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**6 DAYS, 5 NIGHTS**

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Northern California's wine country is the ultimate feast for the senses. This stretch of grape-strewn valleys, fertile farmland and majestic redwoods offers a world of pampering matched by few destinations. Wineries, luxury spas and gourmet restaurants vie for your attention. Backroads is your key to unlocking the exclusive secrets and delights of Napa and Sonoma, with wine and olive oil tastings, first-class dining and the insight of local experts. Plus there's time to walk, shop and enjoy spa treatments. Experience wine country from the inside out exclusively with Backroads—the good life just doesn't get any better than this.

## Day 1

Meet your Backroads Trip Leaders (the folks wearing Backroads shirts) at **9:30 a.m.** in the lobby of Hotel Vitale in San Francisco (8 Mission Street). **Please arrive wearing shoes comfortable for walking.** See "Arriving & Departing" for additional logistics information.

**Shuttle to Armstrong Redwoods State Park 1 Hour, 45 Minutes**

**Armstrong Walk 45 Minutes**

**Picnic Lunch**

**Winery Visits:** Korbel Champagne Cellars, Arista Winery, and Richioli Vineyards

**Dinner at Dry Creek Kitchen**

Welcome to Northern California! After meeting your Trip Leaders at Hotel Vitale, sit back and relax on a scenic drive north into the Russian River Valley and Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve. Once here, we set off on a short walk through the serenity of the forest in search of the old man of this community, Colonel Armstrong. The Colonel Armstrong Tree, named after a lumberman who preserved this part of the grove in the 1870s, is estimated to be more than 1,400 years old. Afterward we break for a delicious picnic lunch amid a grove of the ancient giants.

This afternoon get your first taste what the wine country is all about during our visit to the 120-year-old Korbel Estate. Tour its famous champagne cellars and taste the bubbly. After cleansing your palate, move on to Arista Winery, Sonoma's newest winery, where winemaker Leslie Sisneros strives to create the ultimate pinot noir. Nicknamed the "heartbreak grape," pinot is the most challenging varietal for vintners: it's difficult to grow, difficult to produce, but inspiring to drink. And last but not least is a visit to Rochioli Vineyards, which produces outstanding pinot noir, chardonnay and sauvignon blanc.

Later we enjoy dinner at Dry Creek Kitchen, Charlie Palmer's foray in California. Palmer owns Aureole in New York and Las Vegas and is part owner of tonight's chic accommodations, Hotel Healdsburg. Dry Creek Kitchen offers the best of California's fresh cuisine, complemented by an excellent Sonoma wine list. *Lodging: Hotel Healdsburg*

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**HOTEL HEALDSBURG**

(1 night) With contemporary interiors and plush amenities, this boutique hotel rises to the top of the class, making *Condé Nast Traveler's* Gold List and earning kudos from *Travel+Leisure*, which called it a "new star" in Sonoma with "the downiest bed you'll ever sleep on." Healdsburg  
phone: 707-431-2800  
www.hotelhealdsburg.com

**FAIRMONT SONOMA MISSION  
INN & SPA**

(2 nights) This sprawling 1927 replica of a California mission with a pool and spa "has a menu of treatments as broad as its spa cuisine is lean," according to *Travel+Leisure*.

Sonoma

phone: 800-257-7544 or 707-938-9000  
www.fairmont.com/sonoma

**SOLAGE CALISTOGA**

(2 nights) Sophisticated, comfortable and socially responsible to boot, this enlightened hotel in the heart of Napa Valley features a mud bar and bathhouse, a yoga and movement studio, and casual yet classy bistro dining.

Calistoga

phone: 866-942-7442 or 707-942-7442  
www.solagecalistoga.com

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## Day 2

**Free Time & Lunch on Your Own in Healdsburg**

**Shuttle to Sonoma 1 Hour**

**General Vallejo Walking Tour 1 Hour**

**Free Time at Sonoma Mission Inn & Spa Treatment**

**Dinner at Santé Restaurant**

After a delicious breakfast at Hotel Healdsburg, head out for a leisurely morning of shopping and strolling around the town's charming main square. There are many wonderful boutiques and galleries to explore here, as well as several restaurants where you can stop to enjoy lunch on your own.

