



BACKROADS

**SAMPLE
ITINERARY**

DETAILED ITINERARY*

CALIFORNIA WINE COUNTRY-NAPA & SONOMA VINEYARDS, REDWOODS & PACIFIC COAST



BIKING | Premiere Hotels

*Thank you for your interest! Please note that this itinerary is subject to change, including trip start and end locations. Do not schedule your flights until your reservation is confirmed.



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WHY BACKROADS?

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"Backroads is the best of the best."
Sheryl Simons | SK, Canada

Fabulous bike riding country including vineyards, redwoods, mountains, and ocean all in one trip. I've been to Napa/Sonoma many times over the past 30 years, but it was special to see it via bike. We saw places we didn't know existed!

-Cate Serkin - Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

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6 DAYS, 5 NIGHTS

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ACTIVITY LEVELS 2-5

[See below for details](#)

TO RESERVE YOUR TRIP

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Never Subcontracted

We operate our own trips around the globe. That way we control the quality—and we're fully responsible for your great experience.

Two Support Vans

We provide two support vans on all of our trips* so you can count on us to be there when you need us, regardless of the route you take.

Three Leaders

Our trips have three leaders*, for an average 6:1 guest-to-leader ratio. Guests consistently score our leaders 9.7 out of 10, telling us they make all the difference.

Thoughtful Trip Design

We know how to create exceptional travel experiences, ensuring that you get the most from your trip as it unfolds.

Multiple Daily Routes

Being able to choose among several expertly designed routes each day gives you the freedom to enjoy the best of a region at your own pace.

We Celebrate Mixed Abilities

To accommodate varied activity levels, you need three leaders, two vans, multiple route options, detailed directions, a rating system showing if shuttles are required, and plenty of well-matched riding/hiking companions.

*See web for more information on leaders and van support

Click [HERE](#) for more on the Backroads Quality Guide

STRAIGHT *talk*

We want to make sure you're on the right trip and that you have the best experience possible. Every Backroads trip is unique and this one is no exception.

TRAFFIC

California Wine Country is a world renowned cycling destination and in recent years has also become a popular destination for drivers. Backroads strives to find routes that are quiet and off the beaten track, however due to the geography of the area and the amount of ground we cover there will be routes on this trip that follow more heavily trafficked roads for portions of the ride. Of course, will always call out these areas and offer a shuttle should you wish to avoid them.



DAY 1

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On the first day of the trip, meet your Backroads Trip Leaders (the folks in Backroads T-shirts) at 10 a.m. at Kennedy Park located at 2398 Streblow Drive in Napa, California. Head in through the main entrance and follow road around the corner and look out for the Backroads van in the first parking lot.

Please arrive dressed in your biking clothes and bring your luggage and a daypack with your rain gear and anything else you may want for today's ride (your luggage will be transported to our first night's accommodations).

If you're driving to the Wine Country on your own, you can park at Solage (our first night's hotel), located at 755 Silverado Trail North in Calistoga. If you choose this option, please meet your Trip Leaders at 8:45 a.m. in front of Solage for a shuttle to Kennedy Park. If you miss the 8:45 a.m. pick-up, you can work with the Solage concierge to order a taxi to meet us at the park at 10 a.m.

BIKING OPTIONS:

Yountville Route: 11 Miles * (200' elevation gain)

Calistoga Route: 23 Miles * (1,100')

Oakville Grade Route: 33 Miles (1,300')

**with shuttle*

Welcome to Northern California's Wine Country! We kick things off in the town of Napa, where your Backroads Trip Leaders fit your bike and give a brief talk on biking techniques and safety before you set off on today's warm-up ride. Our route takes us through famed downtown Napa, along tranquil oak-lined roads and through acres of vineyards. Pedal along the Silverado Trail, skirting the eastern foothills and following the rolling terrain into the heart of Napa Valley. You'll pass through the well-known American Viticultural Area (AVA) of Rutherford, whose unique soil composition, called "Rutherford Dust," produces award-winning cabernets.

