

# SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA & WINE COUNTRY

# ROAD TRIPS

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# HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

## Reviews

#### In the Destinations section:

All reviews are ordered in our authors' preference, starting with their most preferred option. Additionally:

Sights are arranged in the geographic order that we suggest you visit them and, within this order, by author preference.

Eating and Sleeping reviews are ordered by price range (budget, midrange, top end) and, within these ranges, by author preference.

Trips

Trip Numbers

Trip Stop

Walking Tour

Trip Detour

**Highway Route Markers** 

US National Hwy

US Interstate Hwy

(44) California State Hwy

# Map Legend

### **Routes**

Trip Route

 Trip Detour Linked Trip

Walk Route

Tollway Freeway Primary

Secondary Tertiary

Lane Unsealed Road

Plaza/Mall Steps

= Tunnel = Pedestrian Overpass Walk Track/Path

#### **Boundaries**

--- International --- State/Province - Cliff

#### **Population**

Capital (National)

Capital (State/Province) ◉

City/Large Town Town/Village

#### Transport

Airport

Parking 

Tram

Underground Train Station

# Symbols In This Book

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Your Trips



Trin Detour

History & Culture



Food & Drink



Essential Photo



Walking



Sleeping











& Events

Sleeping





**Entertainment** 





# Hydrography

97

(5)

River/Creek Intermittent River Swamp/Mangrove

Canal . Water

Dry/Salt/ Infermittent Lake Glacier

#### Areas

Beach Cemetery (Christian)

Cemetery (Other) Park Forest

Reservation Urban Area

Sportsground

## These symbols and abbreviations give vital information for each listing:

Telephone number

Opening hours

P Parking

Nonsmoking

Air-conditioning

Internet access

Wi-fi access

Swimming pool

✓ Vegetarian selec-

**⑥** English-language menu

Family-friendly

Pet-friendly

**□** Bus

😟 Ferrv

Tram

☐ Train apt apartments

d double rooms

dm dorm beds

g guad rooms

r rooms

s single rooms

ste suites

tr triple rooms tw twin rooms

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Napa Valley 2–3 Days
Fabulous winery estates and celebrity chef restaurants grace this grand wine-producing region. (p25)

Sonoma Valley 2 Days
Tour this down-to-earth part of Wine Country
and time-travel through historic Sonoma. (p35)

Bohemian Highway 2 Days
Meander ocean-bound back roads, float in the river
and sample regional wines. (p43)

Russian River & the





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## San Francisco (p52)

Get to know the world capital of weird from the inside out, from mural-lined alleyways named after poets to clothing-optional beaches on a former military base.

# Marin County & the Bay Area (p70)

The region surrounding San Francisco encompasses a bonanza of natural vistas and wildlife.

# Napa & Sonoma Wine Country (p82)

Rolling hills, dotted with century-old oaks, turn the color of lion's fur under the summer sun and swaths of vineyards carpet hillsides as far as the eye can see in Wine Country.

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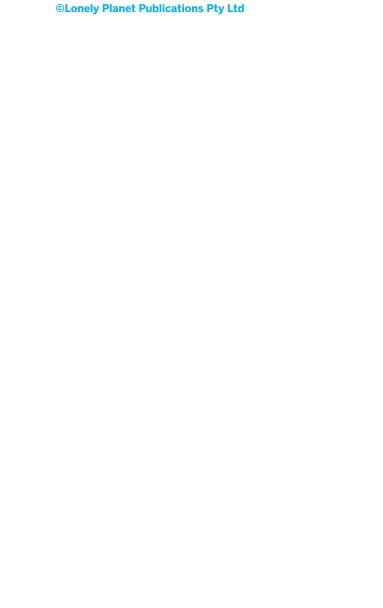
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