In the afternoon, we depart for Sonoma. Take in the views of neatly-manicured vineyards, old barns and picturesque farmhouses during the scenic drive. This historic community, whose name is said to come from a Suisun Indian word meaning "valley of many moons," began as a Spanish mission in 1823. Today Sonoma boasts several restored 19th-century sites, including the Mission San Francisco Solano de Sonoma, the Mexican barracks, the Gothic Victorian Revival home of General Mariano de Vallejo and the 8-acre Spanish-style plaza. We meet up with George Webber, a talented guide and actor who channels General Vallejo during a private walking tour and sheds light on the history of the Bear Flag Revolt and the founding of the town.

Tonight's hotel just outside of town, the Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn & Spa, has a world-class health spa—the perfect place to relax. Backroads has arranged for you to indulge in the spa's Roman Bathing Ritual, which includes an exfoliating shower, warm bath, hot bath, herbal steam, sauna and re-hydrating drinks. Wonderfully refreshed, we meet for dinner at the inn's Santé Restaurant—*Condé Nast Traveler* said, "it's worth a special trip just to eat here."

*Lodging: Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn & Spa*

## Day 3

**Beauty Ranch Trail Walk 2 Hours**

**Picnic Lunch at Jack London State Historic Park**

**Shopping at Jack London Square Village**

**Free Time in Glen Ellen**

**Dinner at Ramekins Cooking School**

After breakfast at Big Three Diner (the lemon cottage-cheese pancakes are divine!), we take a short shuttle ride to Glen Ellen, the former home of famed writer Jack London. Explore beautiful Jack London State Historic Park, populated with mammoth oak and eucalyptus trees. It was once part of London's 1,500-acre Beauty Ranch, where the writer penned many books, short stories and articles. Visit the House of Happy Walls, built by London's widow Charmian after his death. It now serves as a memorial museum to his life and career. Walk the Beauty Ranch Trail to Wolf House, the writer's dream house that was tragically destroyed by fire in 1913 shortly before he was to move in. Afterward, browse the town's specialty shops for olive oil, chocolate, cheeses and other local finds. (For a special gift, go to Wine Country Chocolates where the chocolatiers will create a custom-made chocolate treat infused with your favorite vintage!)

Back at the inn you have time for a spa treatment, round of golf, yoga class or catnap. (Additional spa treatments, yoga classes and golf are not included in the Backroads trip price. Reservations are recommended.) Tonight, you'll be put to work at Ramekins Cooking School, where we all help prepare tonight's dinner. Our wine expert and cooking instructor teaches some culinary techniques you can use at your next dinner party, as well as the art of wine and food pairing. This culminates in a delicious gustatory affair. *Lodging: Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn & Spa*



Top Reasons Why  
*you should take this trip*

We provide the inside connections and knowledge you need to truly experience a place in the most authentic way.

You'll stay in the area's finest hotels, each carefully selected based on our rigorous quality standards.

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## Day 4

**Shuttle to the Carneros District 45 Minutes**

**Visit to di Rosa Preserve 1½ Hours**

**Picnic Lunch & Tasting at Bouchaine Vineyards**

**Shuttle to Calistoga 2 hours with Winery Stops**

**Dinner on Your Own**

This morning we travel to Napa County and the di Rosa Preserve, a unique and whimsical natural showcase for more than 900 regional artists. The 217-acre property includes 162 acres of natural habitat and a 53-acre preserve, featuring the Sculpture Meadow, two indoor galleries, the di Rosa Residence with its large courtyard and an additional outdoor display on The North Lawn. Spend a delightful morning exploring the grounds on a private guided tour. Afterward we take a short drive to Bouchaine Vineyards, located in the Carneros wine region and known for its chardonnay and pinot noir. Here we have a wine talk and tasting, followed by delicious picnic lunch. In the afternoon, as we shuttle through Napa Valley on the way to Calistoga, your Backroads Trip Leaders will make time for stops at a few of their favorite wineries.

Calistoga is spa central—before the day spa became popular, people were flocking to take “the cure” in the town’s mineral hot springs. We settle in at Calistoga’s newest hotel, Solage Calistoga, a green-conscious haven that blends wine country class with down-to-earth comforts. This afternoon you’re free to check out Solage’s spa, borrow a bicycle for a leisurely spin through the neighboring countryside, or head into town. Dine tonight on your own in Calistoga, St. Helena or Yountville; you can always grab a casual bite at the hotel’s Solbar.