We enjoy lunch in the charming town of Yountville, where boutiques and galleries line the street. Afterward, enjoy a baked treat from the legendary Bouchon Bakery, walk past the gardens of the world-renowned French Laundry restaurant and perhaps stop in at one of Napa's exceptional wineries for a bit of wine tasting.

Our ride ends at Solage, whose luxury spa offers the

ultimate in pampering. Be sure to take advantage of your access to the renowned mineral pools. You may have time before dinner to indulge in a relaxing massage or body treatment. (Unless otherwise noted, spa treatments are not included in the trip price. Advance reservations are highly recommended.)

Tonight we dine at the hotel's highly-rated restaurant, Sol Bar, known for its fresh contemporary wine country cuisine and great cocktails. *Lodging: Solage*

DAY 2

BIKING OPTIONS:

Calistoga to St. Helena Route: 27 Miles * (1,000' elevation gain)

Calistoga to Pope Valley Route: 39 Miles * (1,600')

Pope Valley Loop: 48 Miles (3,300')

**with shuttle*

After breakfast at the hotel, reunite with your bike and pedal along the Silverado Trail, skirting the eastern foothills and following rolling terrain into the heart of Napa Valley. As we ride past neatly manicured vineyards, old barns and picturesque farmhouses, consider stopping at one of several well-known wineries, including Frog's Leap and Cliff Lede.

Riders interested in a few more miles and who might prefer a dose of California's countryside to wine tasting can bike the remote Pope Valley, a throwback to the Napa of the 1970s, before it became such a popular tourist destination. Follow a tranquil oak-lined road past acres of vineyards and then descend to the valley floor along the shoreline of Lake Hennessey. A delectable Backroads lunch and a bit of wine tasting awaits in town.

After lunch, hop in the van for a lift or continue riding back to Solage, where there's plenty of time to rest and relax. Consider going for a swim in the pool or pamper cycling muscles with a massage. We reconvene tonight for a lovely dinner in town. *Lodging: Solage*



DAY 3

SHUTTLE CALISTOGA TO WINDSOR 45 Minutes

BIKING OPTIONS:

Sebastopol Route: 16 Miles * (600' elevation gain)

Occidental Route: 28 Miles * (1,600')

Coleman Valley Route: 43 Miles * (3,000')

Calistoga to Bodega Route: 63 Miles (4,100')

**with shuttle*

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast this morning, then hop in the shuttle for a lift to our ride start just outside of Calistoga. If you prefer to ride directly from Solage, be sure to let your leaders know—and be prepared to get an early start! As you pedal deeper into the heart of sprawling western Sonoma County, originally known for its extensive apple industry, soak up the scenery as it transforms from vineyards to groves of eucalyptus, apple trees, rolling pastures and wide-open cattle-grazing country. Make a stop in the charming artisan Barlow District in the town of Sebastopol, where you can savor lunch on your own today. This midday stop is an outdoor market filled with local purveyors that range from an ice creamery to a microbrewery to a gourmet taqueria.

The afternoon ride is one of the most challenging of the trip, with a few major climbs—and possible headwinds—as you approach the Pacific. You'll even have the chance to tackle a portion of Levi Leipheimer's King Ridge GranFondo course from Santa Rosa out to the coast via the Coleman Valley. Originally home to the Pomo and Coastal Miwok Indians, this section of coast was

"discovered" in 1775 by Juan Francisco de la Bodega y Cuadra and later settled by Russian fur traders. These days it's a popular tourist destination known for its miles of rugged headlands and a wealth of wildlife, including brown pelicans, snowy egrets, harbor seals, California sea lions and, from November through March, migrating gray whales.

