower Theatre

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ANTIOCH

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BAKERSFIELD

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Bakersfield Museum of Art. Works by California artists from the 19th century. 661/323-7219; bmoa.org

Bakersfield Speedway. The West's fastest 1/3-mile high-banked clay oval. 661/393-3373; bakersfieldspeedway.com

California Living Museum. Butterfly and Hummingbird Garden and Children's Park. 661/872-2256; calmzoo.org

BALlico

McConnell State Recreation Area. Camp along the banks of the Merced River. 209/394-7755; parks.ca.gov

BUTTONWILLOW

Buttonwillow Raceway Park. Find three tracks, plus racing clinics. 661/764-5333; buttonwillowraceway.com

Tule Elk State Reserve. Enjoy nature, bird-watching, wildlife, and a picnic area. 661/764-6881; parks.ca.gov

BYRON

Bethany Reservoir State Recreation Area. Fishing, windsurfing, and biking. 209/532-0150; parks.ca.gov

CLARKSBURG

Old Sugar Mill. Sample wines from a unique community of 11 wineries. 916/744-1615; oldsugarmill.com

CLOVIS

Wild Water Adventure Park. Exciting water slides, wave pools, and family fun. 559/299-9453; wildwater.net

COALINGA

R.C. Baker Memorial Museum. Local history. View fossils, gems, and native artifacts. 559/935-1914

COLUSA

Colusa Sacramento River State Recreation Area. Fishing and bird-watching. 530/458-4927; parks.ca.gov

DAVIS

C.N. Gorman Museum. Fine art in a wide range of media on UC Davis campus. 530/752-6567; gormanmuseum.ucdavis.edu

Explorit Science Center. Hands-on science discovery. 530/756-0191; explorit.org

Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts. Enjoy live dance, music, and theatrical performances. 866/754-2787; mondaviarts.org

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UC Davis Arboretum. View exhibits and demonstration plantings. 530/752-4880; arboretum.ucdavis.edu

Vic Fazio Yolo Wildlife Area. Home to nearly 200 species of birds. 530/757-2461; yolobasin.org

DELANO

Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park. Allensworth was a town founded by African Americans in 1908; today it's a bike-friendly historic site with restored and reconstructed early 20th-century buildings. 661/849-3433; parks.ca.gov

Kern National Wildlife Refuge. See diverse wildlife and habitats; take an auto tour. 661/725-2767; fws.gov

EXETER

Downtown Exeter. Enjoy 29 outdoor art murals, shopping, and great food. cityofexeter.com

Kawah Oaks Preserve. Hike along four self-guided trails. 559/738-0211; sequoiaiverlands.org

FAIRFIELD

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FRESNO

African American Historical & Cultural Museum of the San Joaquin Valley. View rotating and permanent displays. 559/544-1857; aahcmsjv.org

Fresno Art Museum. Significant exhibitions and thought-provoking programs. 559/441-4221; fresnoartmuseum.org

Fresno/Clovis Convention & Visitors Bureau. 1180 E. Shaw Ave. Fresno County: California's only metropolitan hub centered between 3 national parks. Wineries, blossom trail, farm-to-fork cuisine. 800/788-0836; info@fresnocvb.org; playfresno.org @VisitFresnoCounty See ad, p. 119

Kearney Mansion Museum. Tour the museum to learn about local history and view original furnishings. 559/441-0862; historicfresno.org/nrhp/kearney.htm

The Discovery Center. Kid-friendly exhibits. 559/251-5533; fresnodiscoverycenter.org

Veterans Memorial Museum. Exhibits tell the story of America's wars. 559/498-0510; fresnovetsmuseum.com

FRIANT

Millerton Lake State Recreation Area. Swim and boat along 40 miles of shoreland. 559/822-2332; parks.ca.gov

GALT

Cosumnes River Preserve. Hike through 11 miles of pristine trail. 916/684-2816; cosumnes.org

Rae House Museum. A restored pioneer home, circa 1868. 209/745-0951; galthistory.org

GLENNVILLE

Greenhorn Mountain Park. Find picnic tables and 70 family campsites. 661/868-7000; kerncountyparks.org

GUINDA

Full Belly Farm. Take part in farm dinners, open farm day, and more. 530/796-2214; fullbellyfarm.com

GUSTINE

Pacheco State Park. Enjoy spring wildflowers and scenic vistas. 209/826-6283; parks.ca.gov

Romero Overlook Visitors Center. 385-foot-tall rock and earthfill dam. 209/827-5353; water.ca.gov/recreation

HANFORD

Hanford Carnegie Museum. Learn about the area's history. 559/584-1367; hanfordcarnegiemuseum.org

Taoist Temple Museum. Tour the temple (by appointment) and view artifacts from Chinese railroad laborers. 559/582-4508; chinaalley.com

HILMAR

George J. Hatfield State Recreation Area. See wildlife, hike, swim, fish, and picnic. 209/632-1852; parks.ca.gov

Hilmar Cheese Company. Learn about cheesemaking. 209/656-1196; hilmarcheese.com/visitor_center

ISLETON

Delta Loop Visitors Bureau. Find information to help you plan your visit. 916/777-4041; californiadelta.org

KEENE

National Chavez Center. Be inspired by Cesar Chavez's legacy and values. 661/823-6134; chavezfoundation.org

LE GRAND

Bright's Pioneer Exhibit. View a collection of tractors, farm items, and vintage equipment. 209/389-4511

LEBEC

Fort Tejon State Historic Park. View 400-year-old valley oak trees and restored adobes from the original fort. 661/248-6692; parks.ca.gov

LEMOORE

Sarah A. Mooney Museum. Discover the history of the community. sarahmooneymuseum.org

LOCKE

Dai Loy Gambling House Museum. Artifacts from the Delta. 916/776-1661; locke-foundation.org

LODI

Lodi Lake Park. Swim, kayak, and boat along a large sandy beach area. 209/333-6742; lodi.gov

Lodi Wine Trail. With 85+ wineries, find tasting rooms large and small. 209/365-1195; visitlodi.com

Micke Grove Zoo. A five-acre zoo that features exotic lemurs and tortoises. 209/331-7270; mgzoo.com

LOS BANOS

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Madera County Arts Council & Circle Gallery. Historic sites, museums. 559/661-7005; maderaarts.org

MANTECA

Applegate Park Zoo. See California native and global wildlife, and feed goats. 209/725-3337; mercedzoo.org

Manteca Historical Museum. Artifacts and thousands of photographs. 209/825-3021; mantecamuseum.org

MARICOPA

Carrizo Plain National Monument. See diverse wildlife and plant species. 661/391-6000; blm.gov

MERCED

Merced Agricultural Museum. Find out how farmers used to work and live. 209/724-8104; visitmerced.travel

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Oakdale Cowboy Museum. Commemorates local ranchers. 209/847-7049; oakdalecowboymuseum.org

OLIVEHURST

Honda Food Culture Museum. Learn about the importance of world food culture. 530/749-0568

ORLAND

Heritage Trail and Orland Newville and Pacific Railroad. Local history. 530/865-1168; cityoforland.com

PORTERVILLE

Giant Sequoia National Monument. View the world's largest tree and groves of large sequoias. 559/784-1500; fs.usda.gov

PRATHER

Sierra National Forest. Enjoy the solitude of the wilderness and lakeside camping. 559/297-0706; fs.usda.gov

REEDLEY

Reedley Museum. Learn about the area's history. Open Tuesdays and Saturdays. 559/638-1913; reedley.com

RIO VISTA

Brannan Island State Recreation Area. Discover a maze of waterways. 916/777-6671; parks.ca.gov

Real McCoy and J-Mack Ferries. Ride the Delta's last car ferries. 510/286-5206; dot.ca.gov/d4/deltaferries

RIPON

Caswell Memorial State Park. Home to a riparian oak woodland; go camping and hiking. 209/599-3810; parks.ca.gov

SANGER

Sanger Depot Museum. Learn about the rich history of this boomtown city, known as "the Nation's Christmas Tree City." 559/787-3063; sangerdepotmuseum.com

SANTA NELLA

California Korean War Veterans Memorial. Pay respect to the nearly 2,500 Californians who lost their lives fighting in the Korean War. 209/854-1040; kwva.org

SHAFTER

Shafter Depot Museum. View railroad, agriculture, and local history exhibits, including an agent's office filled with original timetables and tickets. 661/746-1557; shafterdepotmuseum.org

STOCKTON

Central Valley Tourism Association. Food and wine are abundant in this region filled with orchards, vineyards, and farms. Find museums, galleries, live entertainment, and events! visitcentralvalley.com See ad, p. 119

SUISUN CITY

Grizzly Island Wildlife Area. View nature on a self-guided hiking trail. 707/425-3828; wildlife.ca.gov

Western Railway Museum. 5848 Hwy. 12. Experience California's golden past with an hour-long train ride through the California Delta on historic streetcars and electric interurbans. Open year-round. Picnic area. 707/374-2978; info@wrm.org; wrm.org See ad, p. 89

TAFT

West Kern Oil Museum, Inc. Experience the region's oil heritage. 661/765-6664; westkern-oilmuseum.org

TEHACHAPI

Tehachapi Loop. Watch trains wind up a famous loop. 661/333-5932; visittehachapi.com

TRACY

Tracy Historical Museum. Experience the rich history of the region. 209/832-7278; tracymuseum.org

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

Travis Air Force Base Heritage Center. Aviation history. 707/424-5883; travisheritagecenter.org

VACAVILLE

Vacaville Museum. Learn about the value of community heritage. 707/447-4513; vacavillemuseum.org

VISALIA

Sequoia Tourism Council. Home to Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks, Tulare County invites you to explore the biggest trees, tallest mountains, and charming downtowns offering restaurants, festivals, events, and lodging. Start your adventure at discoverthesequoias.com See ad, p. 119

Sacramento Valley Museum. View artifacts, textiles, and documents. 530/473-2978; sacvalleymuseum.org

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WILLOWS

Mendocino National Forest. Camp, hike, backpack, boat, and watch for wildlife at this sprawling monument. 530/934-3316; fs.usda.gov

Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge. Enjoy geocaching and a six-mile auto tour. 530/934-2801; fws.gov

WINTERS

The Palms Playhouse. See national touring bands, regional stars in an intimate setting with a rotating menu of local craft beers and wines. 530/795-1825; palmsplayhouse.com

WOODLAND

California Agriculture Museum. View antique tractors and artifacts. 530/666-9700; californiaagmuseum.org

Woodland Opera House State Historic Park. Applaud live performances ranging from big-production musicals to family-friendly theatre. 530/666-9617; woodlandoperahouse.org

YUBA CITY

Community Memorial Museum. Explore the cultural heritage of Sutter County, including more than 15,000 artifacts and over 7,000 photographs. 530/822-7141; suttercountymuseum.org

Central Coast

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One of many jewels at Hearst Castle is the Neptune Pool, built in the 1920s under architect Julia Morgan and enlarged twice over the decades. The latest renovation, completed in 2018, included restoration of the Art Deco statues and replacement of thousands of marble tiles, sourced from the original Vermont quarry.

