



**Guide through Northern California for
students studying away in Los Angeles**



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NYU Los Angeles is one of the study-away sites that immerses students in the cultural, creative, and professional heartbeat of one of the world's most influential cities. Focused on the intersections of media, arts, business, and technology, the program offers students hands-on learning opportunities and industry connections through courses, internships, and expert-led seminars. NYU Los Angeles provides a unique environment where students can explore film, television, music, and digital media while benefiting from the city's diverse culture and vibrant innovation hubs.

For students studying away in Los Angeles, the **NorCal Tour Guide** serves as a valuable resource to discover the beauty and diversity of Northern California. The guide provides curated recommendations tailored to students eager to experience California's natural wonders, cultural landmarks, and hidden gems. It's a perfect companion for weekend getaways or extended adventures, helping students make the most of their time on the West Coast.

“The use of traveling is to regulate imagination by reality, and instead of thinking how things may be, to see them as they are.”

– Samuel Johnson



Business

- Movie Marketing - MKTG-UB 9022 - 2 Credits
- Digital Business Strategy - MKTG-UB 9056 - 2 Credits
- Entertainment Law - MULT-UB 9048 - 2 Credits

Cinema Studies

- Smartphone Cinema: Capturing Your LA Story - ICINE-UT 566 - 2 Credits

Dramatic Writing

- Writing the Comedy Pilot in Los Angeles - IDWPG-UT 1073 - 4 Credits

Experiential Learning for Credit

- Experiential Learning Seminar - NODEP-UA 9982 - 4 Credits

Film and Television

- Producing for Film and Television - IFMTV-UT 1295G - 3 Credits

Gallatin School of Individualized Study

- Film, Race and Representation - IDSEM-UG 9650 - 4 Credits
- Today Was a Good Day: LA Music from Central Avenue to the Hollywood Bowl - IDSEM-UG 9651 - 4 Credits

Interactive Digital Media

- Interactive Narrative - MD-UY 2314G - 4 Credits

Media, Culture, & Communication

- Fame - MCC-UE 9346 - 4 Credits
- Copyright, Commerce, and Culture - MCC-UE 9405 - 4 Credits

Recorded Music

- Music Supervision for Filmmakers and Creative Music Entrepreneurs - REMU-UT 9242 - 4 Credits

Business

Movie Marketing - MKTG-UB 9022 - 2 Credits

Entertainment Law - MULT-UB 9048 - 2 Credits

Experiential Learning for Credit- requirement for all students

All students in the NYU Los Angeles summer program complete an internship or equivalent professional development experience in the entertainment and media industries.

Experiential Learning Seminar - NODEP-UA 9980 - 2 Credits

Film and Television

Producing for Film and Television - IFMTV-UT 1295G - 3 Credits

Media, Culture, and Communications

Media Audiences - MCC-UE 9016 - 4 Credits

Internships and Professional Development Opportunities

All students will engage in an internship or a similar professional development experience in the entertainment and media industries.

Students participate in workshops to better understand the creative and business landscape in Los Angeles, develop industry contacts, and facilitate the transition from student to employee.

Sample Organizations:

- Film studios
- Television studios
- Production companies
- Television networks • Record labels
- Music publishing companies
- Talent agencies
- News organizations
- Internet companies
- Public relations and communications firms
- Marketing and advertising agencies

