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How to Plan an Epic, Wine-Fueled Napa Valley Adventure

From natural hot springs to Michelin-rated restaurants and more, we've got 13 reasons why you need to make California's Napa Valley your next weekend getaway.

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Just a short drive from [San Francisco](#) and [Sacramento](#), Napa Valley represents California's most prestigious wine region, boasting over 30 miles of lush, sloping hills and 16 distinct AVAs, or designated wine-growing regions. With an enviable Mediterranean climate that makes it a worthwhile destination year-round, Napa is renowned for producing exquisite wines—especially cabernet sauvignon—as well as being an early adopter of the farm-to-table movement, with a plethora of Michelin-starred fine dining options. Even amid escalating wildfire seasons, the area continues to demonstrate its commitment to producing noteworthy wines while preserving its stunning landscapes.



The Model Bakery

Try one of Oprah's favorite things

Once an annual segment on her since-concluded daytime talk show, Oprah Winfrey has since been releasing a list of her favorite things—usually timed with the holiday season—in her monthly *O Magazine*. With three locations in Yountville, St. Helena, and Napa, Model Bakery earned this prestigious designation in 2016 and 2021, with Oprah saying, “I dare you to find a better English muffin than these!” We agree, whether you decide to order it toasted with house-made strawberry jam on the side or as a breakfast sandwich with white cheddar, scrambled eggs, and bacon. As a bonus, Model Bakery now ships their famous English muffins nationwide via [Goldbelly](#).

Make a pitstop at Gott's Roadside

With locations across San Francisco, you may already be familiar with Gott's Roadside, a no-frills burger stand that champions local ingredients. The popular eatery has wine country locations in St. Helena and at Napa's [Oxbow Public Market](#); the perfect option when you need something substantial to soak up that mid-morning wine tasting. You can't go wrong with any of the burgers, but we especially love the Western Bacon Blue Ring with beer-battered onion rings and Point Reyes crumbled blue cheese, and the Green Chile Cheeseburger with Anaheim green chiles and a charred jalapeno mayo spread. Finish it off with a hand-spun milkshake or Root Beer Float.