Central Coast

TASTE

Take a break from wine tasting in Carmel Valley and discover premium olive oils and vinegars at **The Quail & Olive**. Sourced from California olives, including Carmel Valley farms, the selection includes oils pressed from single-fruit varieties such as Arbequina and Koroneiki olives. There are also blends and oils infused with blood orange or jalapeño. Not only is olive oil tasty, it's good for your skin, and the shop carries lotions and moisturizers as well. quailandolive.com



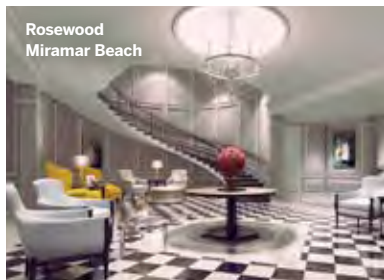
Ventana Big Sur

GLAMP

With an unforgettable setting among coastal redwoods, Ventana Big Sur has always been one of California's most appealing destinations. Now it has added a posh option for nature lovers: stays in safari-style tents complete with sinks, premium linens, and heated blankets at **Ventana's Redwood and Canyon Glampsites**. Still need more luxury? Pay an additional fee to access the pools, fitness center, and the Social House at the five-star resort, just up the hill. ventanabigsur.com

RIDE

While most of the vast dune system that extends south from Pismo Beach is off-limits to vehicles, the 5.5-mile stretch of **Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area** lets you drive along the surf and explore a section of the Central Coast's towering sea of sand. In fact, Oceano Dunes is the only California State Park that allows vehicles on the beach. And if you don't have your own sand-ready ride, local companies rent dune buggies and ATVs. ohv.parks.ca.gov



Rosewood Miramar Beach

STAY

Eighteen years after the historic Miramar By The Sea Hotel closed, the new oceanfront **Rosewood Miramar Beach** has opened at this prime 16-acre site. The Rosewood Miramar Beach Montecito updates a lodging-cottage vibe of its predecessor, the new Miramar features a lavish spa and elegant dining at the Beach House, the hotel's signature restaurant. One thing certainly hasn't changed: Miramar Beach remains one of Santa Barbara's most beautiful stretches of sand. rosewoodhotels.com

tradition that began nearly 130 years ago. Retaining the beach-cottage vibe of its predecessor, the new Miramar features a lavish spa and elegant dining at the Beach House, the hotel's signature restaurant. One thing certainly hasn't changed: Miramar Beach remains one of Santa Barbara's most beautiful stretches of sand.

PLAY

While the pros tee off at Pebble Beach Golf Links during the 2019 U.S. Open, golfers not named Woods and Spieth can challenge themselves nearby at **Pacific Grove Golf Links**. This leading municipal course actually has a lot in common with its Monterey Peninsula neighbor. Both have classic seaside finishing holes and Pebble's co-designer Jack Neville also created Pacific Grove's back nine. But some things set Pacific Grove apart: affordability, plus the West Coast's oldest continuously operating lighthouse towers over the course. playpacificgrove.com



Pacific Grove Golf Links



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Rated #1 on Trip Advisor, the Forbes 4-Star Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa is pleased to announce the completed renovation of their 290 guestrooms. The refreshingly classic resort offers coastal cuisine daily on the newly remodeled exterior patio at Schooners Coastal Kitchen & Bar, as well as luxurious spa treatments at the award-winning Vista Blue Spa. Enjoy a mindfully sourced cup of coffee and exquisite pastry at their new café, Tidal Coffee, before heading out to explore the Monterey Peninsula. For reservations, visit montereyplazahotel.com



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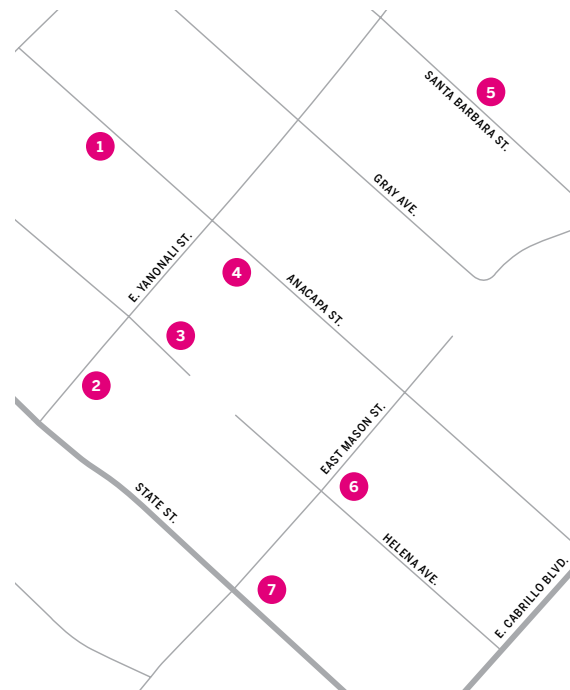


Hotel Californian

NEED-TO-KNOW NEIGHBORHOOD

Santa Barbara's Funk Zone

This walkable downtown district is the city's hippest spot for wine tasting, shopping, and dining



1 Mony's Mexican Food Taqueria

217 ANACAPA ST. Originally a food truck and now the Funk Zone's go-to taqueria, the hole-in-the-wall Mony's has incredible al pastor burritos, fish tacos, and a salsa bar with eight selections. monyssb.com

2 The Blue Door

4 E. YANONALI ST. Browse unique and repurposed furniture and novelties at this three-story store, where owners curate a variety of imaginative collections from dealers and designers. thebluedoorsb.com

3 Santa Barbara Urban Wine Trail

VARIOUS LOCATIONS With 16 winemakers, the Funk Zone is the heart of this tasting route. At The Valley Project, a chalk-art map depicts Santa Barbara's wine country, and you can taste varietals from each appellation. urbanwinetrailsb.com

4 Les Marchands

131 ANACAPA ST. Find regional varietals and thoughtfully curated European wines at this wine bar and merchant. Regulars love weekend brunch favorites such as the fried chicken with sourdough waffles. lesmarchandswine.com

5 The Waterline

120 SANTA BARBARA ST. While retaining hints of its warehouse past, The Waterline is now one of the Funk Zone's most appealing dining destinations. Find 20 brews on tap at Lama Dog Tap Room & Bottle Shop, or grab a short-rib burger at The Nook. waterlinesb.com

6 J7 Surfboards

24 E. MASON ST. This surf shop is inspired by the local point breaks and a dedication to traditional workmanship. Stop in for boards crafted by owner Jason Feist, as well as an array of J7 hoodies, hats, and T-shirts. j7surfdesigns.com

7 Hotel Californian

36 STATE ST. One block from the beach, this new Funk Zone landmark blends contemporary luxury with vintage style. Rooms feature Moroccan-inspired wall coverings and furnishings by designer Martyn Lawrence Bullard. thotelcalifornian.com

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ASK A WINEMAKER

Nora & Enrique Torres

Winemaker Enrique Torres recently opened Diablo Paso, a downtown Paso Robles tasting room, with his wife, Nora. They share their favorite area destinations.

What's so special about Paso Robles?

Nora: It's really a place where you can bring everyone in the family, from your pets to your grandma. And it's a great value—the quality of wine here is so good for the price. And we're not at all snobby.

Where's a good place to start?

Enrique: The microclimates are incredible, and every winemaker has [his or her] own style. I usually ask people what varietals they like and what direction they're traveling. One good place to start is Taste in the Alley in downtown. They carry mostly small producers and you can try pretty much any Central Coast wine.

Where would you go for picnic supplies?

Nora: Di Raimondo's Italian Market & Cheese Shop. They have wonderful fresh-baked bread, two kinds of baguettes that they get from a woman in San Miguel up the road. There's an amazing selection of cheeses and meats.

Enrique: I go more for the small producers, and I personally like Brecon Estate on the west side. They have beautiful outdoor seating under the oak trees for picnics, and I'm a big fan of their wines. The staff is amazing too.

Any out-of-the-ordinary wine tasting experiences?

Nora: The LXV Wine Lounge downtown does an interactive cheese-and-spice pairing. They take one kind of cheese, then roll that cheese in different spice blends to pair with different wines. It's an amazing experience.

What if you're not that into wine in Paso?

Nora: Wine is still king, but the microbrews and the distilleries are on the rise here. There's really something for everyone.

Enrique: Tin City (a collection of winemakers and brewers in an industrial area) is just exploding; there's just so much happening. I usually go to the BarrelHouse Brewing Co., and the ciders are great at Tin City Cider. diablopasowines.com





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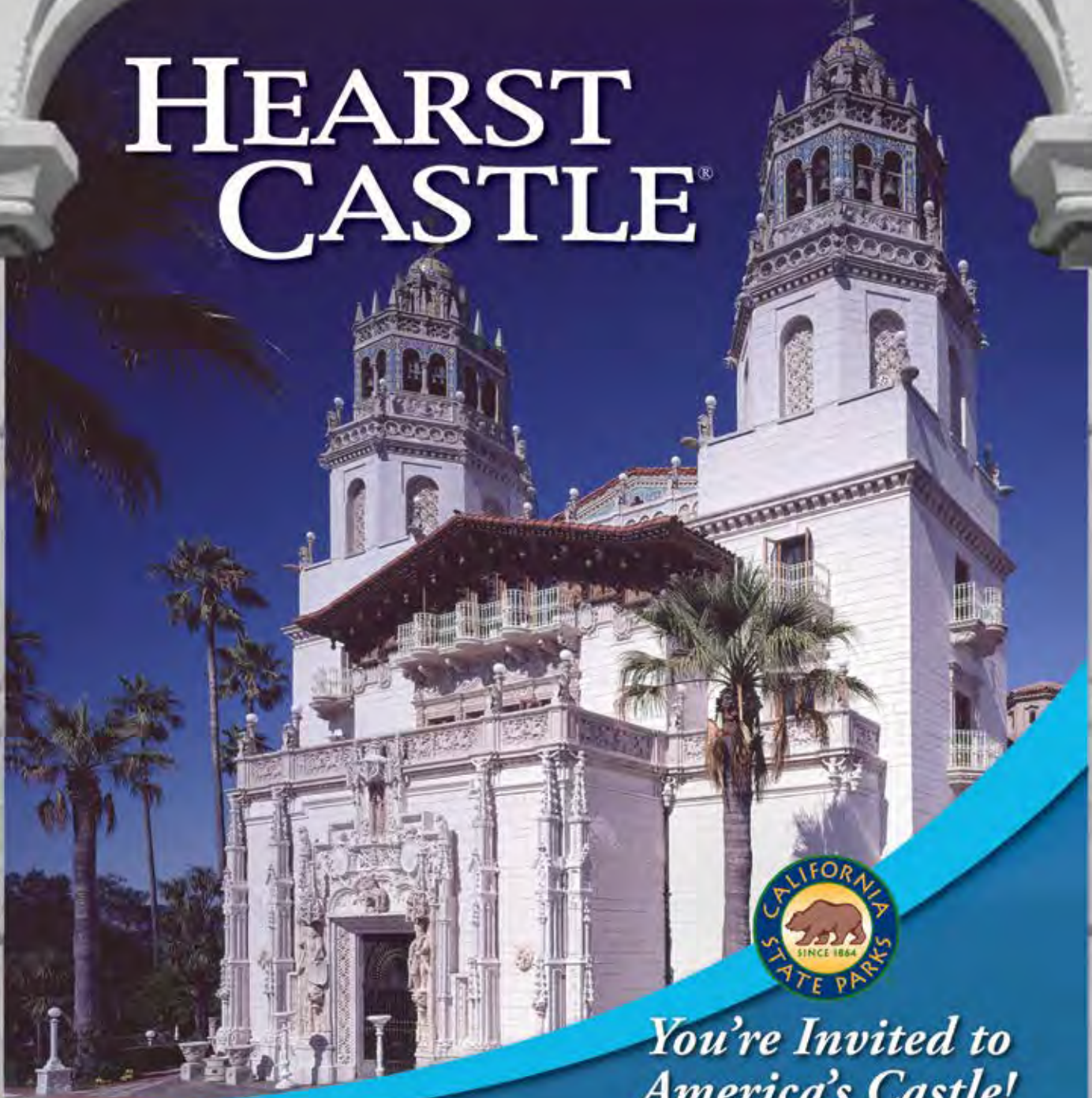
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CAMBRIA

Cambria Main Street. Find great food, shops, and galleries in this charming, quaint artists' colony. 805/927-3624; cambriachamber.org

CARMEL

Carmel Visitor Center. The visitor center has a variety of maps and brochures to help you plan a perfect day in Carmel. 800/550-4333; carmelcalifornia.com

