

California Bed and Breakfasts - 11 Great Options

California offers a lot more than movie tours, crowded freeways and amusement parks. To experience the best of the state's diverse scenery and attractions, book a stay at one of California's best bed and breakfasts. They offer relaxing, romantic accommodations, good food and the very best locations.

You could spend a month in Southern California and not fit in all the area has to offer. Guests at the Channel Road Inn are just minutes from all the fun of Los Angeles. Guests can take a short drive to museums or shopping on Rodeo Drive or just stroll around Santa Monica, which has plenty of restaurants, bars, shops and its world-famous boardwalk. The inn is a romantic, intimate delight with just 15 guest rooms, many with fireplaces and whirlpool tubs. Guests are treated to a full breakfast and afternoon tea. In the evenings, wine and hors d'oeuvres are served. Further down the coast, you'll discover Dana Point and the stunning Blue Lantern Inn. Set on a bluff overlooking the harbor, many of the guest rooms offer a stunning view, and all have a fireplace and whirlpool tub. Laguna Beach is just a couple miles away, and the inn is short drive from all of Orange County's famous attractions.

Pacific Grove, a stunning seaside town along California's Central Coast offers two of the state's great bed and breakfasts. The Green Gables Inn has to be in the top 10 most scenic bed and breakfasts in the world. The restored Victorian is just a few feet from Monterey Bay, and several of the inn's beautiful guest rooms boast an ocean view. The Gosby House Inn, also located in a restored Victorian, offers two dozen guest rooms, each with a fireplace. Guests can walk to the shore, as well as restaurant and shops. Both bed and breakfasts are just a short drive from all of the attractions of Monterey Bay.

The West Cliff Inn in Santa Cruz is another Central Coast gem. Located on a bluff overlooking the beach, the impressive Italianate Victorian is like a small boutique hotel, with its nine individually decorated guest rooms, all with fireplaces and many with whirlpool tubs. As you head up the coast toward San Francisco, book a stay at the Seal Cove Inn in Half Moon Bay. The picturesque seaside village is less than 25 miles from the city, but a world away in terms of peace and relaxation. The inn is like a English Country retreat, surrounded by trees and wildflowers. Each of the spacious rooms has a fireplace and king-size bed. Guests are pampered with breakfast, afternoon tea and hors d'oeuvres.

Napa Valley wineries are world famous, and several of the area's bed and breakfasts deserve some fame of their own. In historic downtown Napa, try The Blackbird Inn, a beautifully restored California Craftsman. Many of the guest rooms have a private deck or working fireplace, and guests are treated to full breakfast in the morning and hors d'oeuvres and wine in the afternoon. In nearby Yountville, a charming wine country town, guests can enjoy a little bit of France at Maison Fleurie. This California bed and breakfast features French Country decor in guest rooms that offer garden views. Another Yountville offering is Lavender, a mix of both the flavor of Provence and contemporary style. Guest rooms are spread out among several buildings, but all include a fireplace and king-size bed. Both Yountville inns include full breakfast and afternoon refreshments, and both are near to dozens of wineries and other Napa attractions.

The Sonoma area, another wine country hotspot, offers several of the best bed and breakfasts in California. Healdsburg Inn on the Plaza was built in 1901 and features all the historic charm you might expect, as well as a superb location in Healdsburg. Guests can pop out the door and are just seconds away from summertime concerts, shops, galleries and restaurants. The Inn at Sonoma is close to many area wineries and a popular cooking school where guests can book a lesson or cooking demonstration. The guest rooms include fireplaces and many have private balconies where you can enjoy morning coffee and the view. Relax in the rooftop hot tub or borrow bikes and ride around town. Full breakfasts are served in the morning, and in the afternoons, come back for wine and snacks.

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