

WHAT'S NEW IN CALIFORNIA

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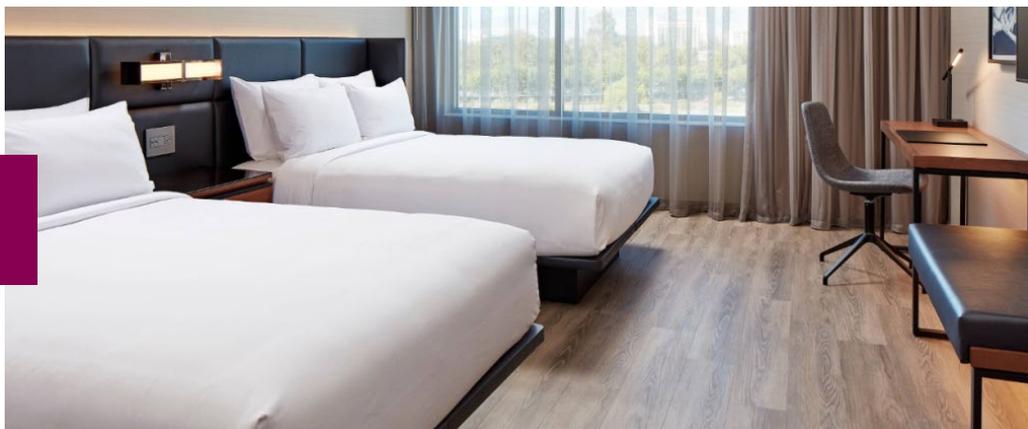
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What's New

What's New in California showcases new openings and developments happening across the Golden State. Find inspiration for stories revolving around accommodations, culinary, arts and entertainment, outdoors, and tours and transportation. Dates listed are subject to change. Confirm with appropriate media contacts listed with each entry.

Accommodations



HEALDSBURG

Dry Creek Inn Announces Completion of Villa Renovation and Rebranding as The Lodge at Healdsburg

The Best Western Dry Creek Inn, owned and operated by the Krug family in Healdsburg, recently announced the completion of a multi-million dollar interior renovation of its [Villa Toscana building](#). The 60 villas in the Villa Toscana building are being converted and rebranded into a separate boutique property, [The Lodge at Healdsburg | Tapestry Collection by Hilton](#), which is now accepting reservations for March 2023. The hotel's 60 remodeled villa guest rooms each feature a king bed, new furniture and wood flooring, a freestanding soaking tub, an in-room fireplace, a Nespresso machine and local art celebrating wine country. Guests can unwind with a dip in the hotel's heated pool and hot tubs, relax around a fire pit in the Piazza courtyard with a glass of wine, or enjoy a delicious meal at Alexander's Café and Wine Bar. The pet-friendly property also welcomes dogs of all sizes and offers its four-legged guests treats and goodies upon arrival.

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IRVINE

Sonesta Irvine Features Reimagined Rooms and Shared Spaces

[Sonesta Irvine](#) recently completed an extensive \$20 million renovation including dramatically updated guest rooms, a refreshed lobby, new social spaces for meetings and events and an exciting new dining destination. All 339 renovated guest rooms are designed to be comfortable, functional and serene, offering the perfect retreat after a long day of work or play. The hotel's stylish lobby features comfortable, ample seating and communal tables with Wi-Fi connectivity. The property is also ready to accommodate gatherings ranging from small workshops to major gala events, with nine flexible meeting rooms comprising more than 8,700 square feet of function space, including the 3,700-square-foot Catalina Ballroom. Sonesta Irvine is the first Sonesta property to introduce the Sonesta Work Suite, a new multi-zone meeting design concept that was developed based on customer feedback to create a functional space that supports the ways professionals are working, meeting and collaborating today. Led by Executive Chef John Ruiz, who previously worked at Omni La Costa Resort & Spa and The Modern Honolulu Hotel, the new Haven Point Provisions & Spirits restaurant offers creative, contemporary cuisine with a Southern California twist. The menu highlights locally sourced ingredients and products.