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The Queen Mary

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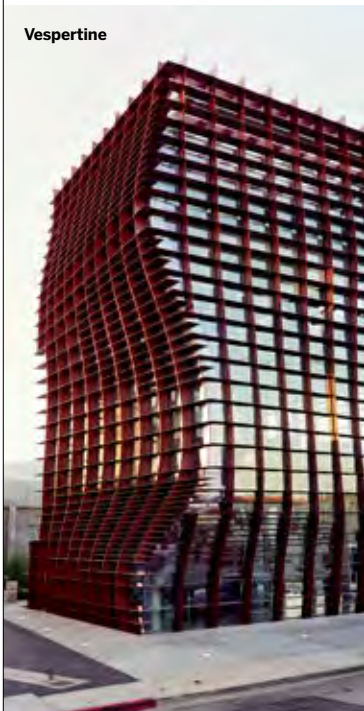
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Vespertine

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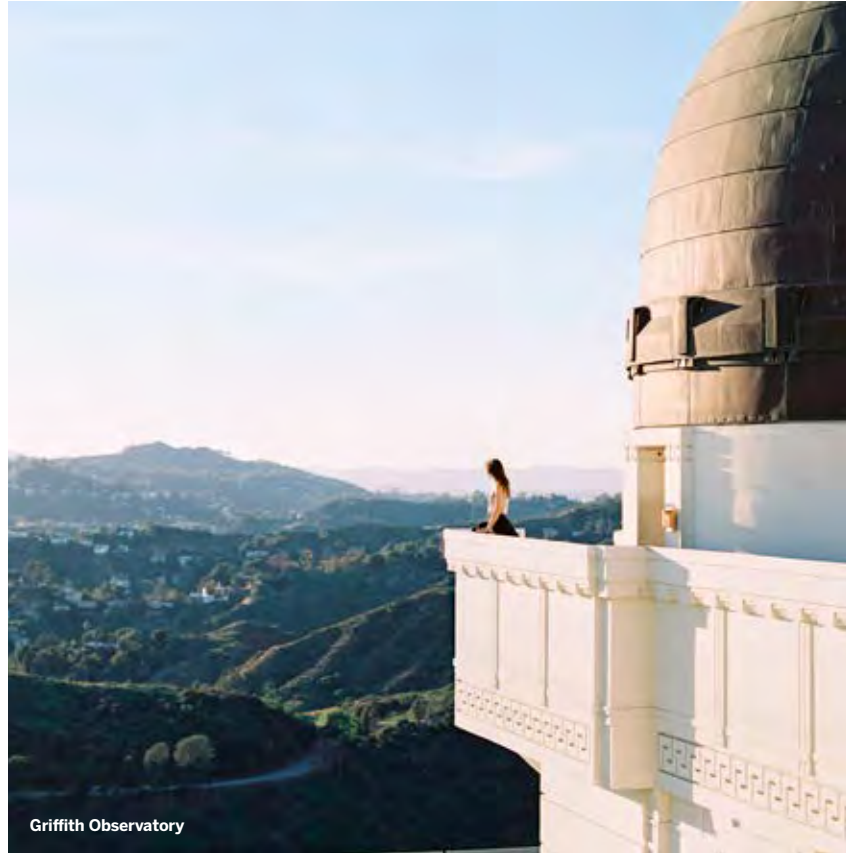
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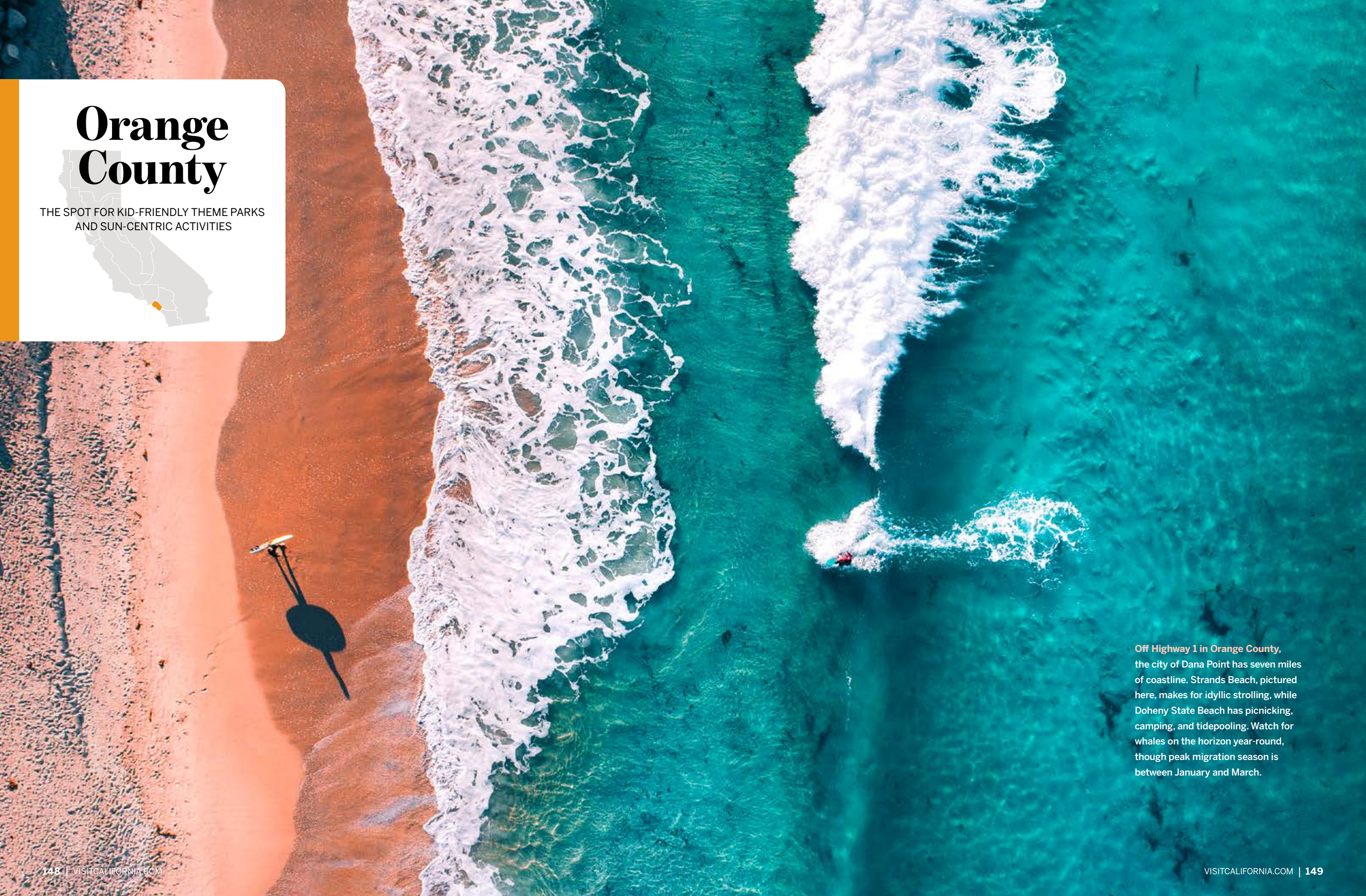
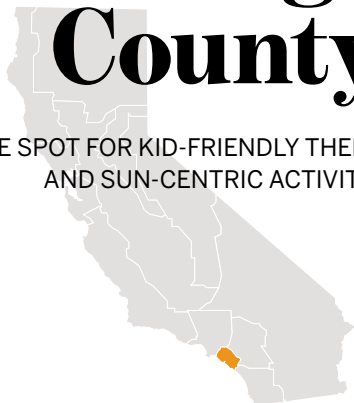
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Orange County



4th Street Market

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LEARN

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Lido Marina Village

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Splashes

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6 Fullerton Museum Center

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7 Fox Fullerton Theatre

512 N. HARBOR BLVD.
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ASK A CONCIERGE

Linda Hauser

As chief concierge at Montage Laguna Beach, Linda Hauser doesn't work far from where she grew up in Newport Beach. She loves Laguna for its unique blend of natural beauty and culture, and shares her favorites below.

What sets Laguna Beach apart from other beach towns? The first thing I think of is the art. Laguna is known for its plein air painting history, and the Redfern Gallery is excellent for that. Three of my other favorites are Sue Greenwood Fine Art, Salt Fine Art, and Peter Blake Gallery. They're more contemporary and really have outstanding art.

What about art festivals? I always hit the Sawdust Art & Crafts Festival. There's the charm of the sawdust and all of the different music—country bands and reggae. It's also kid-friendly, and you have local artists with everything from clothing to jewelry to paintings. Then, the Festival of Arts has juried art and is very upscale.

Any beach recommendations? Laguna's beaches are in coves, so each has its own character. The Montage is right at Treasure Island Beach, which has amazing tide pools. Brooks Street Beach is great for surfing, while Victoria Beach is the best for skimboarding. And when our guests hear about Thousand Steps Beach just south of us, they're really intrigued. It's not literally a thousand steps, but there are a lot that lead all the way down to a beautiful, pristine beach.

Is it easy to get out on the water? We work with La Vida Laguna, and they have kayak and paddleboarding tours that leave from Fisherman's Cove. You go by Seal Rock and up the coast, with amazing views of the cliffs and houses.

What about some casual local lunch spots? Taco Loco is very local and people just love it, especially for the fish tacos. It's casual—right on the street, with great people-watching. Another spot is La Sirena Grill for Mexican. There's one right across from us and also downtown. They have the charm of the old Laguna.

Any suggestions for a more elegant dinner? Our restaurant Studio sits right on the bluff and has views up and down the coast. But when people want to go off-property, I recommend Selanne Steak Tavern for steak and seafood in a charming, historic building. And Broadway by Amar Santana, who has been on *Top Chef*, has very creative American cuisine. montagehotels.com/lagunabeach



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HOTELS AND RESORTS

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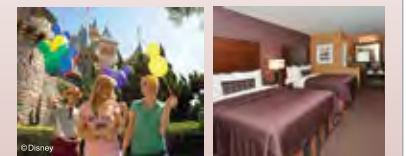
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Inland Empire



Glen Ivy Hot Springs

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PLAY

Come winter, **Big Bear Lake** becomes a haven for snow play. In addition to skiing and snowboarding, Big Bear's terrain is perfect for another thrill: tubing down snow-covered hills. Take your crew to Alpine Slide at Magic Mountain, Grizzly Ridge Tubing Park, or Big Bear Snow Play, where on selective nights, the slopes are lit up with vivid colors, transforming the snow into a glowing rainbow. bigbearsnowplay.com; bigbearmountainresort.com



Big Bear tubing

HIKE

The mile-high community of Oak Glen is known for autumn apple picking, but its natural beauty beckons all year long. At **Oak Glen Preserve**, walk five miles of family-friendly trails, watch for acorn woodpeckers in the oaks and sycamores, and see hummingbirds flit in the Southern California Montane Botanic Garden. The Wildlands Conservancy, California's largest non-profit nature preserve system, is headquartered here, so stop in to learn about education programs and conservation projects. wildlandsconservancy.org



Orange Street Alley

SEE

It's an Instagram dream come true: In downtown Redlands, 400 brightly colored umbrellas form a canopy over **Orange Street Alley**, rain or shine. The art installation adds a whimsical touch to the pedestrian alley's arched trellises, raised planters, and vibrant murals painted on brick walls. To see the camera-ready umbrellas, take a stroll between Orange and Fifth streets, or stop in for drinks at alley-front Copehouse Bar & Bistro. copehouse.com; redlands.com

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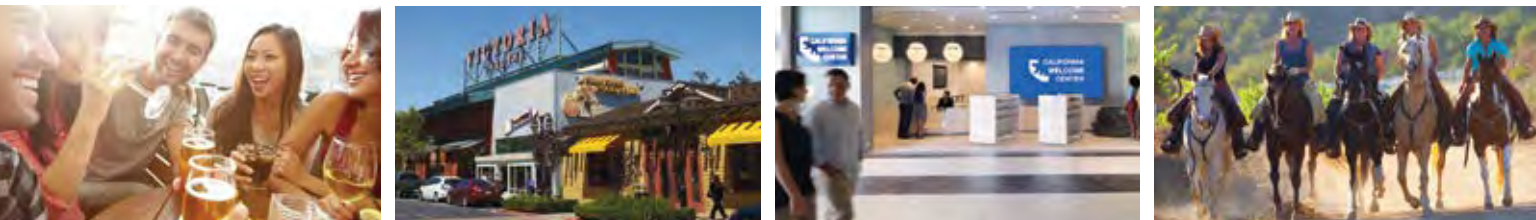
SIP