The spa at Bodega Bay Lodge may be the perfect place to unwind after today's workout. Or you might prefer to go for a swim or stake out a spot in the hot tub and watch the sun disappear into the bay. Later enjoy dinner at your leisure at the lodge's award-winning Drakes Sonoma Coast Cuisine restaurant. *Lodging: Bodega Bay Lodge & Spa*

DAY 4

BIKING OPTIONS:

Armstrong Redwoods Route: 26 Miles * (1,200' elevation gain)

Westside Road Route: 31 Miles * (1,500')

Healdsburg Route: 47 Miles (1,900')

Green Valley Route: 57 Miles (2,900')

**with shuttle*

Start off the day with a spin along the coast past 10 miles of steep-walled bluffs and a string of Sonoma Coast State Park beaches. Keep an eye out for surfers and seals amidst the crashing surf. At the mouth of the Russian River, veer inland and follow the river. You may want to stop in at Gold Coast Coffee in Duncan Mills for a cup of joe and a pastry for some quick energy to keep you going.

Ride through Guerneville, a unique town filled with bohemian culture. Take a peek at one of the eclectic shops or grab an ice cream cone in the historic bank building. When you reach Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve, all noise fades away as you cruise into the serene forest, enveloped by the intoxicating earthy scent of wood and rich soil. Make your way to a clearing under towering thousand-year-old redwoods, where we feast on a gourmet picnic.

This afternoon's ride takes you past several favorite wineries, including Twomey Cellars, a Russian River gem boasting fine pinot noir. California live oak trees shade most of the route, but as you approach Healdsburg the scenery opens up and you're greeted once again by vineyards.



DAY 5

BIKING OPTIONS:

West Dry Creek Route: 20 Miles * (700' elevation gain)

Alexander Valley Route: 33 Miles * (1,400')

Alexander Valley Loop Route: 46 Miles (1,700')

Chalk Hill Challenge Route: 55 Miles (2,300')

**with shuttle*

After breakfast, head out on your bike for a spin through the narrow Dry Creek Valley, known for producing some of the finest zinfandels in California. If you're up for it, perhaps stop along the way at Geyserville Coffee for a cappuccino. The rolling route continues to the Alexander Valley, which has been compared to France's Bordeaux region. Within the past two decades, several first-rate wineries have established themselves in the area including Robert Young Estate, Hanna Winery, Hawkes, Medlock Ames and Foley Sonoma. We make a stop in Alexander Valley for a refreshing picnic lunch followed by a tasting. You can bike or shuttle back to the hotel for some spa time or opt to spend some time strolling around the historic plaza downtown.

If you want more miles in the afternoon, head up the bucolic Chalk Hill Road, where you'll encounter a quiet and serene but challenging hill. Then continue your ride through Windsor and back to Healdsburg.

Later, we meet up as a group for a special dinner at our hotel's acclaimed restaurant, Dry Creek Kitchen. *Lodging: Hotel Healdsburg*

DAY 6

RUSSIAN RIVER LOOP ROUTE 21 Miles (800' elevation gain)

How would you like to cap off your California Wine Country visit? If one last bike ride sounds good, enjoy a loop ride on the two parallel roads along the Russian River: Eastside and Westside Roads. Make your way up a forested climb and then cruise along the rolling hills on Westside Road back to Healdsburg. Or maybe you'd rather stay back to relax at the hotel or grab a last-minute souvenir from one of the shops in town. After gathering for lunch at the historic Oakville Grocery in Healdsburg, we say our goodbyes. Please see "Arriving & Departing" for end-of-trip logistics.

KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE

We are always seeking opportunities to enhance this itinerary. We'll be certain to notify you of any important changes prior to departure; other changes may be communicated on trip by your leaders.

SHIFT GEARS

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Our trips are designed to be flexible, giving you the freedom to experience the best of the region your way YOU want. Feel like you're ready to go, go! We can show you the way! Want some downtime or prefer to head out on your own? No problem!

Your Trip Leaders will make sure to tell you the best days to take time for yourself (if you want it) without feeling like you're missing out.

So feel free to shift gears and make it your day!



