

## BAJA CALIFORNIA

- Coast alongside the blue-green waters of **Bahía Concepción**
- Sample sophisticated dishes at **Fauna** in the Guadalupe Valley
- Commune with whales in **Laguna Ojo de Liebre**

- Bob in a see-through boat at **Land's End**

- Follow a mountain road to the atmospheric **Mission San Javier**

- Creep into **Pinturas Ruprestes**, a cave full of ancient art

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- Paddle rapids on the **American River**

- Step into history on **Angel Island**

- Walk the vast salt flats of Badwater Basin in **Death Valley**

- Soak up art, science, culture and greenery at **Balboa Park** in San Diego

- Thumb through pages at **Bart's Books** under an open sky in Ojai

- Feel the Old West vibes on charming **Bell Street** in Los Alamos

- Take refuge in **BAMPFA**, Berkeley's eclectic art center wonderland

- Munch burgers in Burbank alongside classic cars at the oldest **Bob's Big Boy**

- Confront a serpent under starry skies in **Borrego Springs**

- Nuzzle a new friend at the Canzelle Alpaca Farm in laid-back **Carpinteria**

- Comb the beach that separates the **Carmel River** from the sea

- Drive your car through Leggett's **Chandelier Tree**, a living redwood

- See bold and joyful art at the **Cheech** in Riverside

- Smile up at the colors and concrete of San Diego's **Chicano Park**

- Grab grub at **Cold Spring Tavern** outside Santa Barbara to the sound of acoustic blues

- Dig into a sandwich from the caboose-kitchen of **Dad's Luncheonette** in Half Moon Bay



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# WEST COAST 101

- Sleep by the sea amid the Norwegian woodwork at **Deetjen's Big Sur Inn**

- Queue up with college kids and cowboys at the **Downtown SLO Farmers Market**

- Spend the night at the **East Brother Light Station** on a San Francisco Bay island

- Take in the postcard-worthy views at **Emerald Bay State Park**

- Hike **Fern Canyon**, the lush trail with "Jurassic Park" vibes

- Walk, ride or glide from San Francisco's **Ferry Building** to the Golden Gate Bridge

- Enter a subterranean world at **Forestiery Underground Gardens** in Fresno

- Graze the world at DTLA's **Grand Central Market**

- Look up at 300-foot redwoods in the **Grove of Titans**

- Roam **Hearst Castle**, California's first megamansion, in San Simeon

- Hike beneath waterfalls in Yosemite's **Hetch Hetchy Valley**

- Hug a boulder in Joshua Tree's **Hidden Valley**

- Hike the **Indian Canyons** of Palm Springs

- Paddle a redwood canoe on the **Klamath River** in Yurok country

- Tour the caves and coves of **La Jolla**

- Go over the top at San Diego's **LaFayette Hotel**

- Tread the sand and probe the tidepools of **Laguna Beach**

- Dig for rare books and vinyl in **The Last Bookstore** in DTLA

- Prospect for treasures in **Lone Pine's** western movie museum

- Get dressed up and deceived at Hollywood's **Magic Castle**

- Meander the supremely charming **Main Street, Half Moon Bay**

- Drive scenic Highway 395 to **Mammoth Mountain**

- See the barracks that held the prisoners of **Manzanar**

- Listen for Mexican echoes in **Mariachi Plaza**

- Make some driftwood magic on **Moonstone Beach** in Cambria

- Take a bite out of Big Sur at **Nepenthe**

- Examine a watershed moment in history at the **Nixon Library and Museum**

- Savor Italian food and bohemian books in **North Beach**

- Save room for dessert at the **Orange Works Cafe** in Strathmore

- Drink from a jar in **Pappy & Harriet's** in the desert

- Get schooled in marine biodiversity at **Point Lobos**

- Watch passing boats — and a show — at San Diego's **Rady Shell**

- Spot a fox or launch a kayak from **Santa Cruz Island**

- Blend into the rugged coast at **Sea Ranch**

- Roam the electric superbloom that is **Sensorio** in Paso Robles

- Listen for history in **Sonoma Plaza**

- Hike, bike or kayak at **Two Harbors** on Catalina Island

- Walk on the **UCLA** campus, starting with the Hammer Museum

- Travel back to 1939 at **Union Station**, the last grand American train depot

- Stroll or roll along **Venice Beach**

- Learn what keeps the **Watts Towers** upright

- Take in Shakespeare under the oaks at **Will Geer Theatricum Botanicum** in Topanga Canyon

- Spend a full day on **Wilshire Boulevard's Museum Row**

- Feel the roar of waterfalls in **Yosemite Valley**

## OREGON

- Enjoy the glow of a bonfire on **Cannon Beach**

- Dive into Astoria's dramatic **Columbia River Maritime Museum**

- Stand on the rim of a sleeping volcano at **Crater Lake**

- Explore the culinary delights of Portland's thriving **food pod** scene

- Play lightkeeper at the historic **Heceta Head Lighthouse**, which still shines in Florence

- Seek glass floats along the Oregon coastline in **Lincoln City**

- Spend the night in a former classroom at Portland's **McMenamins Kennedy School**

- Catch your breath beneath stunning **Multnomah Falls**

- Shop for handmade goods at the **Portland Saturday Market**

- Browse the largest bookstore in the world, **Powell's Books** in Portland

- Take a fast and furious jetboat ride down Oregon's **Rogue River**

- Glide by sandboard on dunes at Florence's **Sand Master Park**

- Camp, hike and climb at **Smith Rock State Park** in Oregon's high desert

- Stuff yourself with cheese at the **Tillamook Creamery**

- Ramble through wine country in Oregon's **Willamette Valley**

## WASHINGTON

- Prowl **Ballard's** locks, shops and troll

- Row, row, row at the **Center for Wooden Boats**

- Gawk at **Chihuly Garden and Glass**

- Soak in a floating hot tub boat on **Lake Union**

- See fish fly and buskers jam at Seattle's **Pike Place Market**

- See Seattle's big hammering man at **Seattle Art Museum**

- Soar and swoop in a **Seattle seaplane**

- Zip to the top of Seattle's **Space Needle**

- Sleep in a treehouse outside Seattle at **Treehouse Point**

- Study Huskies on Seattle's **University of Washington campus**

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Roam among riotous flowers at **Butchart Gardens** on Vancouver Island

- Tiptoe high above a misty forest on the **Capilano Suspension Bridge**

- Cruise **False Creek** by ferry

- Taste and shop postindustrial **Granville Island**

- Board **HAVN**, a WWII warship turned floating day spa

- Chase history around Victoria's **Inner Harbor** on Vancouver Island

- Climb and slide the open-air **Malahat Skywalk**

- Savor the game at **Salmon & Bannock**, Vancouver's only Indigenous restaurant

- Pedal (or walk or skate) along the scenic **Stanley Park Seawall**

- Meet a pioneering painter in the **Vancouver Art Gallery**

**NOTE:** Highlight denotes a Top 10 pick