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MADERA COUNTY

Three New Hotels Open for Yosemite National Park Travelers

Just 13 miles from Yosemite's south gate, Fairfield Inn & Suites, Holiday Inn Express & Suites and Hampton Inn opened in 2022 for travelers looking to explore the outdoors but prefer the familiarity of a favorite hotel brand. An hour closer to the national park than any other Marriott, Hilton or IHG property, these three new brand options in the Oakhurst-Yosemite region promise a reliable, consistent experience complete with loyalty program perks. Family-friendly extras include free breakfast and well-equipped fitness centers – plus pets are welcome, too.

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OAKLAND

Oakland to Welcome Two New Downtown Properties in 2023

Downtown Oakland is continuing to expand its lodging portfolio with the opening of [The AC Hotel Oakland Downtown](#) and [The Residence Inn Downtown Oakland](#) in January 2023. The 133-room AC Hotel by Marriott will offer a unique combination of quality, timeless European design, comfort and true authenticity. Amenities will include the AC Lounge and beautiful meeting space ideal for small and mid-sized meetings and gatherings. Next door, The Residence Inn Downtown Oakland will offer 153 rooms, including spacious studio and one-bedroom suites with separate living and sleeping areas and fully equipped kitchens. Amenities include a fitness center, free breakfast and meeting space perfect for small groups needing extended-stay accommodations.

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OXNARD

Zachari Dunes on Mandalay Beach Opened in October 2022

The stunning new [Zachari Dunes](#) on Mandalay Beach, Curio Collection by Hilton, debuted in October following a multi-million-dollar renovation. As Southern California's only all-suite oceanfront resort, the reimagined Spanish hacienda-style resort features spacious accommodations, exhilarating adventures, epicurean delights, and blissful relaxation, perfect for an effortless California getaway. Guests will enjoy elevated culinary experiences from poolside restaurant Ox & Ocean, to Sugar Beats, a chic converted Airstream trailer serving up light bites and drinks. The resort's centrally located pool is perfect for soaking in the sun with a uniquely crafted cocktail or relaxing in one of the private cabanas, and outdoor activities abound from biking down the beachfront path in front of the hotel, to surfing or boogie boarding in the ocean, to sunrise yoga.

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PALM SPRINGS

Drift Palm Springs to Open in Palm Springs in Early 2023

The newest boutique property to join TMC Hospitality's Drift brand portfolio, [Drift Palm Springs](#) is slated to open in early 2023 in the heart of downtown Palm Springs. The 30-key hotel consists of 84 guest rooms ranging from single units to four-bedroom suites catering to the fast-growing group travel market. Designed in partnership with [O2 Architecture](#) and [Folklor](#), the property celebrates Palm Springs aesthetic through its neutral color scheme and modern design, with architectural themes including Spanish Colonial Revival and Moorish modern visible throughout. Amenities to note include an iconic resort-style pool home to a poolside bar and custom cabanas; Maleza, an all-day dining experience serving Baja Mexican fare; an event lawn with fire pits; and a yoga studio.

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SAN FRANCISCO

Hyatt Regency San Francisco Unveils \$50 Million Guestroom Renovation

[Hyatt Regency San Francisco](#), a premier waterfront hotel in the city's Embarcadero district and home to the world's largest hotel atrium, recently announced the completion of a \$50 million guestroom renovation led by renowned design firm Looney & Associates. Urban modernism enriched by a diverse cultural landscape was the core concept behind the transformation of the hotel's guest rooms and suites. Guests are greeted with modernized rooms grounded by natural wood and concrete tones, punctuated with deeply saturated pops of color. The details, textures, artwork and colors found in the design were directly inspired by the surrounding locale. Additional enhancements include enlarged bathrooms, updated technology features, contemporary furniture, and select rooms have sliding serenity doors for additional privacy and relaxation. Guests can take advantage of updated private balconies featuring iconic waterfront or city views. The hotel also recently received the prestigious AAA Four Diamond Award.