*Lodging: Solage Calistoga*

## Day 5

**Tour and Tasting at Poplar Hill**

**Lunch at Round Pond**

**Free Time for Winery Visits**

**Visit Barbara Nechis Studio**

**Private Blending Class & Art Tour at Clos Pegase Winery**

**Dinner at Solage**

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before we meet up with our guide Carol Ainsworth and head out to Poplar Hill Olive Oil estate, owned by William and Rachel Casey. The Mediterranean climate of the valley, so integral in the cultivation of world-class wines, also provides the ideal conditions for producing exceptional olives, specifically the Lucca olive, which is a Tuscan cultivar grown at Poplar Hill. We are treated to an exclusive tour of the property, which Dr. Casey designed to resemble a Provençal estate. Afterward Carol conducts a tasting of Poplar Hill’s award-winning olive oils in the Caseys’ kitchen overlooking the vineyards of Napa Valley. For the midday meal we head over to the beautiful Round Pond Olive Mill, where we have an olive oil-pairing lunch—a surprising and distinctive twist on the more traditional wine and food matching. Family owned and operated since the early 1980s, Round Pond offers handcrafted estate wines, artisan olive oils and red wine vinegars.

After lunch explore the Napa Valley on your own. You’re welcome to check out several small nationally acclaimed boutique-style wineries—just make sure to schedule your tastings before your trip so you don’t miss out. Your Trip Leaders will provide shuttles to a few, but you may also book tastings at the wineries of your choice and arrange your own transportation. (Please see “Boutique Wineries” on page 14 for more details.)



While the information presented here details this trip's planned routes, activities, accommodations, meeting and departing times, we are constantly seeking new opportunities to enhance this itinerary and your experience. Naturally, we will keep you up to date on any changes that may affect your arrival, departure or lodging.

Later in the afternoon we visit our friend Barbara Nechis, a talented watercolor artist and author, who opens her studio to us. After touring the studio and chatting with Barbara, we cross the street to Clos Pegase Winery, a temple to craftsmanship of all types, where wine and art harmoniously intersect. Michael Graves designed the estate's acclaimed structures, including the magnificent Cave Theater. Meander through the grounds, which include a sculpture garden featuring works by some of the best-known artists of the 20th century, and regale your palate during a private wine blending class that highlights the estate's sophisticated but inviting selection of vintages. Our day ends back at Solage with a final celebration at the hotel's restaurant. *Lodging: Solage Calistoga*

## Day 6

### Tour at Long Meadow Ranch

### Lunch at Ranch

### Shuttle to San Francisco 1 Hour, 45 Minutes

We spend our final morning at historic Long Meadow Ranch, set on 650 acres high in the Mayacamas Mountains. An epicure's delight, the family-owned ranch is one of less than 30 organically-certified vineyards in Napa County. The family philosophy of sustainable farming extends beyond the vineyards to olive cultivation, horse and poultry breeding, and its organic vegetable garden. The ranch has been in the spotlight on both The Food Network and The Fine Living Network, and its food products have been featured by America's top chefs. After our private tour, we relax over a picnic lunch of grass-finished Highland beef, fresh produce from the organic gardens, olive oils and estate wines, including a selection from Long Meadow's library. The trip ends with a shuttle back to Hotel Vitale. Please see "Arriving & Departing" for end-of-trip logistics.

## Arriving & Departing

Please note that meeting and departing times provided here were current at the time of printing, but are subject to change. PLEASE DO NOT BOOK YOUR FLIGHTS UNTIL YOU ARE CONFIRMED ON YOUR VACATION AND HAVE VERIFIED THE DETAILS OF ARRIVING & DEPARTING WITH YOUR TRIP CONSULTANT.