TRIP ACCOMMODATIONS

Premiere Hotels



2 Nights (Pictured) Solage Calistoga

With guest rooms that resemble high-ceilinged urban lofts, this laid-back hotel is "a young, hip alternative to more traditional Napa resorts," according to *Travel + Leisure*. (pool, spa) | Calistoga | www.solagecalistoga.com | 855-942-7442 or 707-266-7531

1 Night Bodega Bay Lodge & Spa

Overlooking Doran Beach State Park, a coastal retreat with sweeping bay views. (pool, spa) | Bodega Bay | www.bodegabaylodge.com/ | 888-875-2250 or 707-875-3525

2 Nights Hotel Healdsburg

Sleek and sophisticated, this hotel on the town plaza gets rave reviews for its contemporary interior and plush amenities. *Travel + Leisure* World's Best. (pool, spa) | Healdsburg | www.hotelhealdsburg.com | 800-889-7188 or 707-431-2800

ARRIVING & DEPARTING

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After reviewing the following information, please inform us of your arrival and departure plans on your *Personal Information Form*.

Meeting Time & Location

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Conclusion of the Trip

Our trip ends at Hotel Healdsburg in Healdsburg at 1 p.m. If you drove to the trip start in Calistoga and parked at Solage, Backroads will shuttle you back to Solage at the conclusion of the trip, arriving around 2 p.m.

If you have reserved your own taxi or transfer, you should arrange for pick-up from Hotel Healdsburg at 1 p.m., which will get you to San Francisco between 3 and 4:30 p.m. (depending on traffic). If you're flying out of San Francisco on the last day of the trip, we recommend booking your flight out of SFO no earlier than 7 p.m.

Flight Arrangements

This trip starts in Napa and ends in Healdsburg, California. We suggest flying in and out of either San Francisco International Airport (airport code: SFO; www.flysfo.com) or the Sonoma County Airport (STS; www.sonomacountyairport.org) at least one day

before the trip starts. At the time of printing, Alaska Airlines and Allegiant Air are the only two airlines servicing Sonoma County Airport.

When to Book Flights

Please note that trip start and end locations are subject to change and can vary by departure. A Travel Planner, complete with trip details specific to your chosen date, will be sent to you at time of booking or soon after and will be viewable in your Backroads account. **Do not schedule your flights until your reservation is confirmed.**

For help arranging air transportation to and from your Backroads trip, please work with your own travel advisor, or you may work with our travel agency partner. Their professional expert travel advisors are ready to share their insiders' knowledge of Backroads and our worldwide destinations and are available to assist you with any of your travel needs. Please note that they are an independent travel agency and consulting and ticketing fees may apply, based on the services requested. Simply ask your Backroads Trip Consultant to connect you! You can also book directly with the airline, or through a travel website.

Transportation from the San Francisco Airport to Downtown

We recommend the following transportation options from the airport to downtown (the trip takes 30–40 minutes). All prices and times were accurate at the time of printing but are subject to change. Please call each company directly for the most current information.

Taxis from the airport to downtown cost about \$50.

SuperShuttle (www.supershuttle.com; 800-258-3826 or 650-558-8500) has 24-hour service to downtown San Francisco on demand. After claiming your luggage on the lower level, proceed to the upper level and outside to the outer curb. Follow the SuperShuttle signs to an SFO airport agent, who will arrange your transportation. Reservations are recommended for airport pickups though not required; you can reserve your seat online or by phone. The cost for shared van service is about \$17 per person; groups of up to seven people can charter a van for \$75 (gratuity not included). To return to the

airport, call 24 hours in advance to reserve your space. Note: SuperShuttle only accepts bicycles if a van is chartered.

Bay Area Rapid Transit (www.bart.gov) provides train service from the airport to downtown San Francisco for about \$9 per person. Please contact your pre-trip hotel to determine which BART station is closest to your lodging.

