



THE TRAVEL ISSUE

# Sunset

## EXPLORE THE WEST

### 217 TRANSFORMATIVE TRIPS



Transporting Resorts,  
Charming Towns, Spectacular  
Restaurants, Epic Parks,  
Idyllic Wineries, Superlative  
Spas, and More!



ISLAND DREAMS  
COCKTAILS ON KAUAI  
MODERN HAWAIIAN  
RECIPES  
WEST MAUI PLANNER

The stunning  
Hotel Hanalei Bay

LUXURY TAHOE  
RETREAT

APERITIVO HOUR IN  
SAN FRANCISCO

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# WHERE TO

# Go



Pismo Beach

## Beautiful Beaches

### Montecito

With the reopening of the legendary Four Seasons Resort the Biltmore, immersive botanical gardens, beachy elegance, and thrilling restaurant openings from Michelin-recognized chefs (hello Thomas Keller and Ramón Velazquez), the glamorous neighbor to Santa Barbara is having a moment. Savor it now.

### Pismo Beach

This quaint little beach town on California's Central Coast embodies Western living, with its excellent surf, charming restaurants, and ample access to wildlife, including the migratory monarchs and whales in the springtime. It's easily accessible by Amtrak's Pacific Surfliner, which also allows travelers to explore nearby Grover Beach.

### Avila Beach

This tiny Central Coast town packs a lot in, with excellent surf and plenty for the whole family to do. Think ample trails and bike paths, hot springs resorts, and the recently reopened Avila Beach Farmers' Market, which takes place on Fridays.

### Carlsbad

North County, known for its miles of epic surf breaks, stretches of white sand beaches, and resplendent wildflower blooms, has a decidedly different vibe than the rest of San Diego. Time seems to slow down in this town, but that doesn't mean it's sleepy. It's arguably the craft beer capital of California, and there's also easy access to every kid's dream, Legoland.

### Ventura County Coast

Whether you're looking to hike, kayak, or surf; or hit the galleries, breweries, and restaurants; or give the family a something-for-all beachy getaway, classic timeless California coastal living can be found in the four distinct towns of Camarillo, Port Hueneme, Oxnard, and Ventura. The area's low-key beach bliss can't be beat.

## Nature Getaways

### Grand Junction

With more than one million acres of public lands offering uncrowded access to epic mountain biking, hiking, water sports, and ATV adventures amid stunning canyons, mesas,

and rivers, Grand Junction is a nature lover's best-kept secret. Beyond the adrenaline-pumping activities, this vibrant Western Colorado destination captivates with farm-fresh cuisine, craft beer and cocktails, and a thriving arts scene—in other words, all the trappings for an epic trip, no matter the type of traveler.

### Snohomish County (Three National Parks, One Basecamp)

This Pacific Northwest county is perfectly situated to give easy access to three national parks: North Cascades National Park, Mount Rainier National Park, and Olympic National Park. It's also a craft beverage, farm-to-table, mountain-to-seas wonderland that gives all visitors an outdoorsy experience with culinary and cultural highlights to round out a perfect getaway.

### Oregon Caves National Monument and Preserve, International Dark Sky Park

Dark sky tourism is definitely having its moment, and in Oregon's Siskiyou Mountains, you'll find the perfect spot to do it. This International Dark Sky Park offers stargazing programs all summer long under some of the

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clearest skies in the West. By day, visitors can explore marble caves and old-growth forests; by night, they're treated to a cosmic show that celebrates the park's commitment to preserving natural darkness that's dwindling by the day due to development.

### Coeur D'Alene, Idaho

With its stunning lakefront and charming downtown, Coeur D'Alene is an ideal spot for an idyllic getaway that perfectly balances relaxation and excitement with summer water sports, skiing and snowboarding in the winter, as well as hiking, biking, and eagle-watching amid beautiful fall foliage, all complemented by unique festivals.

### Greater Palm Springs

The easy-to-go desert wonderland keeps getting better with more top spas, resorts, world-class modernist architecture, spectacular hikes, music and culture festivals, breathtaking landscape, natural hot springs, and all those Southern California treasures.

## Superlative Cities

### Beverly Hills

One of the West's most inviting and accessible communities that embodies the essence of luxury living: Stroll the palm-lined streets, revel in its lush parks, shop its world-famous boutiques, and dine in some of the best restaurants in the country. This is the California dream realized.

### Santa Monica

The textbook definition of beachy Southern California living, Santa Monica offers visitors a dizzying array of entertainment, dining, and outdoor experiences: Learn to surf, bike, stroll the coast, book into a beachside resort, walk the Santa Monica Pier, and dine al fresco where California cuisine was refined.

### Reno Tahoe

This cool and iconoclastic community caters to creatives and adventure seekers alike with its dynamic arts scene and status as the entryway to Burning Man. With diverse lodging options from grand resort casino hotels to charming boutique properties, visitors can enjoy easy access to outdoor activities at Lake Tahoe, just 30 minutes away, where op-



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portunities for hiking, biking, and skiing at premier resorts like Mt. Rose and Northstar abound.

### Visit Albuquerque

One of the most multicultural and dynamic cities in the desert Southwest, Albuquerque is having a moment. With the Route 66 Visitor Center opening coinciding with the 100th

anniversary of Route 66, exciting hotel openings such as Arrive Albuquerque and Hiway House Motel, and an ever-evolving culinary scene, Albuquerque is on our must-visit list.

### Visit West Hollywood

With the vibrant Sunset Strip, world-class shopping on Melrose Avenue, the Design District, more entertainment than any other