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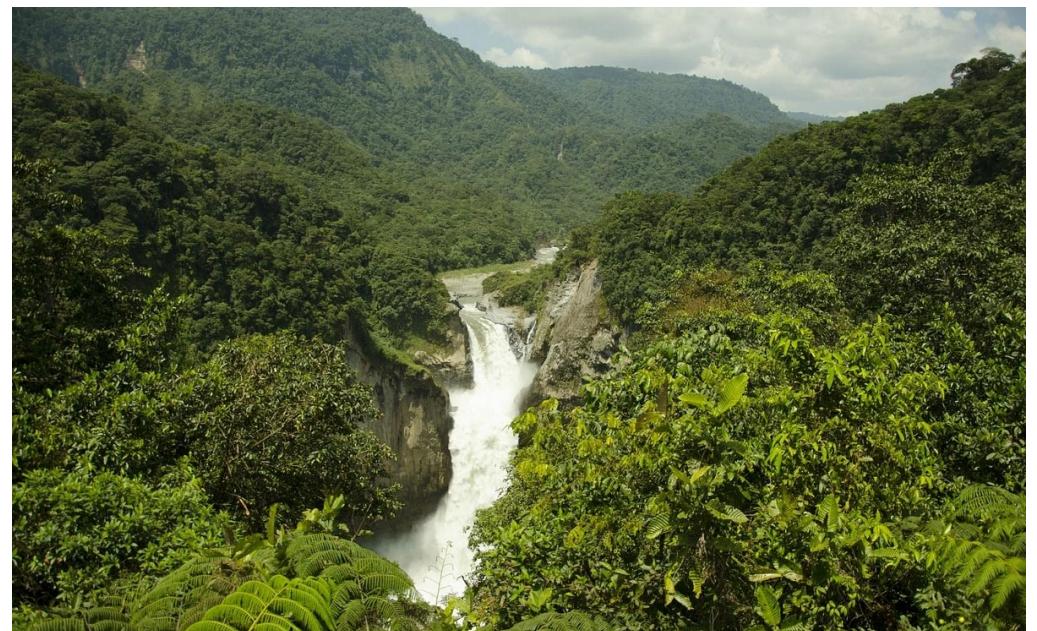
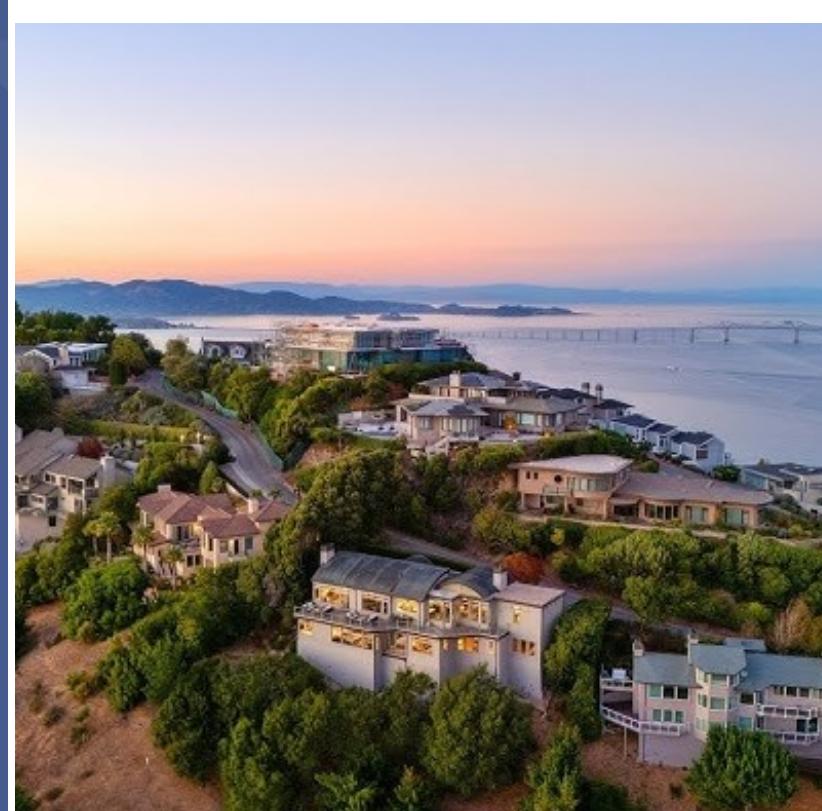
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Hotels

For the best experience in Northern California, don't choose hotels; opt for AirBNB to get to experience different areas and immerse yourself into nature.



