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#### **NORTH COAST DAY ONE**

On the North Coast, **Whitewater Inn** in Cambria, is an excellent choice. Whitewater Inn is a luxurious interpretation of a laid-back SLO CAL lifestyle. Bringing together vintage and modern elements, the Inn is set right across from a stunning stretch of the beach and the guest rooms offer ocean views and upscale amenities.

That evening, make a reservation at **Robin's Restaurant**. Robin's features handcrafted, comfort cuisine with an array of international flavors made from farmers' market-fresh ingredients. Housed in a restored adobe home in the historic East Village of Cambria, Robin's is a favorite with locals and visitors for its warm hospitality and cozy atmosphere.

#### **NORTH COAST DAY TWO**

Start your morning with a jolt of java at **Cambria Coffee Roasting Company**. Or for fresh out of the oven croissants, pastries, baguettes, and savory treats baked daily, try the **French Corner Bakery** in Cambria. With eyes wide-open, go discover a host of excellent galleries and the incomparable Hearst Castle.

In the tiny town of Harmony (population 18) just south of Cambria, do visit **Harmony Glassworks**' unique glass gallery and in-house glass blowing studio. Then head back to the **Vault Gallery** in Cambria.

For lunch, enjoy **Moonstone Beach Bar & Grill**. Although best known for its seafood, this upscale American diner also serves some of the best steak, lamb, chicken and pork dishes in SLO CAL. Cambria's natural beauty plays out just beyond the patio with crashing surf and sea lions basking on the rocks.

After lunch, just a few miles north of Cambria is the world-famous **Hearst Castle**—a cultural and artistic experience like no other. Pick a guided tour to explore the Castle and its impressive rooms, pools, gardens, and artwork. The castle features Egyptian, Greek, and Roman antiquities along with Old Master European paintings, sculptures, and decorative art; and about thirty historic carved and painted ceilings from Renaissance Italy and Spain.

In the evening, enjoy a fine-dining experience in Cambria. **Madeline's** features French inspired cuisine served in its well-appointed, candle-lighted dining room. **The Black Cat Bistro** focuses on seasonal, local, and sustainable cuisine. The ambience and the service are unpretentious, yet attentive and refined. The Black Cat has received the Wine Spectator Award of Excellence for over a decade.

#### **SOUTH COUNTY DAY ONE**

**Hotel SLO** sophisticated hotel is ideally situated in downtown San Luis Obispo. It is a modern, urban resort that embodies the essence of SLO. It's known for its bright, spacious rooms with a playful and modern aesthetic. It also features marvelous artwork throughout the property, an award-winning spa, restaurant, pool, and roof top bar with its own bocce ball court. For dinner, stay close and enjoy **Ox + Anchor**. Located inside Hotel SLO, it is a modern take on the classic steakhouse, with a spotlight on local ingredients.



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#### **SOUTH COUNTY DAY TWO**

The exhibitions at the **San Luis Obispo Museum of Art** truly reflect the artistic vision of local and regional contemporary artists. In partnership with the City of San Luis Obispo, the Museum of Art provides a Public Arts map to 70 unique pieces of art, ranging from murals, mosaics, oil and watercolor paintings, utility box art, stained glass, sculptures, benches, bridge railings, and more.

Whatever kind of art and handcrafted creations you're into, you'll find it in SLO CAL. **Hands Gallery**, **Edna Contemporary**, and **Just Looking** are just a few of the galleries you'll find in San Luis Obispo.

Sit on the Creekside patio for dinner at **Novo** in the heart of downtown San Luis Obispo. Novo serves locally sourced global cuisine, and features hand-selected craft cocktails, an award-winning wine list, and a breathtaking atmosphere.

Down the street, close out your night at **Barrelhouse Brewing Company** with craft beer and live music. Enjoy an openair upper level or follow the stairway down as you transcend time to a lost era. Crafted from locally sourced materials, this space is a mixture of timeless brick and mortar and hundred-year-old exposed rusted beams.

