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# Cruising California

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Satisfy your travel desire on a remarkable Highway 1 road trip. No other Golden State route rewards with as much dynamic scenery, crashing waves, magical sunsets, and heavenly views, not to mention hundreds of miles of sandy beaches, wine tasting, world-class spas, and dreamy accommodations. Start in the north in surprising places like Cayucos and Avila Beach then travel south to Del Mar and Encinitas. Do it all in on one big satisfying journey or split it into two amazing road trips. Either way, our guide gives you insider tips on the best places to eat, drink, play, and stay along the way. ➡

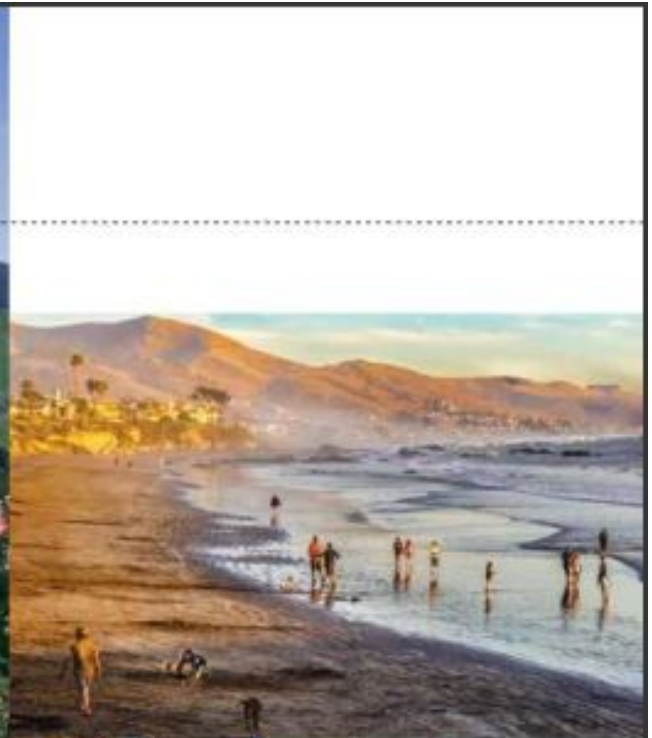
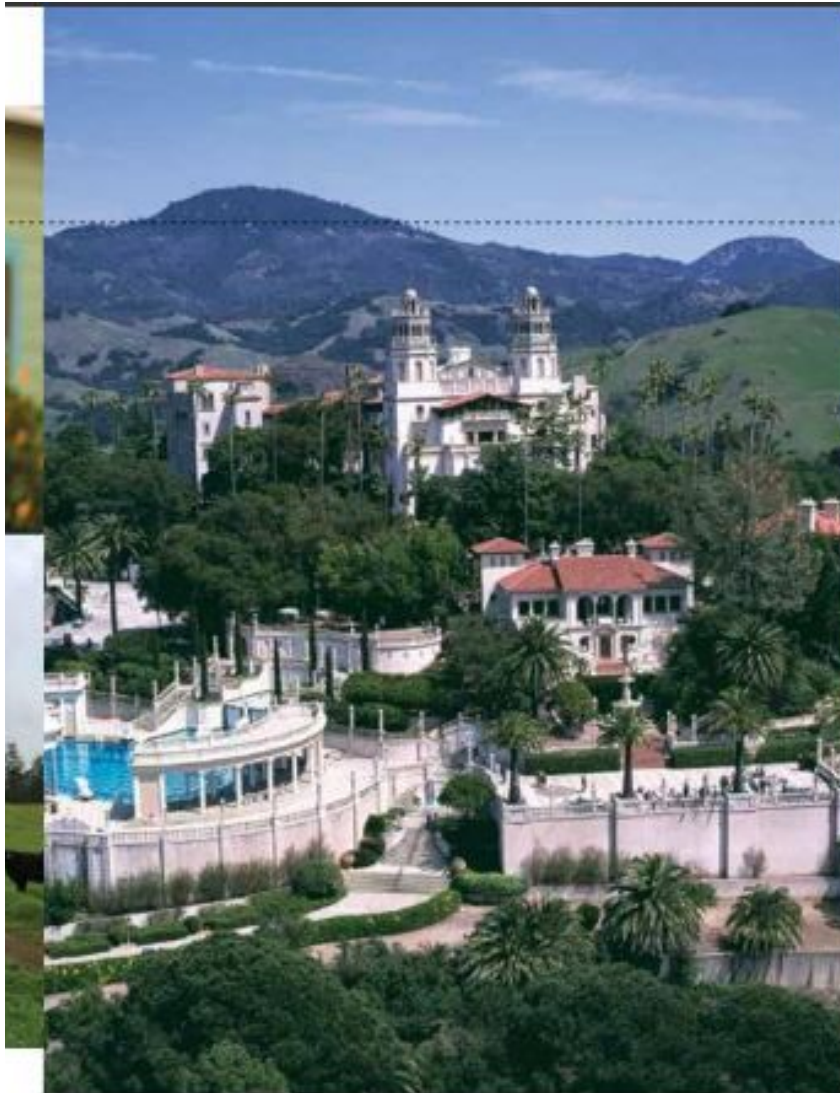