You don't have to know tannins or terroir to have fun at Temecula's **Wilson Creek Winery**, where an expansive picnic area, weekend concerts, and an outdoor bar serving wine slushies make you think you've crashed a really awesome party. Even if your palate leans toward Cabernet, you must taste the signature almond sparkling wine. Reserve a spot on the behind-the-scenes wine tour, which includes five tastings and a complimentary glass. wilsoncreekwinery.com



Wilson Creek Winery

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Le Chat Noir

Taste Classic French Cuisine

LE CHAT NOIR

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Explore 100 Years of Aviation History

MARCH FIELD AIR MUSEUM

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Riverside Art Museum

Go From Citrus to Culture

RIVERSIDE ART MUSEUM

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APPLE VALLEY

Victor Valley Museum. Learn about history, archaeology, anthropology, and more. 760/240-2111; sbcounty.gov/museum

BANNING

Gilman Historic Ranch & Wagon Museum. Pan for gold, hike scenic trails, and create traditional Native American crafts. 951/922-9200; rivcoparks.org

BEAUMONT

Cherry Festival. Take in this exciting four-day celebration of the cherry. 951/572-3197; beaumontcherryfestival.org

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Big Bear Mountain Brewery. Sip cold, handcrafted beer at over 6,000 feet above sea level. 909/866-2337; mountainbrewery.com

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CHINO

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Prado Regional Park. The 2,000-acre park is an ideal location to camp, fish, kayak, mountain bike, and hike. 909/597-4260; cms.sbcounty.gov

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COLTON

Fiesta Village Family Fun Park. Challenge friends to go-kart races and mini-golf, then splash around at the water park. 909/824-1111; fiestavillage.com

CORONA

Glen Ivy Hot Springs Spa. Take a dip in the hot springs and treat yourself to a relaxing day at the spa. 951/277-3529; glenivy.com

Tom's Farms. Shop for locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables. 951/277-4422; tomsfarms.com

CRESTLINE

Lake Gregory Regional Park. Picnic, sunbathe, or splash the day away at a waterpark on the lake. 909/338-2233; lakegregoryrecreation.com

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Lake Arrowhead

DEVOR

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HEMET

Diamond Valley Lake. Fish, hike, and view wildflowers along the surrounding trails of this freshwater lake. 951/765-2612; dvlake.com

HESPERIA

Silverwood Lake State Recreation Area. Keep a lookout for the occasional bald eagle as you boat, swim, and hike. 760/389-2281; parks.ca.gov

IDYLLWILD

Coyote Run. See waterfalls as you bike along a 2.8-mile stretch of Hurkey Creek Park. idyllwild.com

Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum. Learn about the rich history of the San Jacinto Mountains. 951/659-2717; idyllwildhistory.org

Idyllwild Nature Center. Take a guided tour along hiking, biking, or equestrian trails. 909/659-3850; rivcoparks.org

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LAKE ELSINORE

Lake Elsinore Diamond Stadium. Grab a snack, sit back, and enjoy some minor-league baseball fun. 951/245-4487; stormbaseball.com

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La Laguna Resort & Boat Launch. Enjoy rustic camping on a natural freshwater lake. 951/471-1212; lake-elsinore.org

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March Field Air Museum. Walk in the footsteps of U.S. war heroes; home to over 70 historic aircraft and 30,000 artifacts. 951/902-5949; marchfield.org

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MOUNTAIN CENTER

Lake Hemet. Surround yourself with scenic beauty as you swim, fish, and boat in the oak- and pine-shaded lake. 951/659-2680; lakehemetrecreation.com

MURRIETA

Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve. Discover woodlands, wetlands, and prairies at this hidden gem. 951/677-6951; rivcoparks.org

OAK GLEN

Los Rios Rancho. Enjoy “u-pick” apple orchards, horse-drawn carriage rides, “u-press” cider, and more. 909/797-1005; losriosrancho.com

Oak Tree Village. This 14-acre theme park features old-time shops, a petting zoo, and more. 909/797-4420; oaktreevillage.info

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Cucamonga Guasti Regional Park. Explore 150 acres of outdoor recreation space in an urban setting. 909/481-4205; cms.sbcounty.gov

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Orange Empire Railway Museum. Tootle along on restored trains and trolleys that helped shape modern life in Southern California. 951/943-3020; oerm.org

Ya’i Heki’ Regional Indian Museum at Lake Perris. Learn about local history and view Native American tribe exhibits. 951/940-5657; parks.ca.gov

RANCHO CUCAMONGA

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Rancho Cucamonga Quakes. Cheer for the local minor-league baseball team. 909/481-5000; rcquakes.com

REDLANDS

Asistencia Mission. Just east of the original Estancia site, visit reproductions built in the 1930s. 909/793-5402; sbcounty.gov

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Castle Park. Discover wild rides, miniature golf, arcade games, and other family-friendly attractions. 951/785-3000; castlepark.com

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Heritage House. This 1891 home depicts life at the turn of the century. 951/826-5273; riversideca.gov/museum

Jurupa Mountains Discovery Center. Learn about archaeology, geology, and more. 951/685-5818; jmhc.org

Metrolink. The Riverside Line is a commuter rail with 46 stops that runs from downtown Los Angeles to Riverside. 800/371-LINK; metrolinktrains.com

Rancho Jurupa Park. A popular camping park with excellent fishing. 951/684-7032; rivcoparks.org

Riverside Art Museum. 1929 building by architect Julia Morgan. 951/684-7111; riversideartmuseum.org

Sherman Indian Museum. View traditional Native American art. 951/276-6719; shermanindianmuseum.org

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San Jacinto Museum. Find a beautiful garden and a wealth of information and exhibits about the Valley’s past. 281/479-2421; sanjacinto-museum.org

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Temecula Duck Pond & Veteran’s Memorial. Honoring veterans, steps leading to the memorial are dedicated as “Paths of Honor.” 951/694-6444; temeculaca.gov

VICTORVILLE

California Route 66 Museum. In this popular Old Town institution, meander through three display rooms, take a selfie in a 1917 Model T Ford, and check out the gift shop. 760/951-0436; califrt66museum.org

Mojave Narrows Regional Park. Enjoy lush plant growth, acres of waterways, and broad meadows in this natural landscape. 760/245-2226; sbcounty.gov/parks

YUCAIPA

Yucaipa Regional Park. Activities include a swim complex with dual flume waterslides, fishing, and a beach area. 909/790-3127; sbcounty.gov/parks

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The Inn at Death Valley

SWIM

Dip into the desert's grandest swimming pool at **The Inn at Death Valley** (formerly Furnace Creek Inn). A chic hideaway since 1927, the newly renovated resort now has 66 gussied-up rooms, a revamped restaurant and bar, 22 brand-new casitas under shady palms, and a luxurious spa and fitness center. But the pool, with its nourishing 85°F water fed by underground springs, still draws the biggest oohs and aahs. oasisatdeathvalley.com

GAZE

See our planetary neighbors Mars and Jupiter, plus galaxies and star clusters up to 50 million light-years away, at the new **Rancho Mirage Observatory**. With the touch of a button, a 360-degree dome roof opens to the night sky, allowing expert astronomers as well as novice stargazers to see the heavens in amazing detail. The city-owned observatory offers free evening stargazing parties and regular tours. ranchomiragelibrary.org



Palm Springs Air Museum

FLY

The **Palm Springs Air Museum** shows off one of the world's finest collections of World War II aircraft, inside four climate-controlled hangars and outside on the tarmac. But these flashy vintage planes don't just sit around looking pretty. Book a seat for a flight in a C-47 Skytrain or P-51 Mustang, and you'll hear—and feel—the engines roar just like they did in the 1940s when these warbirds ruled the skies over Europe. palmspringsairmuseum.org

RIDE

Whatever tour you can dream up, California Overland Desert Excursions in **Anza-Borrego Desert State Park** can probably make it happen. The company's fleet of off-road vehicles—ranging from open-air jeeps to cushy military trucks—will take you through the vast



Anza-Borrego Desert State Park

stretches of California's largest state park. Customize a private tour to scope out spring wildflowers, or join a group for an adventure through wind caves. Or take advantage of Borrego's stargazing wonderland and book the Celestial Overnight, which includes telescope viewing and a gourmet dinner. californiaoverland.com

HIKE

An hour east of Palm Springs, **Ladder Canyon** serves up Disneyland-style fun and extraordinary geologic wonders. This pastel-hued slot canyon in the Mecca Hills Wilderness is brimming with giant boulders and dry waterfalls, but even novice hikers can roam its serpentine passages thanks to a series of metal ladders. Simply climb up the rungs, duck under a boulder, squeeze through narrow walls, and repeat. blm.gov/visit



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KIMPTON ROWAN PALM SPRINGS

Seven stories high, The Rowan Palm Springs Hotel boasts a chart-topping rooftop vista—on one side, the rugged drama of the San Jacinto Mountains; on the other, tree-lined Palm Canyon Drive. Maximize your viewing pleasure by dipping your feet into the 900-square-foot rooftop pool or tickle your taste buds with a sunset cocktail. The hotel, Palm Springs' tallest structure, was completed in 2017, but its clean-lined exterior and sleek furnishings exude mid-century modern cool. (There's also a bit of whimsy, like the 16-foot-tall macramé owl perched behind the reception desk.) For a big celebration, rent the top-floor suite with two wraparound balconies, a pool table, and a shower big enough for a tea party. rowanpalmsprings.com



Joshua Tree National Park

START
Palm Desert

FINISH
Desert Hot Springs

The Route

Distance: ~135 miles
Duration: 2 days

ROAD TRIP

Joshua Tree Weekend

Experience a desert dreamscape of jumbled boulder piles and spiky yuccas, visit a Western movie-set town, and soak in thermal mineral waters

1. Cottonwood Visitor Center

Start your adventure from any Coachella Valley city with a full gas tank. Take Interstate 10 east to Joshua Tree National Park's Cottonwood Visitor Center. Pick up maps, then drive north past swaths of smoke-tree-dotted desert.

2. Cholla Cactus Garden

Snap photos of teddybear cholla around this 10-acre garden, which fades into a backdrop of muted purple hills. Continuing north, you'll climb to the park's higher elevations, where the cartoonlike Joshua tree grows (it's actually a yucca species), and massive boulders come into view.

3. White Tank Campground

Take a quarter-mile walk to see Arch Rock, a graceful span of ivory-hued granite. Stop at Skull Rock to walk among geological formations filled with miniature caves. If you're feeling energetic, climb 5,458-foot Ryan Mountain, the park's highest summit.

4. Joshua Tree

As evening falls, head into the town of Joshua Tree for pizza at Pie for the People or burgers at the Joshua Tree Saloon, where the walls are lined with old license



Pioneertown

plates and desert ephemera. Turn in for the night at the Joshua Tree Inn, home of Gram Parsons' spirit. (The country rock icon died of an overdose here in 1973.)

5. Pioneertown Mountains Preserve

Head west and work up an appetite with a short hike up Pipes Canyon, then drive into the movie-set hamlet of Pioneertown, founded by Roy Rogers and Gene Autry in 1946. Don't leave without lunching at Pappy & Harriet's, an atmospheric watering hole that serves burgers, sandwiches, and salads.

6. Desert Hot Springs

Back on Highway 62, head south to Desert Hot Springs and stop in at Cabot's Pueblo Museum, a 35-room Hopi-style house that was built from salvaged desert bric-a-brac. Your getaway's grand finale? A stop at Two Bunch Palms, where 70 luxurious rooms and suites are spread out among thermally heated pools and palm groves.