Villa Florence Hotel Reopens as the Barnes in Union Square

The former Villa Florence hotel at 225 Powell St. in Union Square has reopened with a new flag and look under its new owners. Now renamed [The Barnes](#), the hotel boasts new room renovations to complement the property's new name and vibe. Visitors can experience the sights and sounds of San Francisco with the Powell Street Cable Car line located directly in front of its doors or walk to various nearby destinations. Meanwhile, The Barnes Restaurant and Bar is a bustling social hub, where guests can enjoy a double espresso to kick start the day, meet over shareable appetizers, sip hand-crafted cocktails or enjoy dinner with colleagues and friends. Menus feature local-artisanal ingredients and flavors unique to San Francisco.

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SANTA BARBARA

Drift Santa Barbara Opening in February 2023

[Drift Santa Barbara](#) is a 45-key hotel slated to open in February 2023 in downtown Santa Barbara. The minimalist yet bold interiors feature materials such as concrete, oak and brass, providing a modern contrast to the traditional Mediterranean architecture of the building which it resides in dating back to the 1920s. Features to note include Dawn, a café serving coffee by Good Citizen Coffee Co.; Dusk, a moody agave and raw bar featuring seasonal dishes such as ceviche, aguachile and crudo; artwork by locals including [Will Adler](#) and [Anacapa Ceramics](#) throughout the space; and custom Drift bath amenities in each natural, light-filled room to encourage utmost relaxation.

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SANTA MONICA

New Hotel Product, Revamps and Updates in Santa Monica

Santa Monica boasts 41 hotels and among those, several are in the process of being revamped and renovated. [The Pierside](#) is undergoing a full renovation that began in June 2022 and should be completed and reopened by Dec. 31, 2022. [The Georgian Hotel](#) is in its final stages of a full renovation with an anticipated complete reopening in January 2023. A Frank Gehry-designed building has been approved by City Council and is expected to break ground in early 2025 and will include a 120-room hotel with amenities and meeting rooms; 36,000 square feet of retail and restaurant space; and 35,000-square-foot museum and gallery.

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Culinary



BEVERLY HILLS

Beverly Hills Heads into 2023 with New Culinary Experiences

All located within a 5.71-square-mile radius, Beverly Hills' booming food scene shows no signs of slowing down with a dozen new and upcoming culinary concepts heading into 2023. Popular, all-day Italian neighborhood spot [Jon & Vinny's](#) just opened in Beverly Hills. The much-anticipated revamp of Sinatra-loved [La Dolce Vita](#) is slated to debut in winter 2022 and revered chef Daniel Boulud will open his first West Coast restaurant at the Mandarin Oriental Residences. Looking ahead to 2023, additional dining concepts coming soon to Beverly Hills include legendary restaurant and aperitivo bar [Dante](#), [Maple & Ash](#), [Breadblok](#) and more. Beverly Hills' Rodeo Drive will also welcome Mouawad, a luxury jewelry retailer, to its premier shopping enclave in early 2023.

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LAGUNA BEACH

Young's Beach Shack to Open on Salt Creek Beach in Winter 2022

[The Ranch at Laguna Beach](#) is pleased to announce the upcoming opening of [Young's Beach Shack](#) on Salt Creek Beach, a popular beach park in Dana Point. The outdoor beach café, with oceanfront views of Orange County's iconic surf spots, will offer locally-sourced, coastal cuisine. Young's Beach Shack will debut in winter 2022, allowing both the locals of Orange County and guests of The Ranch at Laguna Beach to enjoy the park's variety of beach activities,

while savoring healthy and classic beach fare. Young's Beach Shack is The Ranch at Laguna Beach's second beachside restaurant, following the opening of Lost Pier Café, an oceanfront café on Aliso Beach offering coastal and artistically curated bites.

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LOS ANGELES

The Ritz-Carlton, Los Angeles to Welcome New Dining Experiences

[The Ritz-Carlton, Los Angeles](#) announces Sendero, a new collection of signature dining experiences located on the 24th floor of the luxury hotel. With sweeping views across downtown Los Angeles, Sendero offers multiple dining concepts dedicated to the cuisine found south along the Pan American highway - from the seafood-rich Baja coastline to the fertile plains of Argentina to cosmopolitan urban capitals. Helmed by Chef de Cuisine Kevin Luzande with interiors envisioned by San Francisco based [EDG Design](#), Sendero will begin welcoming guests in February 2023. Sendero dining spaces will include: Corteza at Sendero: a lively bar featuring a ceviche serving station, as well as a social dining room; Leña at Sendero: an Argentine influenced steakhouse; The Agave Library: an intimate room dedicated to rare and premium tequila and mezcal along with noteworthy agave based spirits; and Volante: a conceptual chef's table offering a one-of-a-kind culinary experience.