## Paso Robles

Start your adventure with an overnight stay in Paso Robles at idyllic **Allegretto Vineyard Resort**, an art-filled Italianate wonder with its own tasting room. A large pool, bocce ball court, sonic labyrinth, and complimentary bikes add to the exceptional experience. Locally sourced Mediterranean-inspired cuisine at the resort's restaurant Cello celebrates the bounty of the region. More than 20 wineries dot this region; vineyards like Robert Hall, Broken Earth, and J Lohr are great places to pick up a few bottles for your getaway.

## Cambria, San Simeon, Cayucos

Travel over bucolic State Route 46 on rolling green hills to Highway 1 in Cambria, an enchanting village where the pines meet the sea. Antique and art shops, miles of beachfront boardwalks, and a fun restaurant scene offer plenty to do. Beeline to Main Street for the legendary Olallieberry pie and a cup o'Joe at renowned **Linn's Restaurant**. Then hit the trails on California Clydesdales. Tara Covell and her father own 2000-acres of ranch land in the Cambria hills where their stable of gentle giants leads guests on horseback to spectacular views of the Pacific.



Riding one of these majestic creatures is a real treat, whether you're a pro or a novice.

Just a few miles north, head to San Simeon for lunch at **Sebastian's**, a registered California historical landmark. First opened in 1878, this take-out picnic spot is revered for its burgers and Hearst Ranch Winery tasting bar. Across the highway is **Hearst Castle** where an afternoon tour of William Randolph Hearst's former immense mansion is an absolute must-do. Take a bus to the top of the "enchanted hill" and tour the 115-room main house with its world class art collection, opulent swimming pools, panoramic views, and lush gardens. Construction of the sky-high castle took scores of laborers nearly 30-years to build. For an afternoon break, head back to Cambria to taste estate wines in the verdant gardens at **Stolo Vineyards**. Savor your sips listening to live music on Saturdays during the summer.

Another 15-minute drive south takes you to the historic beach town of Cayucos and its 953-foot long pier that juts into Estero Bay. The pier has great views of Morro Rock where marine

animals can be seen, including whales, seals, and sea otters. (Don't forget your binoculars.) Embracing a nautical theme and unparalleled ocean views, grab a cocktail calamari strips or ahi eggrolls at **Schooners**.

Overnight accommodations include the charming **Cass House** owned by Traci Hozie and her sister Christa; they also own **Brown Butter Cookie Company** down the street, one of Cayucos' most delicious attractions. The Grill at Cass House features an open-air patio that serves empanadas, grilled prawns, and creative pizzas. Your stay includes a gift card for breakfast at **The Bakery**, a popular spot for scones and sticky buns best enjoyed at a sunny sidewalk table. ➡➡

