Go with the flow on the American River’s South Fork
Hike to the outpost where immigrants waited on Angel Island
Stop among poppies in Antelope Valley
Tiptoe across the dry bed of Badwater Basin in Death Valley
Inspect the nooks and crannies of Balboa Park
Forage for masterpieces at Bart’s Books
Live well on Bell Street in Los Alamos
Greet the end of every-thing at Bombay Beach
Stare down a serpent in Catalina
Cross the sea to Catalina
Study farmworker history at the César E. Chávez National Monument
Steer carefully at the drive-through Chandelier Tree
See the Cheech
Gaze at a movement’s murals beneath a bridge in Chicano Park
Roam among blooms in Chino Hills State Park
Get your fill of country blues and hot chili at the Cold Spring Tavern
Join the gold rush in Columbia, a town out of time
Line up at Dad’s Luncheonette
Travel from ‘20s to ‘30s at Deetjen’s in Big Sur
Savor the shade in Downtown City Park. Paso Robles
Amble, nibble and sipple at Downtown SLO’s farmers market
Find the island at Lake Tahoe’s Emerald Bay
Break bread at Erick Schat’s in Bishop
See butterflies hover at the Fern Canyon
Creep between weeping walls in the Ferry Building and roam the waterfront in San Francisco
Meet Sequoia’s big trees and their boss, General Sherman
Feed your imagination and feast your eyes at the Getty
Grab a handful of nature (or is it junk?) at Glass Beach
See Golden Gate Park from the de Young Museum’s view tower
Choose among art, architecture, music and drama on Grand Avenue
Eat with abandon at the Grand Central Market
Guess your Martian weight at Griffith Observatory
Look up and step lightly in the Grove of Titans
Examine the Hammer Museum and UCLA
Climb, hike or recline in Joshua Tree’s Hidden Valley
Enter a green dream on Highway 46
Picnic at the Hollywood Bowl
Stretch among stars at the Hollywood Forever Cemetery
Read the Hollywood sign, forward and backward
Make tracks in the white sand at the Hotel del Coronado
Browse among blossoms, books and a Blue Boy at the Huntington
Order Animal Style at the Last Bookstore
Get lost in the Last Bookstore
Be spellbound at the Magic Castle
Stride from Main Street to Mendocino’s bluffs
Snack and sip on the Malibu Pier
Hurtle down Mammoth Mountain
Remember the prisoners of Manzanar
Listen (and eat) in Mariachi Plaza
Slurp oysters at the Marshall Store on Tomales Bay
Refuel at the rustic-chic Mattel’s Tavern
Ogle sea cliffs and slopes at Montaña de Oro State Park
Get next to sea creatures at Monterey Bay Aquarium
Build a driftwood mansion on Moonstone Beach Drive
Walk or paddle in Morro Rock’s shadow
Make tracks on Mt. Tam
Lose your balance at the Mystery Spot
Eat at Nepenthe, high above Big Sur
Listen in at the Richard Nixon Presidential Library
Eat Italian and read bohemian in North Beach
Hang with Impressionists at the Norton Simon
Step into history for kids in Old Sacramento
See what’s in the gleaming Orange County Museum of Art
Grab a sandwich (and dessert) at the Orange Works Cafe
Gaze globally at L.A.’s Original Farmers Market
Feed a beast at OstrichLand USA
Peruse pickles at Oxbow Public Market
Zip from sagebrush to snow on the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway
Look up at the Hollywood Pantages
Cut loose at Pappy & Harriet’s desert roadhouse
Ogle elephant seals at Piedras Blancas Rookery
Chase condors and climb through caves at Pinnacles National Park
Mingle with monarchs in a Pismo Beach butterfly grove
Tiptoe among tide pools at Point Lobos
Hike among designer dreams in Poly Canyon
See boats and hear overtures at Rady Shell
Watch history take flight at the Reagan Library
Shop and gawk on Rodeo Drive
Kayak sea caves and fend off foxes at Santa Cruz Island
Melt into the scenery at Sea Ranch
Chow down at a 626 Night Market
Flash back in Sonoma Plaza
Stroll Sunnylands like a billionaire on holiday
Take wing atop the Torrey Pines cliffs
Catch a train at Union Station, the last grand station in America
Roam the decks of the USS Midway Museum
Stride or glide on the Venice Beach boardwalk
Walk around and wonder at Watts Towers
Watch waves crash and coast crunch on West Cliff Drive
Chase whales off of San Diego
Go museum-hopping on Wilshire Boulevard
Hear Yosemite Valley roar
NOTE: Yellow highlight denotes Top 10 picks