



sunshine state TRAVEL SUMMER 20
Alentejo, Po



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In Napa, country living gets the glossy treatment.

1. Auberge du Soleil

180 Rutherford Hill Road, Rutherford; (707) 963-1211; aubergedusoleil.com; doubles from \$575.

LOOK Provence in California, with hillside stucco cottages shaded by olive trees.

BEST FOR Hollywood types, honeymooners.

DON'T MISS The three-acre sculpture garden.

CAVEAT Not family-friendly.

2. Bardessono

6526 Yount Street, Yountville; (707) 204-6000; bardessono.com; doubles from \$350.

LOOK Weathered steel, polished concrete, reclaimed wood, clean lines.

BEST FOR Eco-minded

sybarites (it's California's first LEED-platinum-certified hotel).

DON'T MISS An in-room spa treatment (every bathroom has a fold-out massage bed).

CAVEAT The minimalist interiors can be sterile.

3. Calistoga Ranch

580 Lommel Road, Calistoga; (707) 254-2800; calistogaranch.com; doubles from \$550.

LOOK Cedar bungalows nestled in the woods, with decks and outdoor showers.

BEST FOR Deep-pocketed nature lovers.

DON'T MISS Hiking the resort's 157 redwood-filled acres.

CAVEAT Bedroom and living room are separated by an

open-air deck — a drag when it's cold or rainy.

4. The Carneros Inn

4048 Sonoma Highway, Napa; (707) 299-4900; thecarnerosinn.com; doubles from \$450.

LOOK Haute agricultural architecture by way of tin-roofed cottages with porches.

BEST FOR People seeking evidence of Napa's rural past.

DON'T MISS The guests-only spa, which uses local ingredients like goat butter.

CAVEAT Off the beaten path — 25 minutes to St. Helena.

5. Meadowood Napa Valley

900 Meadowood Lane, St. Helena; (707) 963-3646;

meadowood.com; doubles from \$525.

LOOK New England country club — a golf course, tennis courts and gable-roofed cottages — on 250 acres.

BEST FOR Preppy families.

DON'T MISS Croquet on the lawn and dinner in the Michelin-starred restaurant.

CAVEAT It's spread out enough that you'll be hitching golf-cart rides from the bell staff.

6. Milliken Creek Inn and Spa

1815 Silverado Trail, Napa; (707) 255-1197; millikencreekinn.com; doubles from \$350.

LOOK Wooden shingled summer house by the river.

BEST FOR Romantic getaways

(candlelight at turn-down, breakfast in bed).

DON'T MISS Wine-and-cheese hour hosted by local winemakers.

CAVEAT There's no restaurant, pool or gym.

7. Hotel Luca

6774 Washington Street, Yountville; (707) 944-8080; hotellucanapa.com; doubles from \$295.

LOOK Fantasy version of an Italian courtyard house.

BEST FOR Italophiles and foodies (it's a short walk to Yountville's restaurant row).

DON'T MISS The house-cured salumi at the hotel restaurant. **CAVEAT** Noisy courtyard dining is in earshot of guest rooms.



SHOPPING BLOCK

St. Helena's Main Street brims with boutiques.

Martin Showroom Erin Martin's eclectic shop is filled with furniture and objects like tar sculptures by the Los Angeles artist Mattia Biagi and a chandelier made of rope. 1350 Main Street; (707) 967-8787; martinshowroom.com.

Woodhouse Chocolate Tracy Wood Anderson handcrafts chocolates and truffles in flavors like Thai ginger and pecan-caramel. 1367 Main Street; (707) 963-8413; woodhousechocolate.com.

The Marketplace at Greystone The Culinary Institute of America's store (above)

stocks a jaw-dropping array of cookware, books and hard-to-find ingredients. 2555 Main Street; (888) 424-2433.

Napa Valley Olive Oil Manufacturing Company This unassuming barn is famous for its extra-virgin olive oil, bottled on the premises every morning. 835 Charter Oak Avenue; (707) 963-4173.

Flats Jan Niemi's ballet flats are handmade in Tuscany and come in colors from black to tangerine. 1219-B Main Street; (707) 967-0480.

Jan de Luz French antiques share space with milled soaps and exquisite linens at this boutique, which can monogram anything while you wait. 1219 Main Street; (707) 963-1550; jandeluz.com.

Trail Mix

In an effort to protect the valley from overdevelopment, the **Land Trust of Napa County** has permanently preserved more than 52,000 acres of agricultural and natural land since 1976. You can take one of the organized hikes led by trust members and, once you've done that, trek solo through protected areas that are otherwise off-limits. (707) 261-6316; napalandtrust.org.