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My Santa Barbara Guide

Santa Barbara, 2 Days

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Guide Description



AUTHOR NOTE: Santa Barbara's pristine shores, rugged mountain pass, and famous wine country are musts for anyone traveling to the Central Coast of California.

Itinerary Overview

things to do
restaurants
hotels
nightlife

Day 1 - Santa Barbara



Renaud's Patisserie & Bistro

An authentic and charming French patisserie.



The Upham

A historic meets cozy B&B in the heart of town.



Sustainable Vine Wine Tour

A tour of organic wineries in Santa Ynez Valley.



Cold Spring Tavern

Wagon stop turned haven for eats, drinks & music.

Day 2 - Santa Barbara



Island Packer Cruises

Day trips to the Channel Islands.



Old Mission Santa Barbara



SoHo

Live music seven days per week.

contact:
tel: 805-569-2400
<http://www.renaudsbakery.com/>

location:
in Loreto Plaza, 3315 State Street
Santa Barbara CA

1 Renaud's Patisserie & Bistro

DESCRIPTION: Renaud's is an off the beaten path charmer that churns out decadent French pastries. People drive from across town to snag an out-of-the-oven, buttery croissant before the cozy cafe sells out.

contact:
tel: 805-962-0058
<http://www.uphamhotel.com/>

location:
1404 de la vina street
Santa Barbara CA

2 The Upham

DESCRIPTION: Upham Hotel and Country House is a Victorian home-gone-bed and breakfast surrounded by lush gardens and nestled in the heart of downtown. Built in 1876, it's one of the oldest continuously operating hotels in Santa Barbara. Don't miss your nightly helping of cookies and milk before bed!

contact:
tel: 805-698-3911
sustainablevine.com

location:
Santa Barbara California
93140

Sustainable Vine Wine Tour

DESCRIPTION: Bryan and Keri Hope share their passion for wine—and biodynamic and organic growing practices—with a day-long tour of tasting rooms in the Santa Ynez Valley. After a scenic drive along the bucolic Highway 154, the tour stops at a local vineyard, where you can explore a biodynamic farm and discuss winemaking with the vintner himself. An organic lunch is served in a vineyard, followed by an afternoon of tasting some of the finest wines the region has to offer.

contact:
tel: 805-967-0066
coldspringtavern.com

location:
5995 stagecoach rd
Santa Barbara CA

3 Cold Spring Tavern

DESCRIPTION: This lamp-lit hideaway is a step back to old California, circa 1865. The wagon stop turned rustic tavern churns out hearty eats, stiff drinks, and live local tunes.

Day 2 - Santa Barbara

QUICK NOTE

contact:
tel: 805-642-1393
<http://www.islandpackers.com>

1 Island Packer Cruises

location:
Ste 105B, 1691 Spinnaker Dr
Ventura CA

DESCRIPTION: Kayak through mysterious sea caves, explore island terrain, discover native plants and animals, and picnic on the water's edge.

contact:
tel: 805/682-4713
<http://santabarbaramission.org>

2 Old Mission Santa Barbara

location:
2201 Laguna St
Santa Barbara CA 93101

hours:
Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

DESCRIPTION: Established in 1786 by Father Junípero Serra and built by the Chumash Indians, this is a rare example in physical form of the blending of Indian and Hispanic spirituality. This hilltop structure is called the Queen of the Missions for its twin bell towers and beauty. It overlooks the town and the Channel Islands beyond. Self-guided tour booklets are available in six languages. © Frommer's



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MY NOTE: Wine and cheese at sunset at the mission rose gardens is the perfect end to a day in Santa Barbara.

contact:
tel: 805-962-7776
<http://www.sohosb.com/>

SoHo

location:
Santa Barbara California
93101

DESCRIPTION: Pizza, seafood, and steaks, and local beer and wine are musts at this music hot spot.

contact:

tel: +1 805 884 6454

fax: +1 805 966 6840

<http://www.sbmuseart.org/>

location:

1130 State St

Santa Barbara CA 93101

hours:

Tues-Sun 11am-5pm

1 Santa Barbara Museum of Art

DESCRIPTION: This little jewel of a museum feels more like the private gallery of a wealthy collector. Its leaning is toward early-20th-century Western American paintings and 19th- and 20th-century Asian art, but the best displays might be the antiquities and Chinese ceramics. In addition, there are often visiting exhibits featuring small but excellent collections from other establishments. © Frommer's