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OXNARD

The Haven at Whitesails Opens in Oxnard

Foodies can indulge at [The Haven at Whitesails](#), a brand-new restaurant serving authentic Caribbean and vegan cuisine paired with creative cocktails, in a vibrant setting overlooking the picturesque Westport Marina. Brought by the owners of Caribbean Haven, The Haven at Whitesails leverages authentic cooking approaches and recipes that deliver a memorable experience for all visitors.

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OAKLAND

Parche Opens in Uptown Oakland

Colombian restaurant Parche opened in Uptown Oakland in early 2023. The new eatery pays homage to the incredible biodiversity, native ingredients and cultural melting pot of Colombia. The menu highlights ingredients and cooking techniques rarely seen in the limelight in California before. Fruits and herbs such as lulo, feijoa, maracuya, uchuva, and yerbas de azotea fill the menu alongside contemporary presentations of arepas, sofritos and amasijos. Roughly translating to “a familial-style gathering place for a group of people to come together,” Parche is fleshed with warmth and color. The restaurant is a celebration of Colombian artisanship, reflected in a culinary sense, on the menu, and in the surrounding décor.

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SANTA BARBARA

Tyger Tyger Returns with a Plant-Forward Menu

[Tyger Tyger](#), the Funk Zone’s favorite Asian-inspired café reopened in November 2022, with a new plant-forward menu. The original Tyger Tyger opened in 2018 and quickly became the hot spot in the Funk Zone, but the pandemic forced the restaurant to close, and the concept was placed on hold. The question eventually arose: What if we take the very best flavors of the original Tyger Tyger and lean in on “clean and green?” Chef Jasmine Shimoda (formerly of Los Angeles vegan restaurant Jewel and Santa Barbara’s Loquita) and Chef Trevor Laymance (farm-to-table fine dining chef hailing from Ojai) put their heads together to develop a new plant-forward menu offering vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free and omnivore options that are sure to please anyone seeking a healthy alternative in the Funk Zone with all the bold flavors they have come to love.

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UNIVERSAL CITY

The Toothsome Chocolate Emporium & Savory Feast Kitchen at Universal CityWalk, Opening in Early 2023

[The Toothsome Chocolate Emporium & Savory Feast Kitchen](#) is opening at Universal CityWalk in early 2023. The new restaurant will be one of three worldwide locations, exclusively at Universal CityWalk locations in Orlando, Beijing and soon to be, Hollywood. Featuring an extensive menu of eclectic brunch, lunch and dinner items, sumptuous milkshakes and desserts and delectable confectionary treats, The Toothsome Chocolate Emporium & Savory Feast Kitchen brings an entirely new take on culinary inspirations that will appeal to the entire family. When it opens in early 2023, the eatery will bring an exciting level of dining to Universal CityWalk.

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Arts & Entertainment



ANAHEIM

Disney 100 Years of Wonder Debuts in January 2023

Disney 100 Years of Wonder (Disney100) will be the largest cross-company global celebration in the history of The Walt Disney Company. At Disneyland Resort – the heart of the celebration – the fun officially kicks off Jan. 27, 2023 with special limited-time offerings taking place throughout the resort all year long. Some highlights guests can look forward to include: Platinum-infused décor throughout the resort; two all-new nighttime spectaculars: “World of Color – One” at Disney California Adventure Park and “Wondrous Journeys” at Disneyland Park – both featuring new, original songs; the new Mickey & Minnie’s Runaway Railway attraction that opens early on Jan. 27, before the reimagined Mickey’s Toontown reopens in spring 2023; In time for spring, the “Magic Happens” parade will have its long-awaited return to Disneyland Park. Even more special entertainment moments are slated to pop up across the resort. Guests can learn more about the celebration at Disneyland Resort by visiting [Disneyland.com](https://www.disneyland.com). Additional news for the Disney100 celebration at Disneyland Resort will be shared ahead of the debut.

