

Expedia Travel's 10 Best 4 star or higher Bed and Breakfasts in California-March 2020 edition

****All places listed have breakfast included**

Looking for a weekend getaway? We have your March guide to the highest rated B&Bs for you to hit the road and explore the Golden State!

1. Seven Gables Inn-Oceanfront Inn

Pacific Grove, CA

Looking to go back in time a beat? Well, similar to its name, the vision of this seashore inn conjures ideas of Anne of Green Gables and the slow pace of small town life perfect for a stroll with your sweetie or mindless meandering of your own. With 360 degree views of the Pacific Ocean and coastal mountains, there is a reason this B&B lands a spot on the list. They offer complimentary afternoon wine and cheese pouring consisting of primarily Monterey County wines, naturally and complimentary evening homemade cookies and milk to finish your day. It has landed on multiple "best inns" lists including those for California and "Most Romantic Inns of the U.S." If you're looking to reconnect whether with someone or just yourself, this place can reawaken the senses and help you fall back in love with nature and the beautiful simplicities that both life and this seaside inn have to offer.

Located in Pacific Grove, Ca, you're only a stone's throw away from Monterey Aquarium and the Monarch Butterfly Sanctuary. Looking for a place to stop and take a rest? Try Lover's Point Mural, also mere steps away from the inn.

Things to note:

Complimentary high speed WIFI.

Continental Breakfast

Full Private Bathrooms

Within walking distance of many scenic ventures.

Free Parking

2. The Inn at Newport Ranch

Fort Bragg, CA

Setup more like a compound than an Inn, Newport Ranch is located in the picturesque Mendocino County and is considered to be a private boutique inn sitting atop an expansive 2000 acres of Redwoods and beautiful California coastlines. If luxury met rustic, they would vacation here. The Inn, resembling an impressive log fort, was renovated and repurposed with the original Redwood resources to create the atmospheric surroundings that provide a feeling of relaxing disconnect that only California's microclimate geography and the Inn's sprawling ranch could provide. Perfect for the weekend writer or the couple looking for something a little more rural than the standard quaint B&B, the Inn offers 4-star ranch-inspired cuisine, a beautiful library, full time concierge and sumptuous spa services. For the craftsman in you or those that enjoy architecture and fine cuisine, the sheer experience of wandering the grounds provides enough stimulation to tantalize all the senses. For those who are environmentally

conscious, the Inn at Newport is committed to sustainable operation with their own gardens and source meat, fish and other requisites from local vendors. Having made Conde Nast's "Traveler" magazine a few times, it's definitely a hotspot for those looking for a rustic getaway.

Things to note:

Continental Breakfast
Down pillows and bedding
Wood burning fireplaces in room
Sprawling grounds to explore
Free Parking

3. The Gingerbread Mansion Inn

Ferndale, CA

Are you an artist or fan of storybook architecture and looking to transport yourself to a different reality entirely? Try the Gingerbread Mansion Inn where guests walk in from the year 2020 and upon crossing the threshold, are immediately whisked into 1920's Victorian England. As its name suggests, it houses décor fit for a Queen and tea sets that line the halls to match. The mansion is located in Ferndale, part of Humboldt county and dubbed the "Victorian Village," the cute Gingerbread mansion is not the only one to be found in this quaint town. In fact, the whole of the town is steeped in a rich dairy and artist history and is preserved as if frozen in time. Surrounded by Redwood forests and close to the coastline, the area provides visitors with a visual smorgasbord at every turn. Feeling hungry before you head out to explore? Stop in at their restaurant where they offer delights for even the pickiest of palettes or opt for one of the Mansion's savory picnic baskets they offer and create your own fairy tale weekend in this whimsical haven but don't forget to arrive back in the afternoon for tea time! Finally, when exhausted after a long day of eating and sightseeing, have a rest in any one of the many lavish guestrooms, each themed after historical monarchies. No matter which you choose, rest assured that you will be feeling like royalty. A particular favorite for romantic weekends and ladies' weekends, the Gingerbread Mansion is sure to hold your expectations.

