

Navigate California like a Pro

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As many of you coming from afar already booked your trip around either the West Coast of the US, the Parks, or any other itinerary we'd like to focus this guide on the Central Coast. We will address routes on how you most likely will fly into San Luis Obispo as this is a common question.

From the Wedding Venue, to where can you stay on what else is to do on the Central Coast of California and many more useful things that will make your adventure worth it.

But first Georgia and I, Chris, wanted to thank you for coming and celebrating our wedding together with us in California. We understand that this includes flying or a bigger road trip for many of you, so therefore we wanted to make your day(s) around the wedding easier.

How to get to San Luis Obispo and the wedding venue by plane?

Coming from Europe, you would go through one of the main airport hubs in the US (LAX, SFO, JFK, EWR), as there are no direct flights to San Luis Obispo from Europe. Within the US it is still likely you take it through Denver if you come from the east coast, or if you'd rather not drive within California, there are flights from Los Angeles and San Francisco to San Luis Obispo.

The wedding venue

Website: <http://flyingcaballos.com/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/flyingcaballosranch/>

Google Maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/vxwPWbjq8AoRN9ZT7>

Date: Saturday May 20th - Find the schedule for the day on

<https://www.chrisandgeorgia.wedding/usa> - They day before the wedding we hold a small rehearsal dinner and we decided to keep it small, to not take away the excitement for the big day. We've already informed the people which are part of the Rehearsal Dinner.



Where to stay for the wedding?

For the wedding day we've listed hotels on our website,

<https://www.chrisandgeorgia.wedding/usa#location> – Please book them yourself. A shuttle will be provided from and to the venue and a detailed schedule will follow.

Southern California

Los Angeles

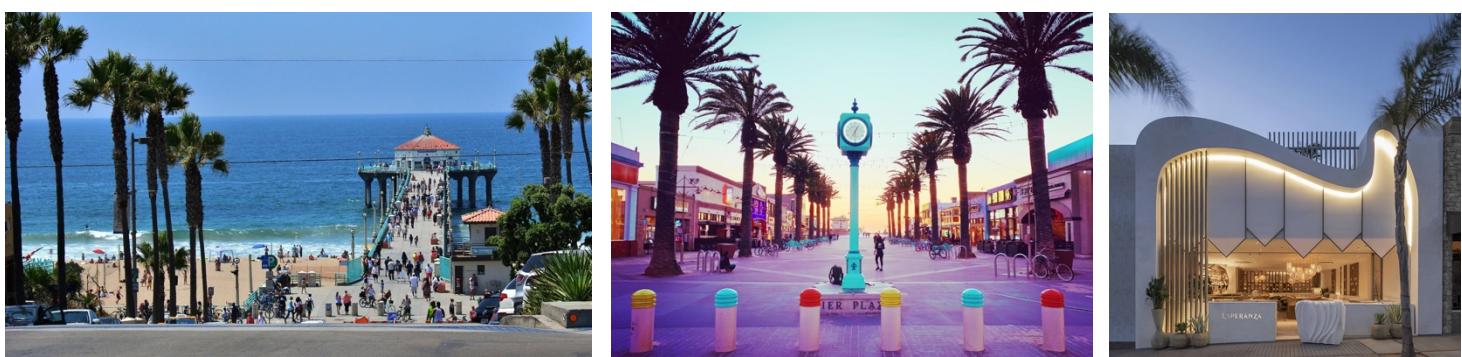
Chris moved to LA in 2016, while Georgia moved already in 2013. Between the two of us, there is loads to share, so if you have any specific questions, just let us know. Traffic can be bad in the city of Angels; however, you'll find your way around if you avoid traffic by from 9 to 10am and 4pm to 6pm.