Taxi Transportation from Downtown San Francisco to Wine Country

Pure Luxury Transportation (www.pureluxury.com) provides shuttle service from the Fairmont in downtown San Francisco to Napa for approximately \$120 per person (one-way trip). Boxed bikes are accepted free of charge on a space-available basis. Reservations are required and must be made at least 2 weeks prior to your Backroads trip. Reservations made within 2 weeks of your trip will be accepted based on availability. Payment by any major credit card is required at the time of reservation; 72 hours' notice is required for cancellation without penalty. To reserve a space, please email Gina Rodriguez at gina@pureluxury.com. If Gina is out, please contact Alexia Ibarra at aibarra@pureluxury.com. Gina and Alexia can be reached by phone at 800-626-5466 or 707-775-2920, Monday–Friday, 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Pacific time.

Airport Taxi Cab Services

(airporttaxicabservices.com/online-reservation | 650-593-1234) provides point-to-point transportation from downtown San Francisco to Napa starting at \$142 per car (gratuity not included). If you're bringing a bike, let the reservations agent know at the time of booking; your bike must be in a bike box, and there may be an additional cost per bike.

California Wine Tours

(www.californiawinetours.com; 800-294-6386 or 707-253-1300) provides transportation directly from the San Francisco airport to the Wine Country; meet your driver (who will be holding a sign with your party's name) in the luggage area. The cost for a sedan, which accommodates up to three people and luggage, is around \$240 (including toll, parking, tax, fuel surcharge and gratuities). If you're interested in a more environmentally friendly ride, ask about a vehicle in the company's "Green Fleet." For parties of up to six people, roomier Suburbans are available for about \$280.

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When reserving your shuttle, you may need to provide the following information:

- The meeting location (Kennedy Park in Napa)
- The date your trip begins

Please note that gratuities for your Pure Luxury Transportation shuttle driver are not included in the transfer price.

IMPORTANT: Pure Luxury is a private shuttle company not affiliated with Backroads. The company runs on a tight schedule and must leave at the designated departure time. If you're late and miss the shuttle, please be aware that you may incur no-show penalties and will need to arrange alternative transportation to the Wine Country.



PRICES & SCHEDULES

All prices and schedules were current at the time of printing, but are subject to change at any time.



DESTINATION DETAILS

Climate

Each season in the Wine Country is unique. In the spring, the days are warm and the evenings are cool. A layer of low clouds and fog often moves inland during the night and retreats mid-morning. Summer evenings bring cooler temperatures. Rainfall is negligible June through September. In the fall, warm weather continues with October being characterized by spring-like temperatures, but with rain likely. **Guests on trips departing in March, April, November and December especially should come prepared for rain and cold weather.**

Temperatures are always cooler near the ocean. When biking along the coast, you'll encounter a variety of conditions: fog, sun and wind are all possible. **Be prepared for all types of weather to ensure that your trip is enjoyable.**

San Francisco

| Average: | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| High °F | 56 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 64 | 64 |
| Low °F | 46 | 49 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 53 |
| Inches Precip. | 4.4 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 1.3 | 0.4 | 0.2 |
| Average: | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
| High °F | 65 | 66 | 69 | 69 | 63 | 56 |
| Low °F | 53 | 55 | 56 | 55 | 51 | 47 |
| Inches Precip. | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 1.1 | 2.9 | 3.6 |

Bodega Bay

| Average: | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| High °F | 56 | 61 | 64 | 68 | 75 | 80 |
| Low °F | 35 | 37 | 38 | 40 | 44 | 47 |
| Inches Precip. | 9.0 | 6.3 | 5.6 | 2.3 | 0.5 | 0.3 |
| Average: | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
| High °F | 84 | 84 | 82 | 76 | 64 | 56 |
| Low °F | 48 | 48 | 47 | 44 | 38 | 35 |
| Inches Precip. | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 2.4 | 6.5 | 7.1 |

Napa & Sonoma

| Average: | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| High °F | 57 | 64 | 66 | 71 | 75 | 79 |
| Low °F | 39 | 42 | 43 | 46 | 50 | 53 |
| Inches Precip. | 6.9 | 5.6 | 4.6 | 2.1 | 0.8 | 0.5 |
| Average: | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
| High °F | 86 | 85 | 84 | 78 | 65 | 57 |
| Low °F | 54 | 53 | 51 | 46 | 41 | 42 |
| Inches Precip. | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 1.9 | 4.2 | 6.1 |

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GETTING ACTIVE FOR YOUR TRIP

check out the **WAHOO FITNESS ELEMNT**



Our state-of-the-art GPS devices offer easy-to follow directions and come pre-loaded with all the route options specific to this Backroads trip.