### MEETING TIME AND LOCATION

On the first day of the trip, we meet at 9:30 a.m. in the lobby of the Hotel Vitale in San Francisco (8 Mission Street). **Please arrive wearing comfortable walking shoes.**

If you're driving to the wine country on your own, arrive at 11 a.m. at the Hotel Healdsburg in Healdsburg (see driving directions below) to catch a Backroads shuttle to the Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve. **Please let your Trip Consultant know in advance if you'll be driving to the wine country.**

### CONCLUSION OF THE TRIP

On the last day of the trip, Backroads provides a shuttle back to Hotel Vitale, arriving at approximately 3 p.m. If you have driven to the trip start in Healdsburg, your Backroads Trip Leaders will arrange a complimentary transfer back to Healdsburg.

### FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS

We recommend flying into San Francisco International Airport (airport code: SFO; [www.flysfo.com](http://www.flysfo.com)). For help arranging air transport to and from your Backroads trip, work with your travel agent; for a list of recommended travel agencies, visit [www.backroads.com/gettingthere](http://www.backroads.com/gettingthere). (Note: most travel agents charge a fee for their consulting services.)

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TRIP THAT INTERESTS  
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## TRANSPORT FROM SAN FRANCISCO AIRPORT TO DOWNTOWN

We recommend the following transportation options from the airport to downtown (the trip takes 30–40 minutes). All prices and times were accurate at the time of printing but are subject to change. Please call each company directly for the most current information.

**Taxis** are available for \$35–\$40.

**SuperShuttle** (800-258-3826 or 415-558-8500; [www.supershuttle.com](http://www.supershuttle.com)) has 24-hour service to downtown San Francisco on demand. Claim your luggage on the lower level and then proceed to the upper level and outside to the outer curb. Follow the blue SuperShuttle signs. Reservations are not required for pickups at the airport. The cost is about \$16 per person and \$9 for each additional passenger; groups of one to seven people may charter a van for \$75. To return to the airport, call 24 hours in advance to reserve your space.

**Lorrie’s Airport Shuttle** (415-334-9000; [www.sfovan.com](http://www.sfovan.com)) provides shared van service to downtown San Francisco for about \$14 per person. Call to request a pickup, and the shuttle will meet you within 10–15 minutes outside at the center island on the upper level. Lorrie’s Airport Shuttle is in the red zone. Reservations must be made 24 hours in advance for return shuttles to the airport.

## DRIVING DIRECTIONS FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO HOTEL HEALDSBURG

Healdsburg is approximately 65 miles (1½-2 hours) north of San Francisco off Highway 101.

**From San Francisco**, take the second Healdsburg exit off Highway 101 (central Healdsburg) and follow Healdsburg Avenue north. Go straight on Healdsburg Avenue until you reach the plaza; the hotel is on your left. Turn left on Matheson Avenue, and the hotel entrance will be on your right.

**From the north**, take the Dry Creek Road exit off Highway 101, and turn left on Dry Creek Road. Then turn right on Healdsburg Avenue and continue until you reach the plaza; the hotel is on your right. Turn right on Matheson Avenue, and the hotel entrance will be on your right.

Free parking is available at Hotel Healdsburg for the duration of your trip at the public lot behind the hotel. Backroads provides complimentary transportation from Hotel Healdsburg to Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve on the meeting day. Please be in the lobby of the hotel at 11 a.m. to catch this shuttle. Upon your arrival, check in with the front desk to find out where to park your car for the week. **Please let your Trip Consultant know prior to your trip if you’ll be driving to the wine country. If you do not advise us of your plans, the van might not stop at the hotel** (If you’re renting a car, Enterprise (800-261-7331) has a drop-off location just down the street from Hotel Healdsburg; this location is closed on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays.)

## ALTERNATE TRANSPORTATION FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO HEALDSBURG

California Wine Tours (707-939-7225 or 800-294-6386; [www.californiawinetours.com](http://www.californiawinetours.com)) provides transportation from the San Francisco airport to Healdsburg for approximately \$235 (including toll, parking, tax and gratuities) for two people and luggage. If your party includes three to four people, Suburbans are available for about \$260. Make sure to arrive at the Hotel Healdsburg by 11 a.m. on the day the trip starts in order to catch the shuttle to Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve. (Please see “Meeting and Departing” for details.)