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Deserts



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Barstow: 2796 Tanger Way, Suite 100; 760/253-4782

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More information

Greater Palm Springs Convention & Visitors Bureau; 760-770-9000; visitgreaterpalmsprings.com

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AMBOY

Amboy Crater. Take a day trip to this volcanic cinder cone, designated a National Natural Landmark. 760/326-7000; blm.gov/ca

BAKER

Mojave National Preserve. Find singing sand dunes, volcanic cinder cones, Joshua tree forests, and carpets of spring wildflowers at this 1.6-million-acre park. 760/252-6100; nps.gov/moja

BARSTOW

Afton Canyon Natural Area. Known locally as “the Grand Canyon of the Mojave,” this area is the ideal location for bird and wildlife viewing, hiking, hunting, and camping. 760/252-6000; blm.gov/ca

Desert Discovery Center. Learn about the Mojave Desert at this nonprofit promoting hands-on field education. A native plant and animal habitat is also housed in the secret garden and pond. 760/252-6060; desertdc.com

Rainbow Basin Natural Area/Owl Canyon

Campground. See exciting multicolored rock formations and walk the scenic canyons. A variety of desert wildlife is found here, including the desert tortoise. 760/252-6000; blm.gov/ca

Route 66 “Mother Road” Museum. Travel back to the halcyon days of the “Mother Road.” 760/255-1890; route66museum.org

BLYTHE

The Blythe Intaglios. Ponder the gigantic ancient sketchings in the earth. 928/317-3200; blm.gov/ca

BORON

Twenty Mule Team Museum. Explore local history, including borax mining in Death Valley and Boron. 760/767-5810; 20muleteammuseum.com

BORREGO SPRINGS

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Visit this expansive desert landscape of California’s largest state park for hiking, camping, and mountain biking. 760/767-4205; parks.ca.gov

Borrego Desert Nature Center. Get your must-have desert books and maps on birding, nature, history,

and plant and flower identification. 760/767-3098; abdnhn.org

CALIFORNIA CITY

Desert Tortoise Natural Area. Meet some of the earth’s oldest inhabitants, the desert tortoise. This preserve boasts a rich flora and fauna representative of the intricate Mojave Desert ecosystem. 951/683-3872; tortoise-tracks.org

CANTIL

Red Rock Canyon State Park. Climb the colorful desert cliffs, buttes, and badlands of the El Paso Mountains. In spring, the park’s floral displays are stunning. 661/839-6553; parks.ca.gov

CHINA LAKE

U.S. Naval Museum of Armament & Technology. Learn about the history of the U.S. Navy’s air and surface weapon systems development. 760/939-3530; chinalakemuseum.org

DEATH VALLEY JUNCTION

Amargosa Opera House & Hotel. Marta Becket’s performances and astounding murals are legendary; year-round hotel. 760/852-4441; amargosa-opera-house.com

DEATH VALLEY JUNCTION

Death Valley Chamber of Commerce. Discover America’s Outback! Resort hotels, sweeping vistas, hot springs, and desert solitude. Don’t miss a chance at an adventure you’ll be telling folks about for years to come. 760/852-4420; deathvalleychamber.org See ad, p. 112

Death Valley National Park. This premier desert parkland, which is the hottest and driest place in America, offers a diverse landscape. Discover everything from mountain-size sand dunes to below-sea-level salt flats and colorful sandstone canyons. 760/786-3200; nps.gov/deva

Death Valley Scenic Byway. Appreciate this spectacularly scenic 80-mile drive into the park. 760/786-3200

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Harmony Borax Works. Where Death Valley’s 20-mule teams got their start. 760/786-3200; nps.gov/deva

INDIO

Coachella Valley History Museum. Explore rotating exhibits, a 1909 schoolhouse, and the world’s only Date Museum, which highlights the origins of the desert fruit. 760/342-6651; cvhm.org

MORONGO VALLEY

Big Morongo Canyon Preserve. Hike through lush canyonlands, home to desert bighorn sheep. 760/363-7190; bigmorongo.org

NEEDLES

Havasu National Wildlife Refuge. Enjoy fishing, boating, kayaking, and spectacular wildlife watching. 760/326-3853; fws.gov/refuge/havasu

NORTH SHORE

Salton Sea State Recreation Area. One of the world’s largest inland seas and lowest spots on earth, the area has long been a popular site for campers, boaters, and anglers. 760/393-3059; parks.ca.gov

PALM DESERT

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Palm Springs Visitors Center. 2901 N. Palm Canyon Dr. Two hours east of L.A. is the capital of desert cool: Rat Pack history, mid-century modern style, sunny skies, and stunning mountain views. Drive in or fly to Palm Springs International Airport, 5 minutes from downtown. 800/347-7746; visitpalmsprings.com See ad, p. 175

RANCHO MIRAGE

Children’s Discovery Museum of the Desert. Have fun while exploring over 80 hands-on educational exhibits. 760/321-0602; cdmod.org

RIDGECREST

Fossil Falls. Dry riverbed with obsidian glass and natural formations. 800/847-4830; racvb.com

Maturango Museum. Explore the natural and cultural history of the Upper Mojave Desert and Death Valley. 760/375-6900; maturango.org

Ridgecrest Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. Drop by the Visitor’s Center to plan your desert adventures. 800/VISIT-30; racvb.com

Trona Pinnacles. Otherworldly geology featured in *Star Trek*. See tufa spires as high as 140 feet. 760/384-5400; blm.gov/ca

SHOSHONE

Shoshone Museum. Ethnic and tribal art, history, minerals, and paleontology pack this small museum. 760/852-4224; shoshonevillage.com

THERMAL

Oasis Date Gardens. The sweetest dates in the desert, organically grown. 800/827-8017; oasisdate.com

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Bajada All-Access Nature Trail. Quarter-mile loop; features for limited-mobility travelers. 760/367-5500; nps.gov/jotr

Joshua Tree National Park. Go rock climbing, hiking, and camping while enjoying a desertscape dotted with the park’s namesake trees. 760/367-5500; nps.gov/jotr

Old Schoolhouse Museum. Enter the 1927 classroom as it was for homesteaders; Sept to May. 760/367-2366; 29palmshistorical.com

WINTERHAVEN

Picacho State Recreation Area. A former gold-mining area, the park offers diverse scenery, including beavertail cactus, wild burros, bighorn sheep, and thousands of migratory waterfowl. Boat, hike, camp. 760/996-2963; parks.ca.gov

YERMO

Calico Ghost Town. Explore an Old West mining town. Enjoy shopping, restaurants, horseback riding, and camping. 760/254-2122; cms.sbcounty.gov/parks

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San Diego County

ENJOY BEACH ADVENTURES AND THE
FRIENDLY ATTRACTIONS OF THIS SUNNY CITY



La Jolla's Windansea Beach has long been a prime surf spot in San Diego County, thanks to its breaks created by underwater reefs. Author Tom Wolfe immortalized Windansea's beach scene in his 1966 story "The Pump House Gang." Look for the Surf Shack, built in the 1940s for luaus, which is now a historical landmark.

San Diego County

SWEAT

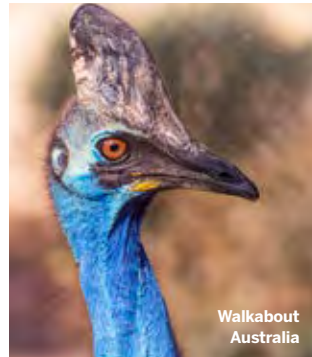
Fitness is core to San Diego culture, so it's no surprise that the city is home to a massive collection of unique group workouts. Given the year-round comfortable temperatures, many fitness companies host workouts al fresco. **Spin & Go** does roving spin classes at parks around the county, **Bliss Paddle Yoga** offers stretching sessions on stand-up paddleboards in Mission Bay, and **San Diego Core Fitness** leads boot camps at beach and park locations. spinandgo.com; blisspaddle yoga.com; sandiego corefitness.com



Torrey Pines Gliderport

FLY

Soar over the Pacific at **Torrey Pines Gliderport**. Located on La Jolla's seaside cliffs, this gliderport is the largest tandem operation in the world and easy to access. Strap in with a pilot for an exhilarating trip along the coast, or earn your own wings with a multi-day beginner certification course. For those who prefer to keep their feet planted firmly on the ground, the port doubles as a lovely place to watch others take flight before hiking the 0.6-mile trek down to the sandy beach below. flytorrey.com



Walkabout Australia

SEE

Experience the wonders of the Aussie outback just 30 miles north of downtown San Diego. In 2018, the **San Diego Zoo Safari Park** opened Walkabout Australia where curious kangaroos wander close enough to nuzzle your hand. Interact with these and other cuddly creatures, including red-necked wallabies

and Matschie's tree kangaroos across this 3.6-acre attraction. Home to more than 400 species from all across the world, the park also offers encounters with giraffes, lions, tigers, gorillas, and more. sdzsafaripark.org

EAT

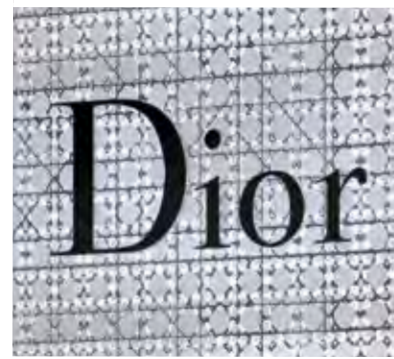
A whimsical windmill overlooking the sea has long been emblematic of Carlsbad's breezy, beachy vibe. Recently, the downtown structure transformed into the **Windmill Food Hall**, securing its spot as the communal heart of this North County town. Choose from 11 different local vendors serving everything from lobster rolls to rolled ice cream to DIY sushi burritos before heading to the sunny outdoor patio or relaxing next to the fireplace. Skee-Ball games and corn hole keep the young at heart entertained. **Website not live as of press date**

SHOP

Browse one-of-a-kind finds from more than 100 local artists and antique dealers at **Sea Hive Marketplace**. Leave a few hours to lose yourself in this expansive shopping center, located 38 miles north of San Diego in downtown Oceanside. Discover vendors specializing in giftable delights like preserved mid-century furniture, Persian turquoise rings, cateye sunglasses, handmade candles, and vintage belt buckles. The feel is curated, never cluttered. seahivemarketplace.com



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Start your day off right with the calming marble countertops and cute mini succulents at Holsem Coffee. This fair-trade roaster is known for its unique coffee creations like the Banana Bread Cold Brew and Lavender Mocha Latte (served with picture-perfect dried flowers sprinkled on top). Order the avocado toast for a thoroughly SoCal a.m.



City Tacos

Shop in Style

PIGMENT, HUNT & GATHER

Duck into Pigment for an aesthetically arresting shopping experience. Plants, furniture, and gifts from local artisans are beautifully organized by color with plenty of adorable photo ops for the Instagrammer. Nearby Hunt & Gather carries handmade apparel and vintage items, all "where did you get that?" finds.



Pigment

Take a Taco Tour

CITY TACOS, LUCHA LIBRE

North Park is home to two of the best taco shops in San Diego. Local preference is split between City Tacos and Lucha Libre, so grab a few from each shop and stage your own throwdown. Will you prefer the Mahi Al La Plancha from City or the Surf & Turf from Lucha? Enjoy them as a picnic in North Park Community Park.

Belly Up for a Brew

MODERN TIMES FLAVORDOME, MIKE HESS BREWING COMPANY

San Diego's microbrew culture is thriving in North Park. Gaze up at the ceiling covered in upside down lampshades at Modern Times Flavordome, which specializes in flavorful session styles. Or head to the industrial space of Mike Hess Brewing Company to play a board game over a flight.



One Door North

Camp Out Over Dinner

ONE DOOR NORTH

This restaurant brings summer camp indoors with forest-printed walls, antler chandeliers, and picnic-style benches. The menu stays on-brand with items like wild boar pasta and cocktails spruced with alpine bitters. Request a tent table to eat in a private, canvas-covered escape.

Catch a Show

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When this popular theatre opened in 1929, it was one of the most luxurious movie houses in the country. Today, it's a music venue hosting names from HAIM to Snoop Dogg in an intimate setting. Deep red walls and golden gargoyles are a beautiful reminder of the venue's storied past.