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Conditioning Tips

Preparing for Your Trip

Every Backroads trip is designed to appeal to a wide variety of interests and fitness levels. We know that pace may vary from one day to the next—and your traveling companions' may differ somewhat from yours. So we present a range of mileage options, and each day you decide exactly what and how much you want to do.

Before your trip, we suggest biking regularly and hitting a few hills whenever you can. Review the route options in the daily itinerary for the range of mileages offered on this trip. But mostly, just show up and have fun!

Activity Level

The routes on this trip are rated Levels 2–5.

| ACTIVITY LEVEL | BIKING | | WALKING | | |
|----------------|--------------------|------------|------------------------|------------|------------------------|
| | Avg. Time in hours | Avg. Miles | Max Elev. Gain in feet | Avg. Miles | Max Elev. Gain in feet |
| 1 | 2-3 hrs | 8-22 | 1000' | 2-5 | 800' |
| 2 | 2-4 hrs | 18-32 | 2200' | 4-7 | 1300' |
| 3 | 3-5 hrs | 26-42 | 3400' | 5-9 | 2000' |
| 4 | 4-6 hrs | 36-54 | 4400' | 6-11 | 3000' |
| 5 | 5-7+ hrs | 48-70+ | 4400'+ | 7-13+ | 4000'+ |

Review the "Activity Level" section on the web for more details on daily route options.

WHERE TO STAY BEFORE & AFTER YOUR TRIP

For help arranging hotel accommodations for before and after your Backroads trip, or an extension to your trip, please work with your own travel advisor, or you may work with our preferred travel agency partner. Their team of professional travel advisors are ready to share their insiders' knowledge of Backroads and our worldwide destinations and are available to assist you with any of your travel needs. Please note that they are an independent travel agency and consulting and ticketing fees may apply, based on the services requested. Simply ask your Backroads Trip Consultant to connect you! You can also book directly with the hotel, or through a travel website.

Please note that Backroads does not block rooms and does not offer special rates for pre- and post-trip stays. If you plan on extending your stay at our first night's hotel before the trip starts or our last night's hotel when the trip ends, let the hotel reservations agent know that you're traveling with Backroads—you may be able to avoid changing rooms. **We recommend booking your rooms as early as possible, especially during peak travel season!**

HOTEL ROOM RATES

IN US DOLLARS PER NIGHT

| | |
|---------------------|-------|
| \$501 and up..... | ◆◆◆◆◆ |
| \$300 to \$500..... | ◆◆◆◆◆ |
| \$201 to \$300..... | ◆◆◆◆◆ |
| Up to \$200..... | ◆◆◆◆◆ |

The following is a selection of recommended properties that span a range of prices, amenities and locations. Refer to the Hotel Room Rates guide for the starting double-occupancy rates, which were accurate at time of printing.

Note that rates are subject to change and some Wine Country hotels may require a minimum stay, particularly during the September/October harvest season.

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San Francisco

Hotel map: bit.ly/SanFranciscoPPH

Four Seasons Hotel San Francisco

Situated in the Yerba Buena cultural district, the ultra-posh Four Seasons is everything you want in a hotel and more. The hotel also offers a 100,000-square-foot sports club (perhaps the best hotel gym in the city). *Travel + Leisure* World's Best. (pool, spa) | 757 Market Street | www.fourseasons.com/sanfrancisco | 415-633-3000 | 277 rooms & suites | Rates: ◆◆◆◆◆