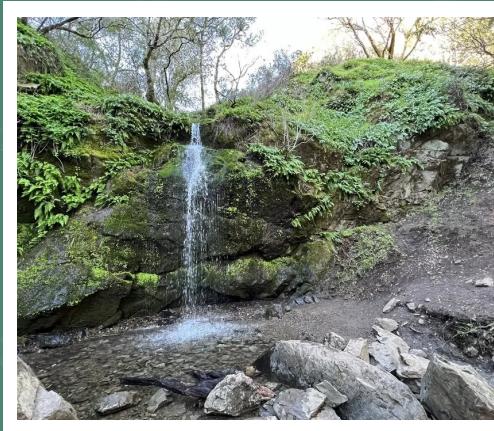
Nature



- **Vista Point:** A 1-mile moderate trail in Quarry Park offering great views of the Pacific Ocean and Princeton Harbor, suitable for hikers, horses, and bicyclists. Located on the north side of the Golden Gate Bridge, this spot offers panoramic views of the bridge and the San Francisco skyline.
- **Point Cavallo:** Situated near Fort Baker in Sausalito, this historic area provides scenic vistas of the Golden Gate Bridge and the bay, with lush landscapes and refreshing Pacific breezes. It is now part of the Cavallo Point luxury lodge.
- **Mt. Tamalpais:** Rising majestically from Marin County, this 2,574-foot mountain features deep canyons, sweeping hillsides cloaked with redwood forests, and numerous hiking and biking trails. Much of the area is protected as public lands, including Mount Tamalpais State Park
- **Portuguese Beach:** A sandy beach along the Sonoma Coast, ideal for picnicking and beachcombing, known for its rugged coastline and beautiful views. Camping and bonfires are not permitted.
- **Stinson Beach:** A secluded coastal town with fewer than 1,000 residents, offering a laid-back lifestyle, expansive ocean views, and nearby hiking trails on Mount Tamalpais. It is a popular spot for swimming, sunbathing, and picnicking.
- **Doran Beach:** A two-mile-long sandy beach in Bodega Bay featuring a campground, fishing opportunities, and a boat launch, making it suitable for overnight stays and beach activities.

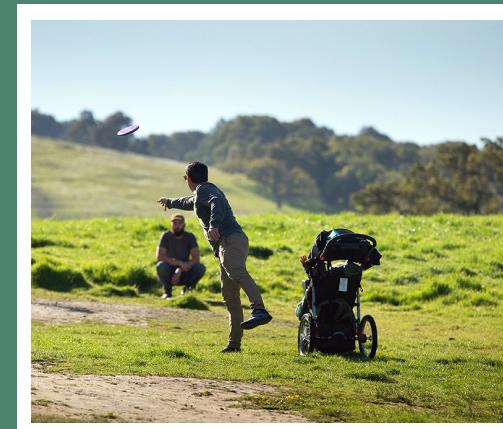
Film & Fun
Stops

- **Hawk Hill:** Located in the Marin Headlands, this site is renowned for bird watching, especially during the raptor migration season. It provides stunning views of the Golden Gate Bridge and is part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.



Taylor Mountain: A prominent feature in Sonoma County, Taylor Mountain Regional Park offers trails for hiking and horseback riding, with panoramic views of Santa Rosa and beyond.

- **Ignacio Valley:** A region in Marin County featuring rolling hills and open space preserves, popular for hiking and outdoor recreation.



- **Highway 1:** Also known as the Pacific Coast Highway, this scenic route runs along California's coastline, offering breathtaking ocean views and access to numerous state parks and beaches.

- **Six Flags Magic Mountain:** Located in California, it features 19 world-class roller coasters and is known as "The Thrill Capital of the World."
- **Six Flags Discovery Kingdom:** An amusement park in Vallejo offering a combination of thrill rides, animal exhibits, and live entertainment.
- **Sonoma Raceway:** A premier motorsports destination in Sonoma County, hosting events like NASCAR and NHRA races.
- **Wax Museum:** Visitors can explore Madame Tussauds in San Francisco, featuring lifelike wax figures of celebrities and historical figures.
- **Painted Ladies:** Iconic Victorian houses, famously featured in the "Full House" TV show, located along Alamo Square Park in San Francisco.
- **The Batcave Comics and Toys:** A specialty store in Santa Rosa offering a wide selection of comics, collectibles, and pop culture merchandise.
- **The Walt Disney Family Museum:** Located in San Francisco's Presidio, this museum showcases the life and legacy of Walt Disney through interactive exhibits and personal artifacts.
- **Palace of Fine Arts:** A monumental structure in San Francisco's Marina District, originally constructed for the 1915 Panama-Pacific Exposition. It now hosts art exhibitions and events.