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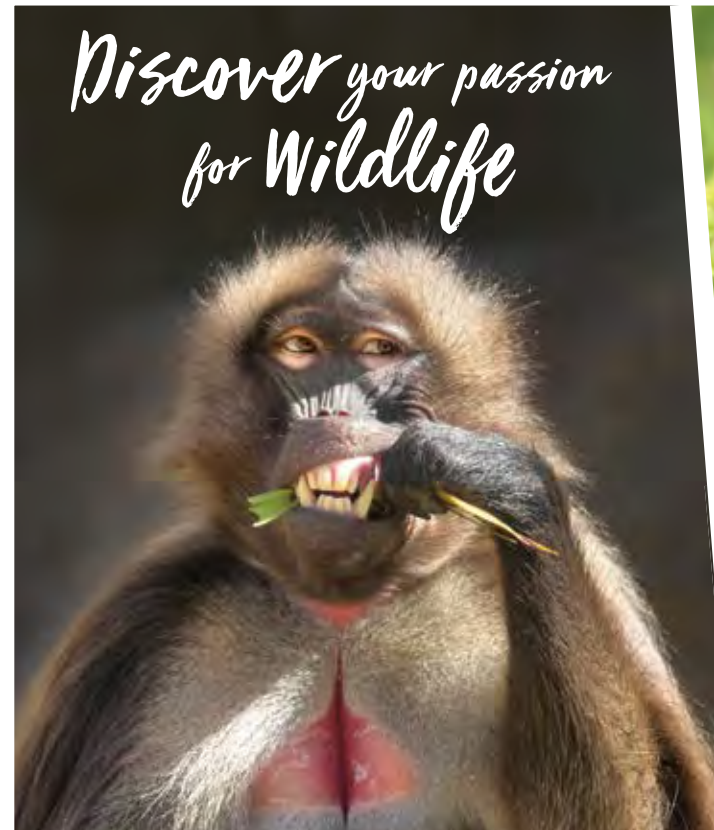


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HOT SPOT

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CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA
Cardiff State Beach. Find a gently sloping sandy beach with warm water. 760/753-5091; parks.ca.gov
San Elijo State Beach. Swim, surf, and picnic along a narrow stretch of sand. 760/753-5091; parks.ca.gov

CARLSBAD
San Diego Air Tours. Sightsee from a bird's-eye view on a biplane tour. 800/359-2939; airtoursofsandiego.com

Batiquitos Lagoon. Enjoy hiking at this coastal wetland. 760/931-0800; batiquitosfoundation.org

Carlsbad Mineral Water Spa. A historic site and monument. 760/434-1887; carlsbadmineralspa.com

Carlsbad Village. Downtown Carlsbad offers antique and curio stores, lots of good eating places and a great place to cool off. carlsbad-village.com

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Coronado Loop. Walk, jog, or run along this 5.5-mile loop. 866/599-7242; coronadovisitorcenter.com

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Del Mar Village. Al fresco dining, shops, beachfront hotels, and more. 858/735-3650; visitdelmarvillage.com

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Olaf Wiegorst Museum. View works by an artist known for his portrayals of the 19th-century American West. 619/590-3431; wiegorstmuseum.org

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Encinitas Classic Car Cruise Nights. See hot rods and vintage vehicles. 760/943-1950; encinitas101.com

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Deer Park Winery & Auto Museum. View hundreds of vehicles, taste wine. 760/749-1666; deerparkwine.com

Grape Day Park. Tour the 1888 Santa Fe Depot and a 1929 railroad car. 760/743-8207; escondido.org

San Diego Zoo Safari Park. 15500 San Pasqual Valley Rd. Experience animals and nature like never before at this vast animal reserve, tucked in the foothills of San Diego County. Safaris departing daily! sdzsaferipark.org See ad, p. 185

Visit Escondido. 235 E. Grand Ave. *Escondido* may mean "hidden," but it's no secret there's a lot going on here! Wineries, craft breweries, safari park, foodie delights, great events, fishing, hiking, arts, and museums! 760/839-4777; visitescondido.com

Welk Resorts Theatre. Live entertainment, musicals, and more. 888/802-7469; welkresorts.com

FALLBROOK

Fallbrook Historical Society Museum. Learn about early settlers. 760/723-4125; fallbrookhistoricalsociety.com

IMPERIAL BEACH

Border Field State Park. Beachcomb, bird-watch, and hike along sand dunes. 619/575-3613; parks.ca.gov

Portwood Pier Plaza. Beach access and tributes to the area as a surfing destination. 619/686-6200 portofsandiego.org

JACUMBA

Desert View Tower. Climb around Boulder Park, where rocks form caves and walkways. desertviewtower.com

JULIAN

Eagle Mine. Tour the world of this 1870s mining operation. 619/937-1758; theeaglemining.com

Julian Pioneer Museum. View artifacts that depict local history. 760/765-0227; julianpioneermuseum.org

Main Street. Visit this getaway in the beautiful Cuyamaca Mountains. 760/765-1857; visitjulian.com

LA JOLLA

Birch Aquarium at Scripps Institution of Oceanography. See the wonders of the ocean come alive. 858/534-3474; aquarium.ucsd.edu

La Jolla Playhouse. One of America's most respected theaters. 858/550-1010; lajollaplayhouse.org

Prospect Street. Shop haute couture to trendy fashions near the ocean. 858/454-5718; lajollabythesea.com

Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve. Guided tours, museums, and wildlife. 858/755-2063; parks.ca.gov

MOUNT LAGUNA

Laguna Mountain Recreation Area. Find diverse terrain that varies from a desert environment to a mountaintop conifer forest. 619/473-2082; fs.usda.gov

OCEANSIDE

Buena Vista Audubon Nature Center. Find exhibits and guided nature walks. 760/439-2473; bvaudubon.org

California Surf Museum. Learn about surf lifestyle and history. 760/721-6876; surfmuseum.org

Heritage Park Village Museum. 220 Peyri Dr. Historic walking areas, history museums, nature and parks, museums, sights, and landmarks. 760/801-0645; visitoceanside.org

Mission San Luis Rey. Known as "King of the Missions," San Luis Rey is set within a six-acre central square and marked by an octagonal dome atop the building. 760/757-3651; sanluisrey.org

Oceanside Conference and Visitors Bureau. A casual, family-friendly SoCal beach town with warm sandy beaches, variety of outdoor and recreational activities, stellar dining and craft beer scene. Central to major attractions. Request free planning guide at visitoceanside.org; 800/350-7873 See ad, p. 189

San Luis Rey River Trail. Easy biking on this pretty trail. 760/721-1101; visitoceanside.org/biketrails

PALA

Mission San Antonio de Pala. Visit the only surviving "asistencia" mission. 760/742-3317; missionsanantonio.org

PALOMAR MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

Palomar Mountain State Park. Camp, hike, and picnic in forest and meadows. 760/742-3462; parks.ca.gov

Palomar Observatory. At the top of Mount Palomar, visit the museum and take a guided tour. 760/742-2119; astro.caltech.edu/palomar

POWAY

Blue Sky Ecological Reserve. Hike at this 700-acre oak-lined canyon. 858/668-4781; blueskyreserve.org

Poway-Midland Railroad. Climb aboard antique railroad equipment. 858/486-4063; powaymidlandrr.org

RAMONA

Agua Caliente Regional Park. Discover hot springs and desert hiking. 760/765-1188; sandiegocounty.gov

Guy B. Woodward Museum. Find historic buildings and antiques exhibits. 760/789-7644; ramonachamber.com

SAN DIEGO

Bazaar del Mundo. Shop for specialty items from Latin America. 619/296-3161; bazaardelmundo.com

Beach Train (The Coaster). Find breathtaking scenery on a commuter train. 760/966-6500; gonctd.com

Belmont Park. Play on amusement park rides, wave machines, and more, right by the beach. 858/228-9283; belmontpark.com

Cabrillo National Monument. Learn about 16th-century exploration. 619/557-5450; nps.gov/cabr

Centro Cultural de la Raza. Learn about Chicano art and culture. 619/363-1372; centrodelaraza.com

Fleet Science Center. 1875 El Prado, Balboa Park. All ages enjoy 100+ hands-on exhibits and larger-than-life shows in San Diego's only Giant Dome Theater. Kids 5 and under rule in Kid City. 619/238-1233; fleetscience.org

Gaslamp Quarter National Historic District. Find food, culture, and nightlife. 619/233-5227; gaslamp.org

Greyhound. 619/515-1100; greyhound.com

Heritage County Park. Restored Victorian homes and San Diego's first synagogue, Temple Beth Israel. 858/565-3600; sdparks.org

Hornblower Cruises & Events. 970 N. Harbor Dr. & 1800 N. Harbor Dr. Experience San Diego Bay. Nightly Sunset Dinner Cruises, Premium Champagne

Brunch Cruises, Cocktail Cruises, Harbor Tours, Whale & Dolphin Watching. 619/686-8715; 800/ON-THE-BAY; hornblower.com/home/sd See ad, p. 157

International Visitor Information Center. 619/737-2999; sandiego.org/plan-your-trip

Maritime Museum of San Diego. Experience a world-class collection of historic sailing ships, steam-powered boats & submarines, each offering entertaining and educational exhibits including the world's oldest sailing ship, *Star of India*, historic bay tours, & tall ship sailing adventures. 619/234-9153; sdmaritime.org See ad, p. 185

Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá. Built in 1769 and fully restored in 1931, this mission has a striking 46-foot-tall tower (campanario) holding five bells, the largest weighing 1,200 pounds. Mass is held daily; guided tours are available by advance request. 619/283-7319; missionsandiego.org

Mission Bay Aquatic Center. Get water sport lessons, including surfing, sailing, kayaking, and windsurfing. 858/488-1000; mbaquaticcenter.com

Mission Trails Regional Park. One Father Junipero Serra Trail. 5,800 acres and 40 miles of spectacular trails for walking, hiking, mountain biking, birding, and rock climbing. 619/668-3281; mtrp.org

Museum of Contemporary Art. View contemporary exhibitions and programs. 858/454-3541; mcsd.org

Museum of Photographic Arts. 1649 El Prado, Balboa Park. MOPA's mission is to inspire, educate and engage through the presentation and preservation of photography, film, and video. Experience photography, film, and video. 629/238-7559; mopa.org

New Children's Museum. Find engaging art-making activities, in-depth educational opportunities, and more. 619/233-8792; thinkplaycreate.org

Old Town San Diego State Historic Park. Museums, shops, and restaurants. 619/220-5422; parks.ca.gov

San Diego Automotive Museum. Learn how the auto has influenced culture. 619/231-2886; sdautomuseum.org

San Diego's 59-mile scenic drive. This incredible drive loops its way through the charming neighborhoods and reveals our unique attractions and natural wonders. sandiego.org

San Diego Museum of Art. Wander the galleries or learn from a docent-led tour. 619/232-7931; sdmart.org

San Diego Natural History Museum. Find exhibits and educational programs. 619/232-3821; sdnhm.org

San Diego Tourism Authority. The official travel resource for the San Diego region. Explore 70 miles of picturesque coast, world-class attractions, vibrant neighborhoods, unique food culture and more. Plan your trip at sandiego.org See ad, p. 1

San Diego Zoo. 2920 Zoo Dr. A lush tropical oasis teaming with life, in the heart of downtown San Diego! Learn about the Zoo's special tours and their efforts to save species from extinction at sandiegozoo.org. 619/231-1515 See ad, p. 185

Santa Fe Depot. Coastal train services from San Diego to Oceanside and beyond. 800/872-7245; amtrak.com

Seaport Village. Shops, unique eateries, and outdoor entertainment. 619/235-4014; seaportvillage.com

SeaWorld® San Diego. 500 SeaWorld Dr. SeaWorld San Diego connects you with amazing animals, exhilarating rides, awe-inspiring shows, and the incredible rescues from groundbreaking research that makes SeaWorld a world leader in animal care. 619/222-4SEA; seaworldsandiego.com See ad, p. 23

Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Enjoy seasonal events and free concerts. 619/702-8138; spreckelsorgan.org

Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve. A 1,750-acre reserve located on the cliffs above Torrey Pines State Beach dedicated to preserving its namesake, the Torrey Pine tree and other indigenous wildlife in its native environment. 858/755-2063; torreypine.org

Whaley House. Learn about the region's architectural and cultural heritage. 619/297-7511; whaleyhouse.org

William Heath Davis House. Tour the oldest structure downtown. 619/233-4692; gaslampfoundation.org

CityPASS®—Southern California. Create the ultimate Southern California vacation, while saving money. Enjoy the very best in SoCal with attractions like Disneyland®, SeaWorld® San Diego, LEGOLAND® and San Diego Zoo. Learn more at citypass.com See ad, p. 27

SANTA YSABEL

Inaja Memorial Picnic Site. Enjoy an outing in the Cleveland National Forest. 858/673-6180; fs.usda.gov

Mission Santa Ysabel. Originally established in 1818, this mission has an on-site museum. missiontour.org

SOLANA BEACH

Cedros Design District. Explore more than 85 shops and galleries. 858/755-0444; cedrosavenue.com

Fletcher Cove Park. Find walkways, a viewing deck, and more. 858/720-2400; ci.solana-beach.ca.us

VALLEY CENTER

Bates Nut Farm. Feed animals in the farm zoo and shop for gourmet treats. 800/642-0348; batesnutfarm.biz

VISTA

Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum. Participate in activities and see implements and crafts from the early days of rural farming. 760/941-1791; agsem.com

Moonlight Amphitheatre. Enjoy regional theater in an open-air venue. 760/724-2110; moonlightstage.com

Rancho Buena Vista Adobe. Take a docent-led tour. 760/639-6164; cityofvista.com

Rancho Guajome Adobe. Hike or bike along multi-use trails. 760/724-4082; sandiegocounty.gov

The Wave Waterpark. Enjoy water, sun, fun, and waves. 760/940-9283; thewavewaterpark.com



CARLSBAD LEGOLAND® Hotel and LEGOLAND® Castle Hotel. One LEGOLAND® Dr. 500 rooms. Located at the front entrance

of LEGOLAND® California Resort, both hotels feature 250 LEGO®-themed rooms, interactive LEGO® features, a family pool, and exclusive early entrance to LEGOLAND®. 877/534-6526; LEGOLAND.com \$\$\$ See ad, p. 13



LA JOLLA

Grande Colonial Hotel. 910 Prospect Street. 93 rooms. Situated in the seaside village of La Jolla, this 4-Diamond landmark is steps from miles of beaches and world-class shopping, dining, and entertainment. 855/803-7461; gclj.com \$\$\$



The Lodge at Torrey Pines. 11480 North Torrey Pines Road. 170 rooms. AAA-Five Diamond resort 15 miles north of the San Diego International Airport and adjacent to Torrey Pines Golf Course, site of the 2008 and 2021 U.S. Open Championship. 858/453-4420; lodgetorreypines.com \$\$\$



SAN DIEGO

Bahia Resort Hotel. 998 West Mission Bay Dr. 313 rooms. Just 7 miles away from the San Diego International Airport and located on Mission Bay, one block from Belmont Park. All rooms have fridge, free

in-room Wi-Fi, complimentary parking. 858/488-0551; bahiahotel.com \$\$\$-\$\$\$



Catamaran Resort Hotel and Spa. 3999 Mission Boulevard. 310 rooms. Just 8 miles away from the San Diego International Airport and located on Mission Bay in the Pacific Beach neighborhood. All rooms have a balcony or patio, free in-room Wi-Fi and 24-hour room service. 858/488-1081; catamaranresort.com \$\$\$-\$\$\$



Marriott Vacation Club Pulse™ San Diego. 701 A St. 264 rooms. Stylish downtown retreat with historic ambiance and contemporary design near Gaslamp Quarter, winning restaurants, roof-top bars, and art galleries. Spacious, modern suites. 619/696-9800; 800/845-5279; marriott.com/sanva \$\$\$-\$\$\$



SOLANA BEACH

Winners Circle Beach and Tennis Resort. 94 rooms. Located adjacent to the Del Mar Race Track. Resort accommodations of studio, 1- and 2-bedroom suites with kitchens, each with a patio or a balcony. Golfing nearby. 866/469-8222; reservations@vriresorts.com; vriresorts.com \$\$\$-\$\$\$



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A

- List of cities starting with A: Acton LAC, Adelanto IE, Adin SC, Agoura Hills LAC, Agua Dulce LAC, Anguana IE, Ahwahnee HS, Alameda SFBA, Alamo SFBA, Albany SFBA, Albion NC, Alder Springs CV, Alhambra LAC, Alleghany GC, Alpaugh CV, Alpine SD, Aita GC, Altadena LAC, Alturas SC, Amador City GC, Amboy D, American Canyon SFBA, Anaheim OC, Anaheim Hills OC, Anchor Bay NC, Anderson SC, Anderson Springs NC, Angels Camp GC, Angwin SFBA, Antioch CV, Anza IE, Apple Hill GC, Apple Valley IE, Applegate GC, Aptos SFBA, Arbuttle CV, Arcadia LAC, Arcata NC, Arnold HS, Arroyo Grande CC, Artesia LAC, Arvin CV, Atascadero CC, Atwater CV, Auburn GC, Avalon LAC, Avenal CV, Avila Beach CC, Azusa LAC.

B

- List of cities starting with B: Benton HS, Berkeley SFBA, Berry Creek SC, Bethel Island CV, Beverly Hills LAC, Bieber SC, Big Bar SC, Big Bear City IE, Big Bear Lake IE, Big Oak Flat GC, Big Pine HS, Big River IE, Big Sur CC, Biggs SC, Bishop HS, Blairsden SC, Blue Jay IE, Blue Lake NC, Blythe D, Bodega SFBA, Bodegas Bay SFBA, Bodfish HS, Bodie SD, Bonita SD, Bonsall SD, Boonville NC, Boron D, Borrego Springs D, Boulder Creek SFBA, Bowman GC, Bradley CC, Brawley D, Bray CV, Brea OC, Brentwood CV, Bridgeport HS, Bridgeville NC, Brisbane SFBA, Brisbane SFBA, Buellton CC, Buena Park OC, Burbank LAC, Burlingame SFBA, Burney SC, Butte City CV, Buttonwillow CV, Byron CV.

C

- List of cities starting with C: Cabazon D, Cahuilla IE, Calabasas LAC, Calico D, California City D, California Hot Springs CV, Calimesa IE, Calipatria D, Calistoga SFBA, Callahan IE, Calpella NC, Calpine GC, Camarillo CC, Cambria CC, Cameron Park GC, Camino GC, Campbell SFBA, Campo SD, Canby IE, Canoga Park LAC, Cantil D, Canyondam SC, Capay CV, Capistrano Beach OC, Capita SFBA.

D

- List of cities starting with D: Cardiff-by-the-Sea SD, Carlsbad SD, Carmel-by-the-Sea CC, Carmel Valley GC, Carmichael CC, Carpinteria CC, Carson LAC, Caspar NC, Castaic LAC, Castella SC, Castro Valley SFBA, Castroville CC, Catalina Island LAC, Cathedral City D, Cathays Valley GC, Cayucos CC, Cedar Grove HS, Cedarville SC, Century City LAC, Ceres CV, Cerritos LAC, Channel Islands CC, Chatsworth LAC, Cherry Valley IE, Chester SC, Chico SC, Chicool SC, China Lake D, Chinese Camp GC, Chino IE, Chino Hills IE, Chiriaco Summit D, Chowchilla CV, Chula Vista SD, Cima D, Citrus Heights GC, City of Industry LAC, Claremont LAC, Clarksburg CV, Clayton SFBA, Clearlake NC, Clearlake Oaks NC, Clearlake State Park NC, Clements CV, Cleone NC, Cloverdale SFBA, Clovis CV, Coachella D, Coalinga CV, Coarsegold GC, Cobb NC, Coffee Creek SC, Colfax GC, Colma SFBA, Coloma GC, Colton IE, Columbia GC, Colusa CV, Commerce LAC, Compton LAC, Concord SFBA, Cool GC, Copperopolis GC, Corcoran CV, Corning SC, Corona IE, Corona del Mar OC, Coronado SD, Corte Madera SFBA, Costa Mesa OC, Cotati SFBA, Cottonwood SC, Coulterville GC, Courtland CV, Covelo NC, Calabasas LAC, Covina LAC, Crenshaw LAC, Crescent City NC, Crescent Mills SC, Calimesa IE, Crestline IE, Culver City LAC, Cupertino SFBA, Cutler CV, Cuyama CC, Cypress OC.

E

- List of cities starting with E: Earlimart CV, Earp D, Easton CV, Edgewood SC, El Cajon SD, El Centro D, El Cerrito SFBA, El Dorado GC, El Dorado Hills GC, El Monte LAC, El Portal HS, El Segundo LAC, El Sobrante SFBA, El Toro OC, Elk NC, Elk Creek CV, Elk Grove GC, Emeryville SFBA, Empire CV, Encinitas SD, Encino LAC, Escalon CV, Escondido SD, Esparto CV, Essex D, Etna IE, Eureka NC, Exeter CV.

F

- List of cities starting with F: Fair Oaks GC, Fairfax SFBA, Fairfield CV, Fall River Mills SC, Fallbrook SD, Farmersville CV, Farmington CV, Fawnskin IE, Felicity D, Felton SFBA, Ferndale NC, Fillmore CC, Burney SC, Firebaugh CV, Fish Camp HS, Florin GC, Folsom GC, Fontana IE, Forbestown SC, Ford City CV, Foresthill GC, Forestville SFBA, Forks of Salmon SC, Fort Bidwell SC, Fort Bragg NC, Fort Irwin D, Fort Jones SC, Fort Ross SFBA, Fortuna NC, Foster City SFBA, Fountain Valley OC, Fowler CV, Frazier Park CV, Fremont SFBA, French Camp CV, French Gulch SC, Fresno CV, Friant CV, Fullerton OC, Furnace Creek D.

G

- List of cities starting with G: Galt CV, Garberville NC.

H

- List of cities starting with H: Half Moon Bay SFBA, Hamilton City CV, Hanford CV, Happy Camp SC, Harbor City LAC, Hat Creek SC, Havilah HS, Hawaiian Gardens LAC, Hawthorne LAC, Hayfork SC, Hayward SFBA, Healdsburg SFBA, Heber D, Helena SC, Hemet IE, Hercules SFBA, Herlong SC, Hermosa Beach LAC, Hesperia IE, Highland IE, Highland Park LAC, Hillsborough SFBA, Hilmar CV, Hiit SC, Hinkley D, Hollister CC, Hollywood LAC, Holtville D, Home Gardens IE, Homeland IE, Homewood HS, Honeydew NC, Hood CV, Hoopa NC, Hopland NC, Hornbrook SC, Horroitos GC, Horse Creek SC, Hughson CV, Huntington Beach OC, Huntington Lake HS, Huntington Park LAC, Huron CV, Hyampom SC.

I

- List of cities starting with I: Idyllwild IE, Imperial D, Imperial Beach SD, Independence HS, Indian Springs SFBA, Indian Valley SC, Indian Wells D, Indio D, Inglewood LAC, Inverness SFBA, Inyokern D, Lone GC.

J

- List of cities starting with J: Jackson GC, Jacumba SD, Jamestown GC, Janesville SC, Jenner SFBA, Johannesburg D, Johnstonville SC, Johnsville SC, Jolon SC, Joshua Tree D, Julian SD, Junction City SC, June Lake HS, Jurupa IE.

K

- List of cities starting with K: Keeler D, Keene CV, Kelseyville NC, Kelso D, Kentwood in the Pines SD, Kenwood SFBA, Kerman CV, Kern River Valley HS, Kernville HS, Kettleman City CV, Keyes CV, King City CC, Kings Beach HS, Kingsburg CV, Kirkwood HS, Kit Carson NC, Klamath NC, Klamath River SC, Knights Landing CV, Kyburz HS.