Scarlet Huntington

Family-owned and operated for three generations, this Small Luxury Hotels of the World member hotel enjoys a well-earned reputation among savvy travelers, thanks to its distinguished English-style interior and personalized service. (pool, spa) | 1075 California Street | www.thescarlethotels.com | 415-474-5400 | 136 rooms & suites | Rates: ◆◆◆◆◆

Argonaut Hotel

Recently updated, this boutique hotel at Fisherman's Wharf is located across from the cable car turnaround and a block from Ghirardelli Square. | 495 Jefferson Street | www.argonauthotel.com | 415-563-0800 | 252 rooms & suites | Rates: ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆

Fairmont San Francisco Hotel

The world-renowned Fairmont San Francisco is the picture of historic elegance, reflecting over a century of San Francisco's past in its gleaming marble floors, columns and intricate design work. (spa) | 950 Mason Street | www.fairmont.com/sanfrancisco | 415-772-5000 | 591 rooms & suites | Rates: ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆

Galleria Park Hotel

Combining original art deco and art nouveau design elements with contemporary touches, the welcoming Galleria Park Hotel is an urban oasis in the heart of Union Square. | 191 Sutter Street | www.galleriapark.com | 415-781-3060 | 177 rooms & suites | Rates: ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆

Hotel Drisco

Located in the Pacific Heights neighborhood, this unassuming hotel offers a prime location, amazing views and a one-of-a-kind experience. | 2901 Pacific Avenue | www.hoteldrisco.com | 800-634-7277 or 415-346-2880 | 48 rooms & suites | Rates: ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆

Ritz-Carlton San Francisco

Bordered by Chinatown and Union Square, this Nob Hill landmark is consistently rated as one of the top hotels in the world for a reason: no stone is left unturned when it comes to comfort and style. (spa) | 600 Stockton Street | www.ritzcarlton.com/sanfrancisco | 415-773-6168 | 336 rooms & suites | Rates: ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆

Taj Campton Place

A Union Square landmark, the historic Taj Campton Place is an intimate boutique hotel with classical European style and modern sophistication. You won't want to pass up a meal at Campton Place's Michelin-starred restaurant. *Travel + Leisure* World's Best. | 340 Stockton Street | www.tajhotels.com | 415-781-5555 | 110 rooms & suites | Rates: ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆

Cliff Royal Sonesta Hotel

After a day discovering the shops and galleries of Union Square—just steps away—wind down in the Redwood Room, which retains its original redwood paneling and an enormous bar carved from a single redwood tree, according to local legend. | 495 Geary Street | www.sonesta.com | 415-775-4700 | 372 rooms & suites | Rates: ◆ ◆ ◆

Harbor Court Hotel

With some prime real estate on the lively Embarcadero waterfront, Harbor Court is a great choice for those interested in discovering the best of San Francisco. Note: Each guest room has only one bed. | 165 Steuart Street | www.harborcourthotel.com | 415-882-1300 | 131 rooms & suites | Rates: ◆ ◆ ◆

Marriott Marquis San Francisco

Located in the fashionable SOMA district of San Francisco, the Marriott Marquis offers luxurious state-of-the-art accommodations and provides unrivaled access to world-class restaurants, museums and shopping. (pool, spa) | 780 Mission Street | www.marriott.com | 415-896-1600 | 1,500 rooms & suites | Rates: ◆ ◆ ◆

Hotel Vitale

Step into an urban oasis at the stylish Hotel Vitale, located on the Embarcadero waterfront. Walking distance to cable cars and the shops at the Ferry Building. *Travel + Leisure* World's Best. (spa) | 8 Mission Street | hotel-vitale-san-francisco.hotel-ds.com | 415-278-3700 | 200 rooms & suites | Rates: ◆ ◆ ◆

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Westin St. Francis

This iconic hotel in San Francisco's Union Square combines the history and traditions of its turn-of-the-century founding with recent renovations that reflect its timeless elegance. | 335 Powell Street | www.westinstfrancis.com | 415-397-7000 | 1200 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦