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CATALINA

New “Crossing Waters” Exhibit at Catalina Museum Will Highlight Tongva Artists

The Catalina Museum features a new exhibit, “**Crossing Waters: Contemporary Tongva Artists Carrying Pimugna**,” which showcases contemporary artwork from Tongva descendants. The opening of the exhibit in September marked the inaugural partnership between the museum and the Tongva Community. The exhibit features a collection of works created by three contemporary Tongva artists, Weshoyot Alvitre, Mercedes Dorame and River Garza. Open through March 5, 2023, this important display recognizes the Tongva people as the first islanders of Santa Catalina.

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LONG BEACH

Aquarium of the Pacific Celebrates 25th Anniversary

The [Aquarium of the Pacific](#) is celebrating its 25th anniversary with new exhibits, events and programs to highlight the remarkable natural world right outside its door. Visitors can journey through a reimagined Southern California/Baja gallery highlighting fascinating local animals and marine habitats. Discover colorful reefs, kelp forests and seagrass beds plus lobsters, an octopus, deepwater fish and more. Visitors can also learn more about the local species the Aquarium is saving, how it plans to rebuild California's coastal wildlife, and unique ways it is connecting the community to the healing power of nature and the deep blue ocean. Guests can be the first to learn about the Aquarium's exciting vision for the future. The celebration begins May 26, 2023.

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PALM DESERT

Greater Palm Springs Welcomes a New Arena in December 2022

The [Acrisure Arena](#) is a new state-of-the-art, 10,000-seat sports and entertainment arena in Palm Desert. It will host major concerts presented by Live Nation and be the home rink to the Seattle Kraken's American Hockey League franchise, Coachella Valley Firebirds. The arena will include an adjoining Iceplex that will serve as a year-round gathering space and training facility for the AHL team. Working with Live Nation, the venue will provide a rehearsal space for artists launching world tours, serving the music needs on the West Coast. It will be an oasis for artists and musicians to quench their spiritual needs surrounded by the millions of stars that fill the desert sky.

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SAN DIEGO

San Diego's Lions Tigers & Bears Completes New Habitats for Rescued Exotic Animals

San Diego's [Lions Tigers & Bears](#), a top-accredited big cat and bear sanctuary nonprofit, has completed several large-scale exotic animal rescues this year, and many animals will be moved from temporary quarantine homes to new, lush habitats remodeled just for them by the end of the year. These additions include: Kallie: the 8-12-year-old tiger that was rescued from a defunct roadside zoo in northeast Oklahoma; Eddie: a young jaguar that was abandoned at the sanctuary gates; Rocky: a 700-lb. Grizzly Bear retired from the film industry; and Suzie and Sallie: two Himalayan Black Bears rescued from a zoo in Maryland that was closed due to animal welfare violations. Celebrating its 20th year, the sanctuary invites visitors to take a tour of the sanctuary and educational facility and learn about its 65+ exotic and ranch animal residents and/or stay the night at White Oak Wild Nights, the on-site, private two-bedroom luxurious retreat.

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SAN FRANCISCO

The Walt Disney Family Museum Presents Chris Miller: Kaleidoscope

The Walt Disney Family Museum is honored to host "[Chris Miller: Kaleidoscope](#)," a new exhibition of the recent works by painter Chris Miller. The exhibition will be on display in the museum's Theater Gallery and free to view from Nov. 17, 2022 through March 20, 2023. The vibrant collection consists of abstract large- and small-scale paintings that Chris created over this past year, complemented by a singular, special piece from his archives. Each artwork explores captured or remembered experiences in nature — the beauty of unique trees, rocks, flowers and views, which have long served as sources of Chris' inspiration — and the powerful influences of past and present artists.