Hotel Room Rate Guide (U.S. dollars per night)	
Up to \$100 .....	◆
\$101–200 .....	◆◆
\$201–300 .....	◆◆◆
\$301–500 .....	◆◆◆◆
\$501 and up .....	◆◆◆◆◆

## Where to Stay Before & After Your Trip

For help arranging pre- or post-trip hotels in conjunction with your Backroads trip, please work with your travel agent or the hotels directly. For assistance locating a travel agent please visit [www.backroads.com/gettingthere](http://www.backroads.com/gettingthere). (Note that most travel agents charge a fee for their consulting services.)

Of course, we also recommend extending your stay at any of the hotels that we visit on this trip; see the sidebar above for details.

Please refer to the Hotel Room Rate Guide in the sidebar for starting double-occupancy rates. Note that the chart reflects the Internet and/or Best Available rates, which were accurate at the time of printing, but **hotel rates are always subject to change**.

### SAN FRANCISCO

#### Hotel Vitale (pickup location on day 1 and drop-off location on day 6)

Step into an urban oasis at Hotel Vitale, the newest hotel on the Embarcadero waterfront and a fresh face on *Condé Nast Traveler's* Gold List. The modern motif melds luxurious touches with natural elements to create a uniquely soothing environment. You'll be revitalized by stunning water and landmark vistas, the spa's outdoor rooftop soaking tubs, complimentary yoga each morning, Americano restaurant and friendly staff. 8 Mission Street; Phone: 415-278-3700 or 888-890-8688 for reservations; [www.hotelvitale.com](http://www.hotelvitale.com); 199 rooms. **Special Backroads savings: 10% off best available rate**; tell the reservationist you're a Backroads guest and mention rate code "BKD" when booking. Rates: ◆◆◆

#### Hotel Palomar

Tucked inside a 1907 landmark building, Hotel Palomar is a sophisticated designer hotel. Jazzy French-Japanese décor helps to create an air of modern sophistication without being trendy. It's located just two blocks from Union Square, the Sony Metreon multimedia entertainment center and an array of shopping and dining options. The chic Fifth Floor restaurant, with its celebrity chef, features trendy Lounge on Five and an impressive wine list, including many hard-to-find wines from American vintners. 12 Fourth Street; Phone: 866-373-4941 or 415-348-1111; [www.hotelpalomar.com](http://www.hotelpalomar.com); 198 rooms and 16 suites. **Special Backroads savings: 10% off the best available rate for the dates of your stay** (Internet reservations only; enter code "BAC" when booking). Rates: ◆◆◆◆

#### Mandarin Oriental

A favorite of *Travel+Leisure* and *Condé Nast Traveler*, and a member of Leading Hotels of the World, this impressive hotel occupies the top 11 floors of San Francisco's third-highest skyscraper, providing spectacular views of the city. It has the legendary service and high luxury standards expected from Mandarin Oriental hotels, but is unique in its elegant Asian-influenced décor, sophisticated use of textures, colors and lighting, the 2,000-square-foot fitness center, and the award-winning Silk's restaurant, acclaimed for its contemporary California-Pacific Rim cuisine. 222 Sansome Street; Phone: 800-622-0404 or 415-276-9888; [www.mandarin-oriental.com](http://www.mandarin-oriental.com); 158 rooms. Rates: ◆◆◆◆

### The Ritz-Carlton

This Nob Hill landmark is a Neoclassical “architectural treasure.” Bordered by Chinatown and Union Square, it’s ideally located for discovering San Francisco on foot and offers a luxurious refuge at day’s end. A la carte sushi, afternoon tea and pastries are served in the Lobby Lounge, and cigars and cocktails are served in the illustrious Ritz Bar. The Ritz’s Equilibrium Spa has been named one of the top Urban Hotel Spas by *Condé Nast Traveler*. The hotel also features a full fitness center and an indoor pool. 600 Stockton Street; Phone: 800-241-3333 or 415-296-7465; www.ritzcarlton.com; 336 rooms. Rates: ♦♦♦♦

### The Huntington

A member of Small Luxury Hotels of the World as well as Preferred Hotels and Resorts Worldwide, The Huntington, which opened atop Nob Hill in 1922, is reputed to be one of the finest in the world. Enjoy its distinguished English-style interior and personalized service, and luxuriate in the hotel’s serene spa, featuring an indoor pool, whirlpool, fireplace, wellness studio, fitness equipment, saunas and steam rooms. Try the award-winning cuisine at the Big Four Restaurant, a *Gourmet* magazine favorite. 1075 California Street; Phone: 800-227-4683 or 415-474-5400; www.huntingtonhotel.com; 135 rooms. Rates: ♦♦♦