Food Stops

Yountville - Boucheron, the French Laundry,
Dutch Bros

Bodega - Spud Point Crab, Fishetarian

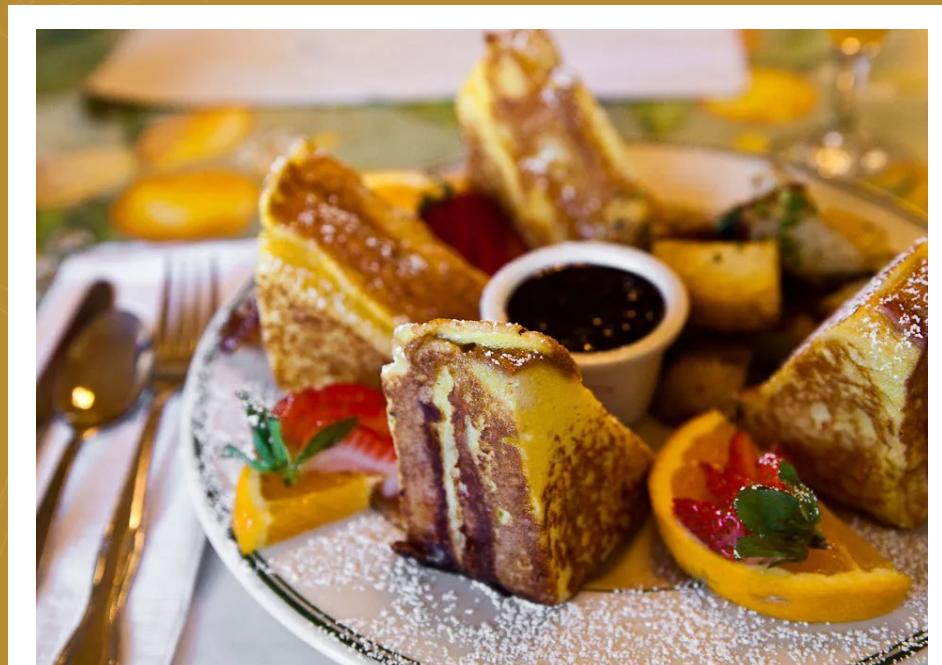
Sebastopol - Acre Pizza, Gott's Roadside

Petaluma - Stellina Pronto, Della Fattoria

Santa Rosa - Sea Thai Bistro, Sarmentine, Jackson's

Sausalito - Sausalito Gelato and Chocolate, The
Spinnaker

San Francisco - Cioppino, Yellow Submarine,
Brenda's, Tartine, Yemeni Kitchen, Boudin, In n
Out

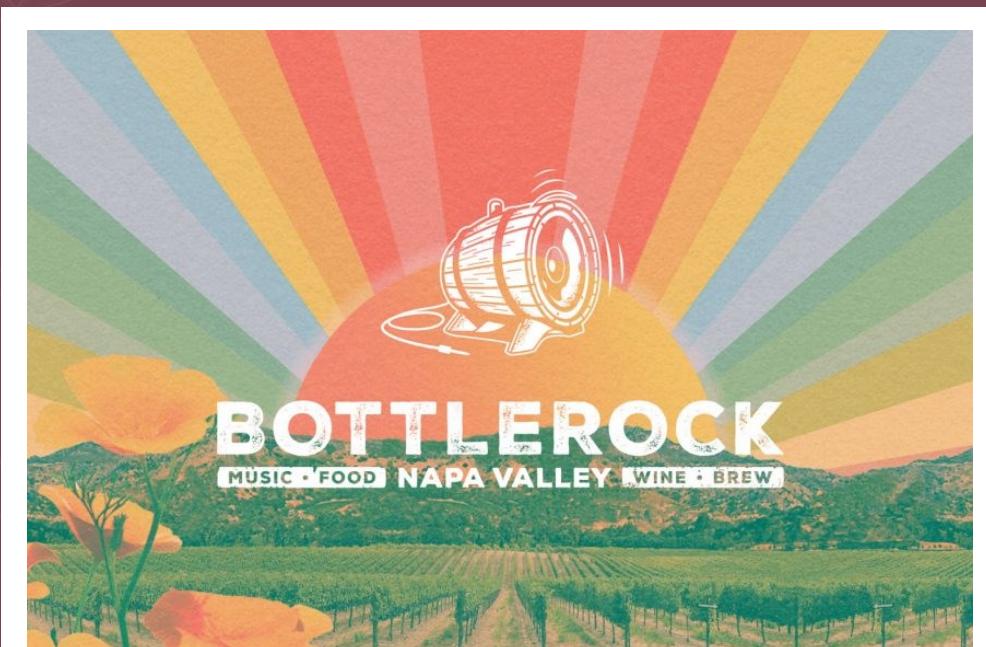


Festivals

- **Country Summer:** Northern California's biggest country music festival, typically held annually in Santa Rosa, featuring 20+ artists on two stages over three days, along with attractions.