L

- List of cities starting with L: La Cañada Flintridge LAC, La Crescenta LAC, La Grange GC, La Habra D, La Jolla SD, La Mesa SD, La Mirada LAC, La Palma OC, La Puente LAC, La Quinta D, La Verne LAC, Lafayette SFBA, Laguna Beach OC, Laguna Hills OC, Laguna Niguel OC, Lagunitas SFBA, Lake Arrowhead IE, Lake Elsinore IE, Lake Forest OC, Lake Isabella HS, Lake Los Angeles LAC, Lakeport NC, Lakeshore HS, Lakeside SD, Lakewood LAC, Lamont CV, Lancaster LAC, Landers D, Larkspur SFBA, Lathrop CV, Laton CV, Lawndale LAC, Laytonville NC, Le Grand CV, Lebec CV, Lee Vining HS, Leggett NC, Lemon Grove SD, Lemoncove CV, Lemoore CV, Leucadia SD, Lewiston SC, Likely SC, Lincolton GC, Lincoln Heights LAC, Linden CV, Lindsay CV, Little River NC, Litterlock LAC, Live Oak CV, Livermore SFBA.

M

- List of cities starting with M: Macdoel SC, Mad River SC, Madera CV, Malibu LAC, Mammoth Lakes HS, Manchester NC, Manhattan Beach LAC, Manteca CV, Mantion SC, March Air Force Base IE, Maricopa CV, Marin City SFBA, Marina CC, Marina del Rey LAC, Mariposa HS, Mark West SFBA, Markleeville HS, Marshall SFBA, Martinez SFBA, Marysville CV, Maxwell CV, Maywood LAC, McArthur SC, McCloud SC, McFarland CV, McKinleyville NC, McKittrick CV, Meadow Vista GC, Mecca D, Meeks Bay HS, Mendocino NC, Mendota CV, Menifee IE, Menlo Park SFBA, Merced CV, Meyers HS, Mi-wuk Village HS, Middletown NC, Midway City OC, Mill Valley SFBA, Millbrae SFBA, Milpitas SFBA, Mineral SC, Mira Loma IE, Mira Mesa SD, Miranda NC, Mission Beach SD, Mission Hills LAC, Mission Valley East SD, Mission Valley West SD, Mission Viejo OC, Modesto D, Mojave D, Mokelumne Hill GC, Mono Lake HS, Monrovia LAC, Montague SC, Monterey SFBA, Montclair IE, Monte Rio SFBA, Montebello LAC, Monterey CC, Monterey Park LAC, Montrose LAC, Moorpark CC, Moraga SFBA, Moreno Valley IE, Morgan Hill CC.

N

- List of cities starting with N: Napa SFBA, National City SD, Needles D, Nevada City GC, New Cuyama CC, Newark SFBA, Newberry Springs D, Newbury Park CC, Newcastle GC, Newell SC, Newhall LAC, Newman CV, Newport Beach OC, Nice NC, Nipomo CC, Nipton D, Norco IE, Nord SC, Norden HS, North Fork HS, North Highlands GC, North Hollywood LAC, North Lake Tahoe HS, North Sacramento GC, North Shore D, Northridge LAC, Northstar HS, Norwalk LAC, Novato SFBA, Nubieber SC.

O

- List of cities starting with O: O'Brien SC, O'Neals GC, Oak Glen IE, Oak View CC, Oakdale CV, Oakhurst HS, Oakland SFBA, Oakley SFBA, Ocean Beach SD, Oceano CC, Oceanside SD, Ocotillo D, Ocotillo Wells D, Oildale CV, Ojai CC, Olancho D, Old Station SC, Olema SFBA, Olivehurst CV, Olympic Valley HS, Ontario IE, Orange OC, Orange Cove CV, Orangevale GC, Orcutt CC, Orick NC, Orinda SFBA, Orland CV, Orleans NC, Oro Grande D, Orosi HS, Oroville SC, Otay SD, Otard CC.

P

- List of cities starting with P: Pacific Beach SD, Pacific Grove CC, Pacific Palisades LAC, Pacifica SFBA, Pacoima LAC, Paicines CC, Pajaro CC, Pala SD, Palermo SC, Palm City SD, Palm Desert D, Palm Springs D.

Q

- List of cities starting with Q: Quail Valley IE, Quartz Hill LAC, Quincy SC.

R

- List of cities starting with R: Ramona SD, Rancho Bernardo SD, Rancho Cordova GC, Rancho Cucamonga IE, Rancho Mirage D, Rancho Palos Verdes LAC, Rancho Santa Fe SD, Orosi HS, Oroville SC, Otay SD, Otard CC, Pacific Beach SD, Pacific Grove CC, Pacific Palisades LAC, Pacifica SFBA, Pacoima LAC, Paicines CC, Pajaro CC, Pala SD, Palermo SC, Palm City SD, Palm Desert D, Palm Springs D.

S

- List of cities starting with S: Sacramento GC, St. Helena SFBA, Salinas CC, Salton City D, Salyer SC, Samoa NC, San Andreas GC, San Anselmo SFBA, San Ardo CC, San Benito CC, San Bernardino IE, San Bruno SFBA, San Carlos SFBA, San Clemente OC, San Diego SD, San Dimas LAC, San Fernando LAC, San Francisco SFBA, San Gabriel LAC, San Gregorio SFBA, San Jacinto IE, San Joaquin CV, San José SFBA, San Juan Bautista CC, San Juan Capistrano OC, San Juan Hot Springs OC, San Leandro SFBA, San Lucas CC, San Luis Obispo CC, San Luis Rey SD, San Marcos SD, San Marino LAC, San Martin CC, San Mateo SFBA, San Miguel CC, San Onofre OC, San Pablo SFBA, San Pedro LAC, San Rafael SFBA, San Ramon SFBA, San Simeon CC, San Ysidro SD, Sanger CV, Santa Ana OC, Santa Barbara CC, Santa Clara SFBA, Santa Clarita LAC, Santa Cruz SFBA, Santa Fe Springs LAC, Santa Margarita CC, Santa Maria CC, Santa Monica LAC, Santa Nella CV, Santa Paula CC, Santa Rosa SFBA, Santa Ynez CC, Santa Ysabel SD, Santee SD, Saratoga SFBA, Satcoy CC, Sattley GC, Sausalito SFBA, Sawyers Bar SC, Scotia NC, Scott Bar SC, Scotts Valley SFBA, Sea Ranch SFBA, Seal Beach OC, Seaside CC, Sebastopol SFBA, Seiad Valley SC, Selma CV.

T

- List of cities starting with T: Taft CV, Tahoe City HS, Tahoe Vista HS, Tahoma HS, Tarzana LAC, Taylorsville SC, Tecopa D, Tehachapi CV, Tehama SC, Temecula IE, Temple City LAC, Templeton CC, Terro SD, Thermal D, Thermalito SC, Thornton CV, Thousand Oaks CC, Thousand Palms D, Three Rivers CV, Tiburon SFBA, Tipton CV, Toluca Lake LAC, Tom's Place HS, Tomales SFBA, Topanga LAC, Torrance LAC, Trabuco Canyon OC, Tracy CV, Trinidad NC, Trinity Center SC, Irona D, Truckee HS, Tujunga LAC, Tulare CV, Tulelake SC, Tuolumne GC, Turlock CV, Turlock Valley NC, Reedley CV, Requa NC, Reseda LAC, Rialto IE, Ricardo D.

U

- List of cities starting with U: Ukiah NC, Union City SFBA, Universal City LAC, Upland IE, Upper Lake NC.

V

- List of cities starting with V: Vacaville CV, Valencia LAC, Vallecito GC, Vallejo SFBA, Valley Center SD, Valley Ford SFBA, Valley Springs GC, Van Nuys LAC, Venice LAC, Ventucopa CC, Ventura CC, Vernalis CV, Vernon LAC, Victorville IE, Vidal D, Vidal Junction D, Villa Park OC, Vina SC, Vinton SC, Visalia CV, Vista SD, Volcano GC.

W

- List of cities starting with W: Walders Basin HS, Walker HS, Walnut LAC, Walnut Creek SFBA, Walnut Grove CV, Warner Springs SD, Wasco CV, Waterford CV, Watsonville SFBA, Wawona HS, Weaverville SC, Weed SC, Weimar GC, Weitchpec NC, Weldon HS, Wendel SC, Weott NC, West Covina LAC, West Hollywood LAC, West Los Angeles LAC, West Point GC, West Sacramento CV, Westchester LAC, Westlake Village LAC, Westley CV, Westminster OC, Westmoreland D, Westport NC, Westwood LAC, Westwood SC, Wheatland CV, Wheeler Ridge CV, Whiskeytown SC, Whittier LAC, Wildomar IE, Williams CV, Willits NC, Willow Creek NC, Willow Ranch SC, Willows CV, Willington LAC, Winchester IE, Windsor SFBA, Winnetka LAC, Winterhaven D, Winters CV, Winton CV, Woodcrest IE, Woodlake CV, Woodland CV, Woodland Hills LAC, Woodside SFBA, Woodville CV, Wrightwood IE.

Y

- List of cities starting with Y: Yermo D, Yolo CV, Yorba Linda OC, Yosemite Village HS, Yountville SFBA, Yreka SC, Yuba City CV, Yucaipa IE, Yucca Valley D.



Dax Shepard

The actor and podcast host shares his Golden State favorites, ranging from fine dining to off-roading

Like a lot of young dreamers, Dax Shepard first came to Los Angeles to pursue a career in acting. His big break came in 2003 when he debuted in Ashton Kutcher's practical joke show, *Punk'd*, and he has worked nonstop ever since—occasionally alongside his wife, Kristen Bell.

Until recently, Shepard was perhaps best known for his five-year run on the TV series *Parenthood* and for the 2017 film *CHiPs*, which he wrote, directed, and starred in. But that all changed in February 2018 when the Michigan native launched a celebrity-chat podcast, *Armchair Expert*. We asked Shepard to share some of his favorite spots in L.A. and beyond.

Where do you live? Los Feliz. I don't think it's officially a legal postal code but it's a neighborhood within Los Angeles.

Why there? I compare it to the West Village in New York City. It's very artsy, a lot of great restaurants, and there's still, like, twisty roads. There's a lot of 100-plus-year-old houses, like the Cecil B. DeMille compound. It's pretty fantastic.

Who or what is your greatest California love? I'm an avid motorcycle rider, but probably my biggest passion is off-roading and California has the best in the country, with, I'm pretty sure, the biggest sand dunes. When I was younger and didn't mind getting surgery I used to ride a dirt bike, but now I drive a dune buggy.

What is the biggest misperception about Californians? We have this reputation for being health conscious, and sometimes people inadvertently feel judged. In Michigan we called Californians "Fruits

and Nutties" because there was some implication they were judgmental. But we're not, we're just doing our own thing.

What is the stereotype that most holds true? People are pretty healthy. It is far easier to be healthy here because you have the option of being outside so much. And there's a trillion healthy food options. The fact that we are growing 80 percent of the food farmed in this country is helpful.

What is your favorite Golden State splurge? A splurge for us has been going to Calistoga Ranch. It's pretty spectacular. I like all the nice stuff in Napa, and the more rustic stuff. I love the mineral pool above Calistoga. That place is awesome.

Time for a road trip. Where are you going? My favorite road trip is a motorcycle trip to Death Valley from L.A. Stay off

the highways, because you keep cresting mountain ridges and entering valleys where you can see 70 miles across. I also love the drive to Mammoth, which is lovely.

If you could decree an official state culinary experience, what would it be? I think the Mexican-inspired food in California is outstanding. I love Yuccas Taco—a cute stand on the side of Hillhurst—and Tacos Tu Madre.

Best California song? America's "Ventura Highway." And Tupac's "California Love." I put that song in *CHiPs* ... that's a darn good one.

How would your California dream day unfold? Snowboard or snowmobile all morning in Mammoth and then take a helicopter to Glamis and then do some night sand duning. A double adventure.

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