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SAUSALITO

The Sausalito Center for the Arts Opening in Marin County

The [Sausalito Center for the Arts](#) (SCA) in Marin County is set to open in early 2023, along the iconic waterfront street of Bridgeway. Sausalito is a community with a rich arts heritage, and the SCA embodies that history. The center will feature art and cultural events, as well as serve as an educational, meeting and community-building space. A one-of-a-kind venue in the heart of downtown Sausalito, the SCA will feature a beautiful rooftop bar complete with Sausalito's famed picture-perfect view of the bay.

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UNIVERSAL CITY

SUPER NINTENDO WORLD™ Opening at Universal Studios Hollywood

[SUPER NINTENDO WORLD™](#), the innovative, immersive and highly anticipated themed land, will open at Universal Studios Hollywood on Feb. 17, 2023 as the first SUPER NINTENDO WORLD™ in the nation. The U.S. debut will transport theme park guests and Nintendo fans into the world of Mario, Luigi and Princess Peach. The immersive land will be a visual spectacle of vibrant colors and architectural ingenuity within a newly expanded area of the theme park, featuring a groundbreaking ride, interactive areas for the whole family and themed shopping and dining.

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Technology & Tours



LOS ANGELES

Battleship USS IOWA Launches Escape Room and Scavenger Hunt Experience

Battleship USS Iowa Museum has launched the “Escape the Mothball Fleet,” a unique, hands-on experience aboard the ship that recreates the challenge of rescuing the historical battleship from its anchorage alongside other mothballed ships, to bring her to Los Angeles. During the two-hour hybrid escape room/scavenger hunt, participants solve problems, follow unusual map markers, and descend into the bowels of the ship into areas that are off-limits to the general public and not even seen on private tours. Guests will climb ladders and search passageways as they hunt for steering locks, bilge alarms, liquid loading diagrams and more, on a mission to save the ship from being stuck in the mothball fleet, dooming this engineering marvel to the scrapyards. The experience must be booked in advance through the museum’s website and is available as an add-on experience to visitors who have purchased a general access pass.

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One California Day Launches Surprise Day Trip Itineraries from LA, San Diego and San Francisco

Los Angeles-based **One California Day Co.**, a new sustainably-minded experiential travel company, launched in December 2022 offers travelers a uniquely fun way to explore California by taking self-guided day trips with a catch: Travelers won’t know where they are going until the day of their trip. Departing from three major cities – Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco – the mystery itineraries are designed to surprise and delight, revealing a beautiful California destination, one memorable stop at a time. With nine itineraries to choose from currently (and more to come), the gift-worthy day trips are perfect for anniversaries, girls’ getaways, birthdays and other celebrations.

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SONOMA COUNTY

Sonoma County Tourism Launches New Mobile App

Sonoma County Tourism has unveiled the [Sonoma County App](#), a new application that showcases Sonoma County while creating an engaging and intuitive way for visitors to research, plan and experience their visit to the destination. The App provides users with an elegant, one-tap mobile device solution for planning, coordinating and booking Sonoma County experiences. The free Sonoma County App is available for download now on Google Play or in the Apple App Store. For more information, visit the [Sonoma County App page](#) on the Sonoma County Tourism website.

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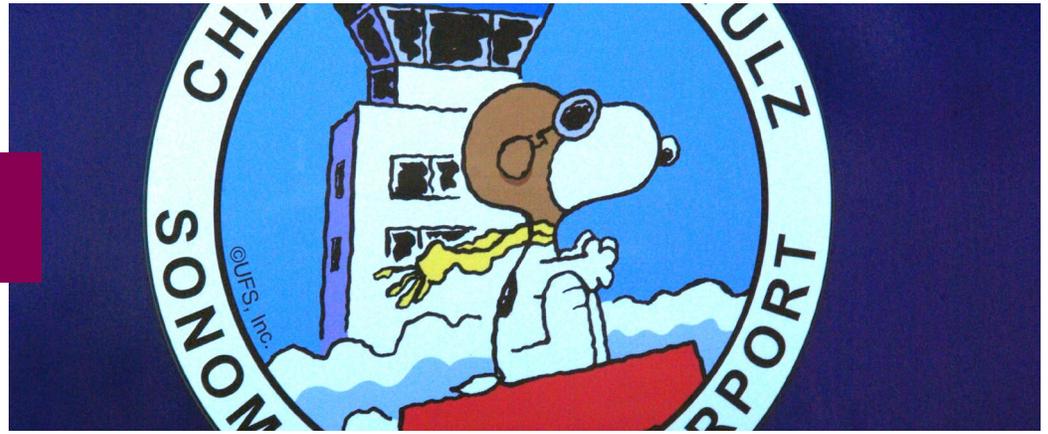
YORBA LINDA

