





Northern California Trips

SAN FRANCISCO IS THE ANCHOR OF CALIFORNIA'S MOST DIVERSE REGION,

even if earthquakes have shown it isn't rock solid. From exploring the rugged beaches of the Lost Coast to floating down the isolated bends of the Russian River, from poking around (and through) the redwoods to surmounting volcano summits, there's no shortage of natural places to explore and scenic roads to drive.

Then there is the wine and food... Many visitors seek out the iconic Napa Valley for cabernets and sparkling wines, but you can sip equally impressive vintages in Sonoma, Dry Creek and Anderson Valleys. Then soak in some hot springs, where conversations start with, 'Hey, dude!' and end hours later.

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Classic Trip

1 Pacific Coast Highways 7–10 Days
The ultimate coastal road trip takes in beaches, redwood forests and more. (p35)

2 San Francisco, Marin & Napa Loop 4–5 Days
A taste of city, an eyeful of wildlife, plus the heady nectar of Wine Country. (p49)

3 Earthquake Trail 3 Days
Explore some cracks, shaken buildings and fissures found around the Bay Area. (p61)

4 Alice Waters' Culinary Tour 3 Days
The mother of America's Slow Food movement introduces the source of life-affirming food. (p69)

Classic Trip

5 Napa Valley 2–3 Days
Fabulous winery estates and celebrity chef restaurants grace this grand wine-producing region. (p79)

6 Sonoma Valley 2 Days
Tour this down-to-earth part of Wine Country and time travel through historic Sonoma. (p91)

7 Russian River & the Bohemian Highway 2 Days
Meander ocean-bound back roads, float in the river and sample regional wines. (p99)

8 Mendocino & Anderson Valley 3–4 Days
Navigate byways lined with vines, redwoods and spectacular Pacific bluffs near dreamy Mendocino. (p107)

9 Lost Coast & Southern Redwoods 4 Days
Get lost on this wild coastal frontier, home to Roosevelt elk, redwood and offbeat towns. (p115)

10 Northern Redwood Coast 5 Days
Stand agape at colossal primeval forests and drop in on kitschy mid-20th-century roadside attractions. (p125)

11 Trinity Scenic Byway 3 Days
From Shasta to the sea, this route traces a path through the heart of Bigfoot country. (p133)

12 Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway 3 Days
Dormant volcanoes, thermal springs and quiet wilderness lakes dominate the agenda of this naturalist excursion. (p141)



DON'T MISS

Point Arena

Ascend 145 corkscrew steps inside the tallest lighthouse in California that you can still climb to the top of on Trip **1**

Conzelman Rd

Gawk at million-dollar views of San Francisco and the Pacific while exploring abandoned military bunkers tucked into hillsides on Trip **2**

Gundlach-Bundschu Winery

At one of Sonoma's oldest wineries, sample sustainably grown wines, tour a mammoth barrel cave and enjoy a picnic alongside a lake on Trip **6**

Red Door Cottage

Stay overnight at this Philo Apple Farm cottage, where you can take a private, open-air shower amid the apple blossoms on Trip **8**

Heart Lake

After a simple hike, take a dip in Heart Lake, sun-warm in July and offering an amazing view of Mt Shasta on Trip **12**