

10 Wonderful Day Trips from San Francisco

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Yes, San Francisco is an amazing city (my favorite, actually), but if you've traveled all the way out here, you might as well take in more of gorgeous Northern California. Here are 10 places you should see -- none of them more than a 2-hour drive from the city -- plus tips on what to do and, should you decide to sleep over, where to stay.

2. Sonoma. This charming, historical town is surrounded by a valley filled with hundreds of excellent wineries and tranquil spas.

What to do: See California's birthplace, Mission San Francisco Solano, dine at a lovely restaurant called The General's Daughter (www.thegeneralsdaughter.com) and sip wine at any of the plaza's many tasting rooms.

Where to stay: Chic El Dorado Hotel (www.eldoradosonoma.com) or cozy Lodge at Sonoma (www.eldoradosonoma.com).