- **BottleRock Napa Valley:** A three-day music, wine, food, and brew festival in Napa, showcasing a diverse lineup of 75+ bands on five music stages, along with celebrity chef performances and local culinary offerings.



- Hanson Gallery Fine Art:



Description: A prominent gallery showcasing a diverse collection of fine art, including paintings and sculptures from various artists.

Timings:

Thursday	11 AM–6 PM
Friday	11 AM–7 PM
Saturday	11 AM–7 PM
Sunday	11 AM–6 PM
Monday	11 AM–6 PM
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	11 AM–4 PM

- Gallery Sausalito & Working Art Studio:



Description: A contemporary fine art gallery in downtown Sausalito, featuring original works with an emphasis on texture and color. The owner's working studio is on-site, allowing visitors to observe the creative process.

28 Princess St, Sausalito, CA 94965 **Timings:**

Thursday	12 AM–6 PM
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Saturday	12 AM–6 PM
Sunday	12 AM–6 PM
Monday	12 AM–6 PM
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	11 AM–4 PM

Scrimshaw Gallery:



Description: Specializes in nautical art, offering a comprehensive selection of scrimshaw, paintings, prints, knives, and sculptures. Open in downtown Sausalito.

Timings:

Thursday	11 AM–4 PM
Friday	11 AM–4 PM
Saturday	11 AM–4 PM
Sunday	11 AM–4 PM
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	11 AM–4 PM

- Bodega Art Gallery



Description: A local gallery featuring works by regional artists, capturing the essence of Bodega Bay's coastal beauty.

Timings:

Thursday	Closed
Friday	11 AM–5 PM
Saturday	11 AM–7 PM
Sunday	11 AM–5 PM
Monday	11 AM–5 PM
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	Closed

- Bodega Bay Heritage Gallery



Description: Showcases early California art and American art from the 19th and 20th centuries, reflecting the region's rich artistic heritage.

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Thursday	12 AM–5 PM
Friday	12 AM–5 PM
Saturday	12 AM–5 PM
Sunday	12 AM–5 PM
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	12 AM–5 PM

Ren Brown Collection:



Description: Offers the largest selection of contemporary Japanese prints in California, featuring an eclectic collection of Asian art and beautiful cultivated gardens behind the main gallery.

Timings:

Thursday	10 AM– 5 PM
Friday	10 AM– 5 PM
Saturday	10 AM–5 PM
Sunday	10 AM–5 PM
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	10 AM–5 PM

- Novato Arts Center



Description: A campus-style setting at Hamilton Field, housing over 60 individual artist studios, a museum, art classrooms, gallery, and retail store.

Timings:

Thursday	11 AM–4 PM
Friday	11 AM–4 PM
Saturday	11 AM–4 PM
Sunday	11 AM–4 PM
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	11 AM–4 PM

- Studio 4 Art



Description: Offers art classes for ages 4-15 in various mediums including clay, painting, drawing, mosaics, and sewing.

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Museum of the American Indian:



Description: Founded in 1967, this museum is located on a former Coast Miwok settlement site and houses Native American artifacts, paintings, and photography.

Timings:

Thursday	11 AM–4 PM
Friday	11 AM–4 PM
Saturday	11 AM–4 PM
Sunday	11 AM–4 PM
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	11 AM–4 PM

- Erickson Fine Art Gallery



Description: Established in 1983, this gallery showcases contemporary paintings, sculpture, and mixed media works by local and internationally known artists, with an emphasis on Northern California artists.

Thursday	11 AM–6 PM
Friday	11 AM–6 PM
Saturday	11 AM–6 PM
Sunday	11 AM–6 PM
Monday	11 AM–6 PM
Tuesday	11 AM–6 PM
Wednesday	Closed

- Upstairs Art Gallery



Description: An artist-owned partnership featuring 16 Sonoma County artists, offering a variety of original paintings, fine art reproductions, artisan crafts, and jewelry.

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Thursday	11 AM–6 PM
Friday	11 AM–6 PM
Saturday	11 AM–6 PM
Sunday	11 AM–6 PM
Monday	11 AM–6 PM
Tuesday	11 AM–6 PM
Wednesday	11 AM–6 PM

Healdsburg Center for the Arts:



Description: A community arts organization offering exhibitions, events, and educational programs to promote visual and performing arts.