#### **SOUTH COUNTY DAY THREE**

For the history buffs, make sure to see **Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa**, founded in 1772, is one of the 21 Spanish-Era Mission. In addition to the beautiful chapel and grounds, the Mission also has a museum and gift shop. **The Performing Art Center**, on the campus of Cal Poly State University, present nationally and internationally recognized performing artists from a multitude of genres, such as classical, jazz, theater, world music, and dance.

On your last day there are so many options for dining in downtown SLO. The upscale **La Esquina Taqueria** highlights a perfect twist on all the classic Mexican dishes. It specializes in infused tequilas, in-house margaritas, and traditional yet unique Mexican cuisine. Or next door, the popular **Goshi** serves authentic Japanese food tableside or at the sushi bar, including sashimi, rolls, bowls in a delightful ambience overlooking the San Luis Obispo Creek.

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If staying in Paso Robles, there two exceptional options: **Hotel Cheval** or **The Piccolo**, both nestled in the heart of downtown. The Piccolo is a luxurious boutique hotel with a rooftop bar overlooking historic Paso Robles. Hotel Cheval is an intimate 16-room boutique luxury hotel, offering its guests exceptional, personalized service and thoughtfully designed and refined accommodations.

To begin your evening, stop by one of many of the excellent tasting rooms, including **CaliPaso**, **Diablo**, and **Justin**. For dinner, there are many choices in and around the Plaza as well. Try **Fish Gaucho**, featuring coastal Mexican cuisine and over 140 tequilas and mezcals are served within a vibrant setting. Or checkout **Hemingway's**, a 1920s inspired



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steakhouse offering a variety of Wagyu, wild game, and locally grown USDA prime beef. Hemingway's also features fresh caught seafood along with a one of kind seafood tower.

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Morning: meander over **Amsterdm Café**, only a couple minutes' walk from Cheval or Piccolo. It serves specialty coffees and fresh baked croissants and muffins.

If you're interested in history, walk across the Plaza to the **Paso Robles Historical Society**, where you'll see fascinating exhibitions, such as "6,000 years of Making Wine in Clay Amphorae"—with numerous local wineries now continuing this millenniums-old tradition, "Tales of Wild Outlaw Jesse James," "Hot Spring Shenanigans," and "Artifacts of the Salinan Tribe."

In the mood for a world-class concert or comedy show? Be sure to check out **Vina Robles Amphitheater** operating April through October.

For an early dinner before the concert, drive a few minutes south to the small town of Templeton to **McPhee's Grill**. Housed in beautifully restored historic building in downtown Templeton, McPhee's serves fresh seafood, wood grilled steaks, local produce, gourmet burgers, and handmade pizzas & pastas.

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In the morning, **Brunch**, in the Paso Plaza offers a variety of healthy, and traditional breakfasts made with local ingredients within an upbeat and charming atmosphere.

On the other side of the Plaza, you'll find the **Dale Evers Studio**. Outstanding works by this sculptor are on display at the studio. However, to see some of his very large-scale pieces, visit **Sculptura Winery**, 10 minutes outside of town, where his massive sculptures are scattered throughout this sprawling wine estate.

On your last night, do not miss **Sensorio**. The stunning outdoor "Field of Lights" and "Light Towers" exhibitions were created by internationally known artist Bruce Munro. This 15-acre walk-through exhibit stretches across the rolling hills of Paso, illuminating the natural beauty of the countryside on a grand scale. Composed of more than 58,800 stemmed spheres lit by fiber optics and fully powered by solar energy. There is food and wine available for purchase, and live music is featured on the weekends.

Michelin Mentioned **In Bloom** celebrates Paso Robles' food and wine culture by collaborating with local farms and purveyors. Their mission is to let California's Central Coast shine in every dish, cocktail, & wine served.

Also in downtown Paso, you'll find **Della's**. Their finely crafted pizzas start with a 72-hour cold-fermented dough, farmers market inspired toppings fired in an authentic Feiro Forni wood-burning oven. The menu also includes outstanding seafood, steaks, and pasta, along with creative starters and share plates. Della's also specializes in inventive cocktails.