Things to note:

Free Wifi
Flat-screen Tv
On-site spa
Great for sightseeing of nature and architecture.
In addition to breakfast, they offer high tea and wine hour as well
Each guest gets to keep a pair of their own plush slippers.
Nightly turn down service

4. The Casitas of Arroyo Grande

Arroyo Grande, CA

Looking for a place that celebrates the rich Latin culture of California instead? The Casitas of Arroyo Grande is our pick. Located in San Luis Obispo county and surrounded by wine valleys, Casitas is the perfect place to both indulge in the many flavors of the area and enjoy the temperate weather of wine country. Wine not your thing? No worries, take a visit to Hearst Castle or Pismo Beach and ride the dunes for a bit of an adrenaline rush. Looking for something more culturally stimulating? The area is rife with art walks, historical events and nature tours. At the Casitas, you'll find dark leather sofas, Talavera pottery and traditional Kiva's, all reminiscent of the deep Spanish-Mexican roots of California. Visit on a particularly warm weekend? Cool yourself down in the grounds' long pool while enjoying views of rolling hills and serene greenery before you settle down for the evening and enjoy wine and fondue on the patio as the sun sets. Then, retire to any one of the beautifully titled suites like Mariposa (butterfly) or Cielo (sky) where you will sleep soundly covered in Ralph Lauren bedding and awake to a gourmet breakfast en suite before heading out to seize the sunny day.

Things to Note:

- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Ralph Lauren Bedding
- Turkish Cotton Towels
- DirecTV with HBO, Showtime, & DVR Movies
- Bose Stereo with iPod port
- Oversized Pool Towels
- Luxury Label Toiletries

5. High Ridge Manor

Paso Robles, CA

Do you fancy yourself more of a wine enthusiast or connoisseur? Either way, High Ridge Manor is the place to stay if you want a taste of the quintessential California grape. Located in the heart of Paso Robles, this upscale B&B is an opportunity to find your supreme place of R&R. Lulled by the spectacular estate consumed with lush greenery that lines the ground and nestles you in, this is your vineyard oasis.

After you enjoy a breakfast of Quiche or French Toast, head out for a round of golf at one of the many scenic courses throughout the area. Perhaps you're looking to get an even grander view of this living art that is Paso Robles-then why not try a hot air balloon ride? Want a mellow day? Look no further than the estate itself where a fountain-framed crystal clear pool beckons you to take a dip and enjoy a Bbq luncheon hot off the grill. Having made many "top B&B lists" already, it no wonder why they continue to be a California favorite.

Things to note:

- Air conditioning
- Dry cleaning
- Elevator
- Porter / concierge service
- WiFi internet

Outdoor pool

6. Amber House Inn Midtown

Sacramento, CA

Traveling to the state's capital of Sacramento, it is here that you will find the Amber House Inn Midtown. Walking distance to the convention center and many other central locations, if you're looking for a place that knows hospitality and has many years to boast, this is your place. Having operated for over 30 years, Amber House is the place to visit if you're looking for traditional refinement and taste that only the most seasoned could accomplish. Each room maintains the elegance the Amber House is known for but is laced with slightly different décor to fit a variety of preferences. From the Woodsworth suite to the Chaucer, you'll feel at home and comfortable surrounded by luxurious purple and blue bed linens that are housed in their dark wooded armoires and garment chests. Take a soak in your jacuzzi tub before heading out for a night on the town in historic old-town Sacramento and maybe take in a show at the B-Street Theatre, a local favorite among all theatre aficionados of the area. The next morning, the sun will greet you as will the lovely staff of the Amber House Inn with a gourmet breakfast and piping hot coffee to start your day.

Things to note:

- Lush Microfiber bath linens
- Pillow top mattresses
- Jacuzzi tubs for two
- Walking distance to many sightseeing attractions
- Freshly baked cookies

7. Simpson House Inn

Santa Barbara, CA

Now we venture to Southern California to a city on the beach that bathes in the sun and accessorizes itself with the influences of the cultures that surround it. Santa Barbara, known for its breathtaking ocean views and quintessential relaxed California vibes is home to the Simpson House Inn, a place reminiscent of Grandma's cottage in any storybook fairy tale but rest assured, there will be no big bad wolves to taint your weekend getaway to this provincial seeming destination. No, only wine tasting, scenic walking routes and sparkling waterfronts at the many nearby restaurants will surround you.

Boasting one of the finest Victorian estates in the area, Simpson House features guest rooms in their elegant 1874 Victorian home as well as four garden cottages on the property and all are decorated with the finest amenities and toiletries that one would expect from a 5 star resort. Each room on the property evokes feelings of tranquility and freshness. With décor made of soft yellows, lilac purples and jade greens to invigorate the eye, you'll never want to leave your room but let us assure you that you should as the grounds themselves are splendor in the grass and the neighboring commerce will have you excited to explore the beautiful Santa Barbara. Wine country is located a mere 40 minute drive from the residence and for those outdoor bound, hop on the trolley and take a ride down to the seashore where plenty of paddle boat and bike rentals populate the area. There will be plenty to keep you occupied until early

evening where you can enjoy complimentary wine & hors d'oeuvres to whet your pallet before enjoying an extravagant meal at any one of the nearby award winning restaurants.