Timings:

Thursday	11 AM– 5 PM
Friday	11 AM– 6 PM
Saturday	11 AM–6 PM
Sunday	11 AM–5 PM
Monday	11 AM– 5 PM
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	11 AM–5 PM

- Arts Guild of Sonoma:



Description: One of the oldest artist cooperatives in California, showcasing a variety of artworks from local artists in its gallery space.

Timings:

Thursday	11 AM–5 PM
Friday	11 AM–5 PM
Saturday	11 AM–5 PM
Sunday	11 AM–5 PM
Monday	11 AM–5 PM
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	11 AM–5 PM

- Lisa Kristine Fine Art Gallery:

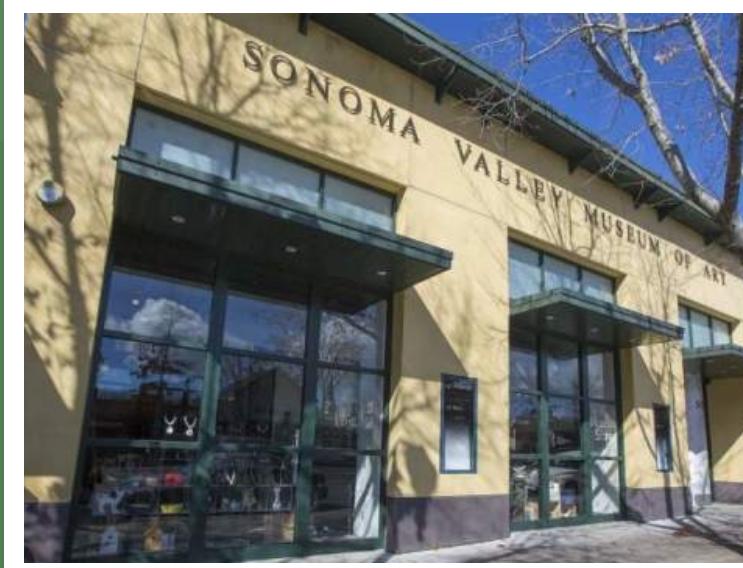


Description: Features the evocative photography of Lisa Kristine, capturing indigenous cultures and humanitarian themes from around the world.

Timings:

Thursday	12 AM–4 PM
Friday	11 AM–6 PM
Saturday	11 AM–6 PM
Sunday	11 AM–3 PM
Monday	12 AM–4 PM
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	Closed

Sonoma Valley Museum of Art:



Description: Exhibits modern and contemporary artworks by regional, national, and international artists, enhancing the cultural landscape of Sonoma.

Timings:

Thursday	11 AM– 5 PM
Friday	11 AM– 5 PM
Saturday	11 AM–5 PM
Sunday	11 AM–5 PM
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	11 AM–5 PM

Art Gallery Napa Valley:



Description: Operated by the Napa Valley Art Association, this gallery displays a wide range of artworks created by local artists, including paintings, sculptures, and jewelry.

Jessel Gallery:



Description: Housed in a historic building, it showcases a diverse collection of art, from contemporary paintings to handcrafted gifts, and offers art classes.

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Saturday	10 AM–5 PM
Sunday	10 AM–5 PM
Monday	10 AM–5 PM
Tuesday	10 AM–5 PM
Wednesday	10 AM–5 PM

Quent Cordair Fine Art:



- Description: Specializes in Romantic Realism, featuring paintings and sculptures that celebrate the beauty of life and human achievement.

Timings:

Thursday	11 AM– 5 PM
Friday	11 AM– 6 PM
Saturday	11 AM–6 PM
Sunday	11 AM–4 PM
Monday	11 AM–5 PM
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	11 AM– 5 PM

Vallejo Center for the Arts



Description: A cultural venue dedicated to promoting the arts in Vallejo, offering performances, exhibitions, and educational programs for the community.

Timings:

Thursday	9 AM– 1 PM
Friday	9 AM– 1 PM
Saturday	9 AM– 1 PM
Sunday	Closed
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	9 AM– 1 PM
Wednesday	9 AM– 1 PM

Transportation

In this section, there will be information provided on transportation solutions for luxury, regular, and budget-conscious travelers.

1. How to get to San Francisco from Los Angeles?:

•By Car

- Distance: ~380 miles (610 km) via I-5 or Highway 101.
- Driving Time: ~6-7 hours.
- Cost: ~\$50–\$100 (gasoline costs depending on vehicle fuel efficiency and gas prices, plus potential tolls).
- Details:
 - I-5 Route: The fastest option, passing through the Central Valley.
 - Highway 101: A scenic route along the coast, with beautiful views and towns to explore.