New Origin of EPA Tour at the Nixon Library Focused on Sustainability

The President and the Planet – the Origin of EPA tour at [The Richard Nixon Library & Museum](#), perfect for all ages, explores the consequential environmental initiatives of the Nixon Administration. The tour, coupled with a themed scavenger hunt gameplay in the museum garden, provides an immersive and fun experience to understand the historic environmental initiatives of the Nixon years and the continued impact of the National Environmental Policy Act, the Clean Air Act, the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act.

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Transportation



OLYMPIC VALLEY

New Mountaineer Service Between Olympic Valley and Alpine Meadows

Mountaineer, the service offering free winter transportation in Olympic Valley and Alpine Meadows, will add new service routes and expand its operating schedule for the 2022-2023 season. From Dec. 9, 2022 through April 9, 2023, Mountaineer will provide daily evening service between Olympic Valley and Alpine Meadows, four-day per week operations in Alpine Meadows, and service in Olympic Valley until 2 a.m. during WinterWonderGrass. The dog-friendly, 9-passenger vans are equipped with ski and snowboard racks and can be requested through the Mountaineer app. Inter-valley transportation will be provided between the two Palisades Tahoe base areas by the new Base to Base Gondola, scheduled to operate daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. this winter.

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SONOMA COUNTY

Charles M. Schulz Sonoma County Airport Finishes Phase II of \$40 Million Modernization Project

Charles M. Schulz-Sonoma County Airport finished Phase II of its \$40 million modernization project in November 2022. The modernized terminal building now offers more than 27,000 additional square feet of space including a renovated ticketing lobby, improved double-lane security lanes, a large main lobby with four additional boarding gates and dedicated concessionaires, an outdoor seating area, a new baggage claim area equipped with two baggage carousels, improved public viewing areas and car rental areas, and local artwork recognizing the airport's namesake, Charles M. Schulz.

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Outdoor



LOMPOC

The New Lavender Farm at Santa Rita Hills Complements Lompoc's Flower Tradition

The [Santa Rita Hills Lavender Farm](#) has brought the fragrant plant to Lompoc in a big way, inviting visitors to immerse themselves in lovely fields of flowers. The local, family-owned farm store features handcrafted lavender products for sale including bath salts, balsamic vinegar and culinary sugar, as well as fresh-cut flowers, eggs and more. The farm also hosts fun, educational events, such as a lavender wreath-making class.

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OXNARD

Anacapa Island Reopens

Oxnard is the nearest launch point to the Channel Islands National Park and Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (considered “Galapagos of North America”) and [Anacapa Island](#) – the closest of the Channel Islands. Landing on Anacapa Island has officially reopened as of November 2022 following a multi-month closure due to refurbishments to the dock and landing area.

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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

San Vicente Redwoods Opened in December with Tribal Collaboration

An initial eight miles of trails at San Vicente Redwoods opened on Dec. 3, 2022, part of what will become a 38-mile multi-use trail system. The 8,852-acre area is a model of environmental conservation, including the restoration of 912 acres of old-growth redwoods, 3,951 acres of previously logged forest, eight creeks and a 320-acre former ranch. The area is a critical habitat for significant species of wildlife, including endangered Coho salmon, marbled murrelet, pumas and peregrine falcons. Portions of the land include stands of threatened Anderson's manzanita. The Land Trust of Santa Cruz County, Sempervirens Fund, Save the Redwoods League and the Peninsula Open Space Trust are working closely with the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band and the Amah Mutsun Land Trust, formed in 2013 as a vehicle for tribal members to return as stewards to their land. This collaboration embraces the cultural practices and deep knowledge shared by the Native peoples who stewarded this land for millennia.

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