Hollywood resides here as marketed. With many parks around the movie industry (Universal Studios Hollywood, Warner Bros Studios, etc.) you will be able to dive into the world of movies as you know it. I would get your hopes down when it comes to the "Walk of Fame" – it's not as shiny as you'd expect it. For a matter of fact, I made the touristy mistake to just walk it in 2016 and quickly enough was greeted with the hard truth about the homeless crisis in the city parts of Los Angeles. Nevertheless, there is amazing cultural diversity in this city that is just waiting for you to dive in. I highly recommend getting yourself an overview of different parts of the city, such as Korea Town, Little Japan (Sawtelle) and many other areas that offer great street food as well as Michelin star restaurants.

Santa Monica is the city facing the Ocean most well known in Los Angeles. North of Santa Monica you will find Malibu. Famously referenced in Baywatch in the 90's it was filmed in Santa Monica as well. Stroll the Pier or do some shopping on the 3rd Street Promenade in case you are in town.



Further South, you will enter **The South Bay** – also referred to as The Bubble – It includes cities like Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, and Redondo Beach. But be aware those amazing cute little beach towns will make it very hard to leave. Both, Georgia, and I, fell in love with the South Bay and find it very hard to leave our bubble, as it's simply just perfect. For specific restaurant recommendations if you happen to be in The South Bay, PLEASE ASK – we have a very extensive list.



The OC

Not the show ;-), more like Orange County as we know it is south of Los Angeles and has many things to offer. From Disneyland California & California Adventure in Anaheim, as well as Legoland you will undeniably pass by in Huntington Beach (Surf City USA), Costa Mesa, posh Newport Beach or even further south San Clemente or Encinitas. With every mile south you go, you will feel similarities to Mexico due to its close geographical proximity.



San Diego

If you feel adventurous to take it all the way to the south, we highly recommend San Diego. With its Mexico like feel, but still being on US soil, you can combine two worlds, that collide in its best way in San Diego. From touring a retired aircraft carrier, to hanging out in beach bars, to just strolling through nice and warm weather in a city with its own vibe.

Central Coast

Santa Barbara

Around halfway in-between Los Angeles and San Luis Obispo, you will find Santa Barbara. A small vibrant city with very similar looking houses (designed per city code), great shopping, a zoo and loads of other fun things to do. If you are close by, make a stop.



San Luis Obispo

A city located on the central coast of California, known for its beautiful beaches, charming downtown area, and strong community atmosphere. It is also home to California Polytechnic State University, adding a vibrant college town feel to the community. The city is surrounded by rolling hills and vineyards, offering scenic views and opportunities for outdoor recreation. San Luis Obispo has a Mediterranean climate with mild temperatures year-round, making it a popular destination for tourists and locals alike.

Some of Chris & Georgia's favorites, most are located downtown SLO, where there are also great stores to shop at and SLO Mission (Spanish Mission created in 1776, can walk through the plaza area to view for free).



Cafès

Kreuzberg Café (downtown)- delicious coffee shop (also serves beer) with a lot of yummy food options <https://www.poorbutsexy.biz/kreuzbergcalifornia>

Scout Coffee (downtown)- great place to grab a coffee (limited pastry options only food options)

<https://scoutcoffeeco.com/>

Linnaeas (downtown)- old school coffee shop with hearty (mostly vegetarian) food options, gorgeous garden patio in the back <https://www.linnaeas.com/>

Nautical Bean (on the west side of SLO)- great food options and delicious coffee. Georgia basically lived here when she got her MBA. <https://nbccentralcoast.com/>



Lunch Spots

Mint & Craft (downtown)- limited but scrumptious options in this laid-back café with cute outdoor seating <https://mintandcraft.com/>

Firestone Grill (downtown SLO)- A SLO classic, don't let the long line scare you (it goes quickly), the PIG sandwich is a must and the fries are out of this world. <https://www.firestonegrill.com/>

High Street Deli- best sandwiches in town, Chris and Georgia make sure to pick up sandwiches here every time we are in SLO. There can be a line, so recommend to order online and do pick-up. <https://www.highstdeli.com/>



Dinner

Giuseppe's (downtown SLO)- good Italian food with a sleek vibe.
<https://www.giuseppesrestaurant.com>

Novo (downtown SLO)- incredible back patio that faces the SLO creek
<https://www.novorestaurant.com/>