Marshall Astor - Food Pornographer

Santa Barbara Snapshot

Local Info

Situated along an east-west section of the Pacific Ocean and the Santa Ynez Mountains, Santa Barbara stretches from pristine south-facing shores to the rugged San Rafael Wilderness Area. Known for its creative and diverse population of free-thinking hippies, dedicated farmers, surfing cowboys, inspired artists, discreet celebs, fabled eccentrics, and students from all over the world, this town was built upon the dreams of an industrious bunch—a requisite trait needed to come up with ways to afford the seaside enclave's ever increasing cost of living. But whether dwelling high on the hog in the coveted Hope Ranch, Riviera, and Montecito neighborhoods, or in a modest pad on the westside of State Street, north in Goleta, or on the breezy Mesa, Santa Barbara residents love their town and it's evident in the city's boisterous festivals. The annual Summer Solstice Celebration is a pagan paradise, Old Spanish Days Fiesta is a nod to the city's roots, and Earth Day began in town as a response to the area's devastating 1969 oil spill. In between festivals you can always count on weekly farmers markets to bring together chefs, shoppers, and the soil-tilling growers in the community—including winemakers from the renowned Santa Ynez Valley grape-growing region, and ranchers who work the same land founded by the city's earliest Spanish inhabitants.

With Brooks Institute of Photography, Santa Barbara City College, University of California Santa Barbara, and Westmont College within a stone's throw of each other, heaps of students frequent State Street's quaint coffee shops, bookstores, restaurants, music venues, and of course, the many clubs and bars that come alive at night. But not all of the city's favorite

haunts are reserved for student life; locals favor off the beaten path pubs, cafes, and wine bars that serve up Central Coast vintages, creative farmers market inspired dishes and cocktails, and live music. The legendary Santa Barbara Bowl is an intimate amphitheater nestled into a neighborhood hillside and draws big names to the stage, including well-known music makers that call the county home—think David Crosby, Jack Johnson, and Kenny Loggins. Historic downtown theaters including the Arlington and the recently refurbished Granada host dance and theater companies, comedians, authors, politicians, and more, who are wooed by UCSB's celebrated Arts & Lectures program.

The intrepid traveler will be glad to know that outdoor adventures are also on the menu in Santa Barbara. Hiking, mountain biking, and rock climbing are favorite activities in the Santa Ynez Mountains, while Pacific waters are prime for surfing, stand up paddling, kayaking, diving, and more. The mountains are a few miles from the heart of town and offer everything from short day hikes and bike rides, to multi-day backpacking trips. Famed wave riders Kelly Slater and Bobby Martinez have been known to ride local point breaks, but plenty of nearby waves are slow and safe for beginners. If you'd rather enjoy a dry day on the water, charter a sailboat from the Santa Barbara Sailing Center or head to the harbor and hop on a water taxi for a sunset cruise. Of course, you can always get your aquatic fix with a stroll along the shore and fish'n' chips from Harbor haunts Brophy Bros. and Longboards, or even on the sand at Shoreline Beach Cafe.

If shopping and eating are your main concern, look no further than downtown's State Street—home to boutiques, cafes, and bookstores. Pick up Santa Barbara

styles at local shops such as Wendy Foster and Blue Bee, or hit the bigger department stores in Paseo Nuevo—a mall of cobble stone pathways that lead to a movie theater, restaurants, salons, and more. To indulge in the city's gastronomic delights, stay on State Street for authentic Italian cuisine and wine on tap at Palazzo, or walk a few blocks off State for melt-in-your-mouth butternut squash ravioli with sage butter sauce at family-owned Ca Dario. With the city's strong Latin roots, you can count on epic Mexican eats at Carlitos Cafe and Cantina and Los Arroyos, and Argentinian treats and flamenco dancing at Cafe Buenos Aires. Local fish and California fare (think salads and anything with avocado) are also around every corner—The Hungry Cat serves up the freshest fish and imaginative cocktails, and Milk & Honey specializes in wine and tapas. If you dare to venture away from downtown, you'll find fabled haunts that have been serving Santa Barbara for decades. Arnoldi's is a classic Italian eatery with fierce bocce ball tournaments out back, and Harry's has served its hearty sandwiches and cocktails to everyone from Robert Mitchum to Bo Derek. Once the lights go down, dusty pubs, sleek bars, and live music venues open for business around State Street. Since 1928, Joe's Cafe has maintained its reputation for the stiffest drinks around, while across the street the James Joyce is known for big band tunes, peanut husk-covered floors, and Santa Barbara Blondes (by the pint and on the dance floor).

From historic watering holes, fine dining, wild nightlife, and rootsy bands to notable landmarks and adventure on both land and sea, Santa Barbara has a little something for everyone.

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