Mayflower Hotel

A simple but comfortable hotel in the heart of downtown. Walk to shops, restaurants and nightlife. | 975 Bush Street | www.sfmayflowerhotel.com | 415-673-7010 | 90 rooms | Rates: ♦ ♦

Calistoga

Hotel map: bit.ly/CalistogaHotels

Solage Calistoga

Set on 22 acres surrounded by the Mayacamas and Palisades Mountains, Solage offers a blend of urban chic and Wine Country casual. Pamper yourself at Spa Solage, followed by a delicious meal at Solbar. *Travel + Leisure* World's Best. (pool, spa) | Calistoga | aubergeresorts.com/solage | 707-266-7531 or 855-942-7442

Indian Springs Resort & Spa

Situated on what the Spanish once called Agua Caliente, this elegant and historic resort has been welcoming guests since 1862. Rooms on the ground floor feature private patios with fountains and lounge chairs. Four natural thermal geysers supply the Olympic-sized mineral pool. (pool, spa) | 1712 Lincoln Avenue | www.indianspringscalistoga.com | 707-942-4913 | 41 rooms | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Best Western Plus Stevenson Manor

Just minutes from downtown and in close proximity to many wineries, shops and restaurants, this hotel is the perfect place to get a great night's sleep before exploring everything Wine Country has to offer. (pool) | 1830 Lincoln Avenue | www.bestwestern.com | 707-942-1112 | 34 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦

Calistoga Inn

This quaint turn-of-the-century European inn preserves up old-world charm in the Wine Country. Rooms have sinks, and communal bathrooms are located down the hall. Make sure to drop by the inn's microbrewery and see what's on tap! | 1250 Lincoln Avenue | www.calistogainn.com | 707-942-4101 | 18 rooms | Rates: ♦ ♦

Napa

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Carneros Inn

Situated on 27 acres of seemingly endless rows of grape vines, bucolic farmland and fragrant apple orchards, the inn's luxurious design was inspired by the local countryside and enhanced with stylish touches to capture the region's distinct charm. (pool, spa). | 4048 Sonoma Highway | www.thecarnerosinn.com | 888-400-9000 or 707-299-4900 | 99 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Andaz Napa

Situated in the heart of downtown Napa, this sophisticated boutique hotel is minutes from many restaurants, galleries, shops and wine-tasting rooms. (spa) | 1450 First Street | www.napa.andaz.hyatt.com | 707-687-1234 | 141 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Napa River Inn

A converted mill that dates back to the 19th century, this historic landmark hotel features several restaurants and a live music venue. (spa) | 500 Main Street | www.napariverinn.com | 877-251-8500 or 707-251-8500 | 66 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Elm House Inn

This lovely inn combines the charm of a bed-and-breakfast with the amenities of a larger full-service hotel. An easy walk to shops, restaurants and wine tasting. | 800 California Boulevard | www.elmhouseinn.com | 888-849-1997 or 707-255-1831 | 22 rooms | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦

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St. Helena

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Las Alcobas Napa Valley

Occupying a stately Georgian-style farmhouse originally constructed in 1907 and situated adjacent to the storied Beringer vineyards, this luxury hotel offers elegantly designed rooms, many of which feature an outdoor terrace. (spa) | 1915 Main Street | www.lasalcobasnapavalley.com | 707-963-7000 | 68 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Meadowood

Called "Napa's premier luxury hideaway" by *Town & Country*, this breathtaking resort is home to the Michelin three-star Restaurant at Meadowood. A Relais & Châteaux member; *Travel + Leisure* World's Best. (pool, spa, tennis, golf) | 900 Meadowood Lane | www.meadowood.com | 877-963-3646 or 707-531-4788 | 85 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Wydown Hotel

A distinctive and joyful boutique hotel with a tastefully curated and cozy environment. Spacious rooms with fine furnishings, lavish amenities and charming views of downtown St. Helena. (pool, spa) | 1424 Main Street | www.wydownhotel.com | 707-963-5100 | 12 rooms | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦



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