Other Activities

Avila Valley Barn - family friendly farm with produce, baked goods and little items for purchase. Recommend buying some lettuce and feeding the friendly animals! As the name mentions, it's located right off the freeway in Avila (about 15 minutes from SLO)
<https://www.avilavalleybarn.com/>

Montana de Oro - if you don't have time to go up to Big Sur, this is a lovely state park about 30 minutes from SLO along the beach. Recommend the Bluff's Trail hike (flat hike that walks you along the cliff's, easy for everyone) or Hazard's Canyon (limited parking, short (~10 minute) hike through eucalyptus trees, and then some stairs to a gorgeous beach. Fun fact, this is where Chris & Georgia took their engagement pictures. http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=592



Pismo Beach

Pismo Beach- huge beach to walk down, gentle waves and nice Pier to walk.

Avila Beach

Avila Beach- gorgeous smaller beach, very family friendly, restaurants and shops line the street by the beach.



Big Sur

Big Sur is a rugged and scenic stretch of California coastline located along Highway 1, between Carmel and San Simeon. It is famous for its stunning cliffs, redwood forests, and crystal-clear beaches, attracting visitors from all over the world. The area is known for its breathtaking views and breathtaking natural beauty, making it a popular destination for hiking, camping, and outdoor recreation. Despite its remote location, Big Sur offers a variety of accommodations, ranging from luxury resorts to rustic campsites. The area's unique and untouched landscapes, combined with its vibrant cultural community, make Big Sur a truly special and unforgettable destination.



Wine Country – Edna Valley and Paso Robles

The central coast is very well known for its wine – We can't let this guide go out without giving you a run-down of our most favorite wineries.

There are two main wine regions in SLO. Edna Valley (where the wedding will take place), and Paso Robles (about 45 minutes north of SLO). Wineries are mostly casual, but since COVID, most recommend online reservations prior to arrival. There are over 30 wineries in Edna Valley, and 170 in Paso Robles, below are some of our favorites

Edna Valley Wineries

Kynsi Winery <https://www.kynsi.com/>

Sausalito Canyon Winery <https://saucelitocanyon.com/>

Wolff Vineyards <https://wolffvineyards.com/>

Talley Vineyards <https://talleyvineyards.com/>

Claiborne & Churchill <https://www.claibornechurchill.com/>

Paso Robles Wineries

Halter Ranch <https://www.halterranch.com/>

Calcareous Vineyard <https://www.calcareous.com/>

Ancient Peaks <https://ancientpeaks.com/>



Northern California

San Francisco

Known for its diverse culture, iconic landmarks, and unique atmosphere. It is home to the famous Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz Island, Fisherman's Wharf, and the bustling streets of Chinatown. The city is known for its progressive values and has a rich history of activism and social justice movements. San Francisco is also renowned for its delicious food scene, offering a diverse range of cuisine options, including seafood, Chinese, and Mexican food. The city has a Mediterranean climate with cool, foggy summers and mild, wet winters. San Francisco is a popular tourist destination, attracting millions of visitors each year with its unique blend of history, culture, and natural beauty.



Redwood National Forrest

Redwood National Forest is a protected area located along the coast of northern California, known for its towering redwood trees. These trees, some of the tallest and oldest on earth, provide habitat for a diverse range of wildlife, including the threatened California coastal raccoon and the endangered spotted owl. The forest also boasts miles of pristine coastline and scenic hiking trails, offering opportunities for outdoor recreation and nature observation. Redwood National Forest is jointly managed by the National Park Service and the California Department of Parks and Recreation and is part of a larger network of protected areas that are dedicated to conserving the unique and diverse ecosystem of the region. Visitors to Redwood National Forest can camp, hike, fish, and enjoy the beauty of the forest, while also helping to protect this incredible natural resource for future generations. Go there if you don't have time for Sequoia National Park.



More Wine – Napa Valley

One of the other popular areas you will get red wine from is also Napa Valley. I personally have not been there, but in case your journey leads you up there I've only heard great things.

