



Daughters of Norway 2016 National Convention

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Fifteen Amazing Places to Visit Outside of San Francisco

To the South...

IT'S IT Ice Cream Factory - Norwegians love ice cream, and what could be more convenient than the IT'S IT Ice Cream Factory located down the street from the Marriott Waterfront Hotel at 865 Burlway Road. It's so close you can walk there! The Bay Area tradition began in 1928 when George Whitney placed a scoop of creamy vanilla ice cream between two freshly baked large oatmeal cookies and dipped the sandwich into fine dark chocolate. This delicious combination of savory sweetness was declared by all to be "IT!" Today, the ice cream comes in six flavors in the same luscious chocolate-covered cookie sandwich. IT'S IT has been featured in the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, Bon Appetit, and on the Food Network, to name a few. Open Monday to Friday: 10:00-6:00 PM. Go to: <http://itsiticecream.com>

Filoli - One of the finest country estates of the early 20th century is located on 650 acres in Woodside, just 18 miles south of the Marriott Hotel in Burlingame. The modified Georgian style mansion is filled with the antiques, period furniture, and beautiful collections from its two previous owners: William Bourne, owner of the Empire Gold Mine, California's richest and longest running gold mine, and William and Lurline Matson Roth, owners of Matson Navigation Company. Just as alluring are the acres of exquisite formal and "wild" gardens, world-renowned for their landscaping and variety of unique trees and plants. The Carriage House is a shoppers' delight featuring gift items as well as vinegars, oils, and preserves from the orchards and herb gardens and potted plants and vines from Filoli's own gardens. Filoli is part of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Closed Mondays. Go to: <http://filoli.org>

Stanford University Campus - Located in Palo Alto, Stanford is one of the world's leading teaching and research universities. Since its opening in 1891, Stanford has been dedicated to preparing students for leadership in a complex world. The Quad and Memorial Chapel with its exquisite mosaic façade at the end of Palm Drive are not to be missed. The Cantor Art Museum houses the largest collection of Rodin sculptures outside of the Musee Rodin in Paris, along with Stanford family collections, and artist exhibits. Adjacent to the campus, the Stanford Shopping Center holds some of the finest stores in the Bay Area. This year, Stanford celebrates 125 years of impact on people's lives around the world. Visit the *Stanford 125* website for information about upcoming events and special online content about Stanford's past, present and future. Go to: <http://www.stanford.edu/about>

Winchester Mystery House - Beautiful but Bizarre!

The Winchester Mystery House is an extravagant maze of Victorian craftsmanship, as baffling and eerily eccentric as was its owner, Sarah Winchester, widow of the gun magnate William Winchester. Sarah moved to San Jose from the East Coast, and in 1884 commenced construction on a mansion which lasted non-stop for 38 years. Rooms were constructed and torn down, and of the 600 rooms built, 160 remain today. Nightly séances were conducted to determine on-going building plans. Tour guides warn people not to stray from the group or they could be lost for hours! What was Mrs. Winchester thinking when she had a staircase built that descends seven steps and then rises eleven? Twisting hallways, doors opening on to walls, and secret passage ways were built to confuse any mischievous ghosts, for Sarah Winchester believed that the house was haunted by the spirits of those killed by the Winchester rifles. Go to: <http://winchestermysteryhouse.com>

Santa Cruz - Beach Boardwalk Amusement Park

The Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk is an oceanfront amusement park in Santa Cruz, California. Founded in 1907, it is California's oldest surviving amusement park and one of the few seaside parks on the West Coast of the United States. Go to : <http://www.santacruzca.org/>

Mission Santa Cruz: A Historic California Mission -Mission Santa Cruz was founded by the Franciscan Order of Catholic priests in 1791. It commemorates the expedition of the Spanish explorer Gaspar de Portola who erected a wooden cross on the banks of the San Lorenzo River on October 17, 1769. This is one of twenty-one California missions along the famous El Camino Real, the King's Highway, which were part of the Spanish colonization of its northern and western territories. The missions are California's oldest structures and most visited historic monuments.

Go to: <http://www.cityofsantacruz.com>

Carmel/Monterey - Drive along the coast on Highway 1 past sea cliffs and windswept cypress trees on the iconic 17-Mile Drive. Make a memorable stop at sunset at the luxurious Spanish Bay Resort and watch the bagpiper come strolling along the sand dunes as the sun slips into the ocean. Explore Monterey, where you can stroll down Steinbeck's Cannery Row or visit the famous Monterey Bay Aquarium. Browse the boutiques of Carmel-by-the-Sea. Visit historic Carmel Mission and around the corner, drive into Mission Ranch Resort, owned by actor Clint Eastwood. Sitting on the deck of the restaurant, you'll be mesmerized by the bucolic beauty of rolling fields dotted with grazing sheep and in the distance, waves crashing on to the shore.

Go to: <http://www.carmelcalifornia.com> and <http://www.montereycalifornia.com>

Big Sur - Big Sur includes the 90 miles of coastline from the Carmel River in Monterey County south to the San Carpoforo Creek in San Luis Obispo County and extends about 20 miles inland into the Ventana wilderness. Don't miss Pfeiffer State Park with its 1,006 acres of giant redwood, oak, chaparral, and meadow, along with vast ocean views. For hikers and bird-watchers, this is paradise! A popular tourist stop is Nepenthe with its cliff-top restaurant overlooking the ocean and owned by the same family since 1949. The main building was designed by a student of Frank Lloyd Wright and houses the famous Phoenix gift shop.