Things to note:

- Afternoon Refreshments on arrival
- Wine Tasting and Hors d'Oeuvres Buffet
- Evening Sweet
- Turndown Service
- TV, Movie Library, I-pod player, Pandora Radio & Netflix
- High-Speed Internet Access throughout the Property
- Morning Newspaper Delivery

8. The Carriage House

Carmel, CA

No stranger to many “top B&B” lists, The Carriage House in Carmel has consistently been awarded the AAA’s 4-diamond rating and it isn’t difficult to understand why. Located a mere one block away from Ocean Avenue, the main core of this quaint seaside village, the Carriage Inn is the ideal hiding place for a weekend venture where entertainment and premium dining are only a mere steps away. Outfitted with only 13 guestrooms and a maximum occupancy of 2 people per room, you are sure to remain in the throes of relaxation and serenity while staying here and you’ll be sure to get a full night’s rest when wrapped in their plush linens. Beyond just your lavish accommodations, you will enjoy evening wine and hors d’oeuvres, turn down service, concierge assistance, freshly baked cookies and a continental breakfast delivered to your door each morning. Looking for an excursion off the premises? Their concierge services can help you find your way, whether restaurant reservations or finding the perfect golf course for a morning round, The Carriage House will ensure your stay is nothing short of divine.

Things to note:

- Lush Microfiber bath linens
- Luxurious bed linens
- Hypoallergenic modifications offered
- Free Wifi
- Walking distance to many sightseeing attractions
- Freshly baked cookies

9. The M Solvang

Solvang, CA

Looking to take a break from reality? Burrowed in the heart of the Santa Ynez Valley, is a small Danish village, Solvang, known for its architecture, many wineries, and charming shopping boutiques. It is here that you will find The M Solvang. Heralded as the area’s first hotel, it has been serving wine and shopping enthusiasts since the 50’s. Charm is a word that fully

encompasses The M. Everything about it, from its room décor outfitted in antique furnishings to the rose gardens that surround the premises, provides a sense of old town whimsicality that is sure to enhance your experience in this already imaginative village. If you find yourself chasing the vino, select from plenty of wine tours in the area with the help of the M's owners. If you're looking for a "shop till you drop" experience, there are plenty of shops to visit and take a lunch break at Root 246, the fully organic and locally sourced restaurant-a favorite among locals. If you're more interested in exploring the deeply rooted Chumash culture of the area, take a look at the Santa Ynez Historical museum or for a truly magical experience, walk through Hans Christian Anderson Park. The most enjoyable perk for many guests? Some guestrooms are pet friendly so feel free to bring your favorite four-legged fur friend along for the ride. They're sure to enjoy all the open air and downtown hustle and bustle.

Things to note:

- Free Wifi access
- Complimentary breakfast
- In room coffee and tea
- English gardens
- Pet-friendly accommodations upon request

10. Blue Lantern Inn

Dana Point, CA

Hard to not be immediately captivated by the breathtaking views that encircle visitors here, the Blue Lantern Inn boasts dramatic ocean and hillside views in the stunning Dana Point area of Southern California. Looking for the real "OC" experience without all the hype? Dana Point is a strong contender. With everything you can imagine from a beach town in sunny Southern California, Dana Point provides the perfect setting to begin your restful weekend at the Blue Lantern Inn. With a 29 guestroom inn space that was built specifically as a B&B in 1990, the Nantucket-inspired space was made with only the visitors comfort in mind and offers all of the amenities and convenience you could want without encroaching on the privacy and serenity of its surroundings. For those looking for an extra boost of relaxation, take a visit to their on-site spa where you can pamper yourself with any one of the many massage services they offer. Can't get away from the office even for a moment? The Inn also provides a conference room and business services to ensure nothing lapses while you're busy sipping complimentary soft beverages or wine on the patio that overlooks the ocean. Wondering about the cuisine options? Eggs Benedict, French Toast, Blueberry Pancakes and Artichoke Quiche are just a taste of what you can expect at breakfast each morning. Fancy yourself a real sea adventure? Talk to the concierge about Dana Point's many excursions including dolphin safaris, whale watching and kayaking. Looking for more fun? Disneyland, San Diego Wildlife Park and Knott's Berry Farm are only miles away. With so many options, the area is sure to keep you entertained on your weekend stay until it's time to calm down for the evening and enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres.

Things to Note:

- Bicycles to borrow

Freshly-baked cookies

Refreshments, including water, coffee and tea, are available throughout the day

Beach chairs, towels and umbrellas available to borrow

Wireless Internet access

High Definition television with premium movie channels

Books and games available to borrow