### Orchard Garden Hotel

This eco-friendly hotel is proof that you don’t have to sacrifice style and conveniences in the name of environmental responsibility. Named to *Condé Nast Traveler*’s Hot List, the hotel is one of only a handful of U.S. hotels to be given the LEED rating (“leadership in energy and environmental design”) by the U.S. Green Building Council. Rooms are spacious, light and elegantly decorated in natural wood and soothing colors. One of their innovations: in-room key cards that control lighting and temperature, reducing energy use by up to 20 percent. The hotel’s amenities include a fitness center, rooftop garden, complimentary DVD library and Roots, featuring cuisine made from local organic produce and sustainable meat and fish. 466 Bush Street; Phone: 888-717-2881 or 415-399-9807; www.theorchardgardenhotel.com; 86 rooms. Rates: ♦♦♦

### Hotel Monaco

Located near Union Square and a short cable car ride to Chinatown, North Beach and Fisherman’s Wharf, this inviting *Condé Nast Traveler*’s Gold List member offers dramatically furnished rooms with vibrant colors and rich fabrics. In the evening, enjoy wine and cheese in the lobby. Or how about a relaxing in-room massage, before heading out for an unforgettable dinner in the Grand Café? 501 Geary Street; Phone: 866-622-5284 or 415-292-0100; www.monaco-sf.com; 201 rooms. **Special Backroads savings: 10% off the best available rate for the dates of your stay** (Internet bookings only; enter rate code “BAC” when booking). Rates: ♦♦

### Prescott Hotel

This luxurious boutique hotel exudes sophistication and warmth with its décor of rich colors, Italian linens, Ralph Lauren fabrics and custom-designed cherry wood furniture. Located just steps from Union Square shopping and fine dining, the Prescott allows you access to some of San Francisco’s top sites. In addition to its outstanding service and accommodations, the hotel is adjacent to the celebrated Postrio restaurant, where you’ll receive priority seating as a Prescott hotel guest. 545 Post Street; Phone: 866-271-3632 or 415-563-0303; www.prescotthotel.com; 164 rooms and suites. **Special Backroads Savings: 10% off the best available rate for the dates of your stay** (Internet reservations only; enter rate code “BAC” when booking). Rates: ♦♦

### Hotel Adagio

The new improved Hotel Adagio blends Spanish Colonial Revival architectural elements with a modern aesthetic for a clean fresh design that is both elegant and stylish. Glowing candles, rich fabrics and flowers in bloom all add to the luxurious atmosphere. Located in the heart of San Francisco's theater, dining and shopping districts, the Adagio offers easy access to all of the city's attractions. Guest rooms feature complimentary high-speed Internet access. The hotel's hip restaurant and bar Cortez, with its innovative Mediterranean dishes and unique artisan breads, has been highlighted by *Condé Nast Traveler*. 550 Geary Street; Phone: 800-228-8830 or 415-775-5000; [www.jdvhospitality.com](http://www.jdvhospitality.com); 171 rooms and suites. Rates: ♦♦

### Harbor Court Hotel

You'll feel the energy of this stylish hotel as soon as you enter the lobby. Located on the Embarcadero waterfront, Harbor Court is a quick trolley ride from Fisherman's Wharf and adjacent to the popular Ozumo restaurant. The Embarcadero YMCA, a state-of-the-art health facility featuring an Olympic-size pool, adjoins the property and is available to hotel guests at a discounted charge. 165 Steuart Street; Phone: 866-792-6283; 415-882-1300; [www.harborcourthotel.com](http://www.harborcourthotel.com); 131 rooms. **Special Backroads savings: 10% off the best available rate for the dates of your stay** (Internet bookings only; enter rate code "BAC" when booking). Rates: ♦♦

**We hope you've found this information useful, but nothing substitutes for speaking with one of our experienced Trip Consultants. Please call 800-462-2848 Monday-Sunday, between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Pacific time.**