•By Air (Airplane)

- Flight Time: ~1.5 hours (excluding airport time).
- Airlines: Southwest, United, Delta, American Airlines, and others operate frequent flights.
- Cost: \$50–\$150 (economy ticket, depending on how early you book and the airline).
- Airports:
 - Depart from LAX, BUR, or LGB (Los Angeles airports).

2. Going from San Francisco to surrounding areas: *The journey starts in San Francisco and goes along the coast, visiting various locations.*

Luxury Transportation Solutions

•Private Limousine Service

For the ultimate luxury experience, hire a private limousine service for the entire trip. This allows for a comfortable, stylish, and flexible journey with a professional chauffeur. The limousine can accommodate multiple passengers and provide amenities like Wi-Fi, refreshments, and entertainment systems.

- Price: \$160 to \$350+ per hour
- Where to find: Price4Limo (online booking or call 866-265-5479)
- Expect to pay around \$800 to \$2,000 for a full day rental

Helicopter Tours

For breathtaking views and quick transfers between locations, consider helicopter tours. This option is particularly suitable for reaching places like Mt Tamalpais or traveling along Highway 1 for stunning coastal views.

- Price: \$329 to \$698 per person, depending on the tour package
- Where to find: Adrenaline.com offers various San Francisco helicopter tours
- Tours range from 15 minutes to 5-hour combination adventures

Luxury Car Rental

Rent a high-end vehicle such as a Tesla Model S, Mercedes-Benz S-Class, or BMW 7 Series for a luxurious self-driving experience. This option provides flexibility and comfort while allowing you to explore at your own pace.

- Price: C\$63 to C\$172 per day (approximately \$47 to \$128 USD)
- Where to find: KAYAK.com for comparing prices from multiple rental companies
- Best time to rent: January (cheapest month, around C\$56 or \$42 USD per day)

Transportation

Regular Transportation Solutions

•Rental Car

Renting a mid-range car is a practical and flexible option for this itinerary. It allows you to easily visit all the locations on your list, from Sausalito to Healdsburg, and explore the coastal areas and nature spots at your own pace.

Price: C\$49 to C\$73 per day for premium cars (approximately \$37 to \$55 USD)

- Where to find: KAYAK.com, Hotwire.com, or directly from rental companies at San Francisco International Airport

- Expect higher prices in peak seasons, especially September

Ridesharing Services

Use ridesharing apps like Uber or Lyft for shorter trips within cities or between nearby locations. This can be combined with other transportation methods for a more flexible itinerary.

- Price: Varies by distance and demand

- Where to find: Download Uber or Lyft apps on your smartphone

SMART Train + Ferry

For parts of your journey, consider using the Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) train combined with ferry services. This option is particularly useful for traveling between San Francisco, Sausalito, and Novato.

- Price: \$10 for a one-way combo ticket

- Where to find: Download the SMART mobile payment app

- Valid for all Golden Gate Ferry and SMART train trips (except Giants Ferry)

Public Transportation Combination

Use a combination of public transportation options for a cost-effective journey:

1. BART from San Francisco to North Bay areas
2. Golden Gate Transit buses for traveling along the coast and to inland locations

3. SMART train for trips within Sonoma and Marin counties

4. Local bus services in each city

Price: Varies by route and distance

- Where to find:

- BART: bart.gov

- Golden Gate Transit: goldengate.org

- SMART train: sonomamarintrain.org

- Local bus services: Check individual city websites

Shuttle Services

Look for shuttle services that connect major points of interest, such as airport shuttles or wine country tour shuttles. These can be more affordable than private transportation and still provide direct routes to popular destinations.

- Price: Varies by service and route
- Where to find: Research airport shuttles and wine country tour shuttles online

Bike Rentals

For exploring local areas like Sausalito or short trips in San Francisco, consider renting bikes. This eco-friendly option allows you to experience the scenery up close and is particularly enjoyable along coastal paths.

Remember to book transportation in advance, especially for luxury options or during peak seasons and festivals like Country Summer or BottleRock. Each transportation method has its advantages, so consider mixing and matching based on the specific needs of each leg of your journey.

- Price: Varies by rental duration and bike type

- Where to find: Local bike rental shops in San Francisco and Sausalito

Remember to book transportation in advance, especially for luxury options or during peak seasons. Prices may fluctuate based on demand, season, and specific dates of travel.