Go to: <http://www.bigsurcalifornia.org>

Hearst Castle - Four hours from San Francisco and Los Angeles either way is San Simeon and the palatial retreat of newspaper tycoon William Randolph Hearst. Built in 1919, Hearst Castle or La Cuesta Encantada, the Enchanted Hill, as Hearst called it, sits at the top of 250,000 acres overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Designed by famed California architect Julia Morgan, it houses Hearst's legendary collection of rare and ancient art, sculptures, furniture, and relics. Varied tours include the Grand Rooms, the Upstairs Suites, and the Cottages and Kitchen. A popular tourist attraction, tickets can be purchased online up to 56 days in advance.

Go to: <http://www.hearstcastle.org>

To the West.....

Half Moon Bay-

The beach town rests on the Pacific Coast between forested hills and some of the most beautiful coastlines that California has to offer. It is located approximately 28 miles southwest of San Francisco. The historic downtown is home to numerous shops, art galleries, restaurants, bed and breakfasts, and other businesses. Local beaches and parks can be accessed by pedestrians, bicyclists and equestrians. Just 15 miles north on Highway 1 is Pescadero, and a stop at Duarte's Tavern is a must for real California food. The Tavern, owned and run by the Duarte family for 115 years, is known for its fresh artichoke soup and crab cioppino, and of course, amazing berry pies.

Go to: <http://www.half-moon-bay.ca.us>

To the East....

Yosemite - For hikers, photographers, and anyone who loves the outdoors, Yosemite National Park is not to be missed, and once visited, never forgotten. The park covers an area of 747,956 acres and reaches across the western slopes of the Sierra Nevada mountain chain. Designated a World Heritage Site in 1984, Yosemite is internationally recognized for its spectacular granite cliffs, waterfalls, clear streams, giant sequoia groves, and biological diversity. The Majestic Yosemite Hotel, formerly known as the Ahwahnee Lodge, is rated as the most distinctive hotel in North America. Built in 1927, its granite facade, high log-beamed ceilings, massive stone fireplaces, elegant stained glass windows, and richly colored Native American Art make it a must-see beauty of another kind in this breath-taking wilderness.

Go to: <https://www.nps.gov/yose>

To the North.....

Jelly Belly Candy Factory - This is where magic happens! If you're looking for a unique and sweet experience, don't miss the Jelly Belly Factory, just a short drive north over the Golden Gate Bridge to Fairfield. The fascinating factory tours are free, and you'll marvel at the Art Gallery with its portraits of famous people and landscape art all made from jelly beans. An added treat from 11-4 daily, is the delectable Chocolate and Wine Tasting, offering hand-made confections paired with five Suisun Valley wines. You may purchase jelly beans, but of course, since this is California, the wines are also for sale!

Go to: <http://www.jellybelly.com>

Marine World- Six Flags Discovery Kingdom is a 135-acre animal theme park located in Vallejo, California, roughly halfway between San Francisco and Sacramento on Interstate 80. The park includes a variety of roller coasters and other amusement rides. At the heart of Six Flags Discovery Kingdom is its diverse animal program, where guests, young and old, can stroll through the LAND area of the park to see beautiful cats, such as African lions, Bengal and Siberian tigers and cougars relaxing in their tranquil outdoor exhibits or see an Asian elephant playing in her pool. In SEA, the marine mammals, such as bottlenose dolphins, Pacific walruses, California sea lions and our aquatic bird species, the endangered African penguins, can be found. Walk through the serene Butterfly Habitat or gaze at the often misunderstood sharks in the Shark Experience.

Go to: <https://www.sixflags.com/discoverykingdom>

Napa/Sonoma Wine Country- In California's premier wine region, the pleasures of eating and drinking are celebrated daily. Join in at famous wineries and discover the “newcomers” off country roads. Chefs transform local ingredients into feasts, and gourmet groceries sell perfect picnic fare. Yountville, Healdsburg, and St. Helena have small-town charm as well as luxurious inns, hotels, and spas; yet, the natural setting is equally sublime, whether experienced from a canoe on the Russian River or a winery overlooking endless rows of vines. Tours are available or get a map of the Wine Road and choose the wineries you’d like to experience.

Go to: <http://www.fodors.com/world/north-america/usa/california/napa-and-sonoma>

Lake Tahoe and Vikingsholm - About 6 hours northeast of the Bay Area is Lake Tahoe, where magnificent beauty calls for exploration and discoveries of all kinds. The largest alpine lake in North America and the second deepest after Crater Lake in Oregon, Lake Tahoe and its shoreline communities welcome tourists, hikers, fishermen, kayakers, and anyone who loves the outdoors, even if it’s just sitting on the deck of a restaurant admiring the stunning vistas. A drive around the Lake takes you into Nevada on the south side, which means a few casinos to try out your luck! Olympic Village on the north side and the town of Truckee are known for their restaurants, shops, and views of the surrounding mountains. However, if one is looking for a Scandinavian surprise, then Vikingsholm, on the shores of Emerald Bay, may be of interest. Built in the mid-1900’s, this castle comes with a fun history of an eccentric billionaire who bought the land and brought Scandinavia to the United States with his castle architecture and furnishings. Go to: <http://www.tahoebest.com/vikingsholm>