

Santa Maria Valley: Day Trippin'-Tour Ideas



LOCAL DAY TRIPS IN AND AROUND SANTA MARIA VALLEY

The Santa Maria Valley is nestled in the foothills of Santa Barbara County wine country. Located in the heart of California's Central Coast, here you will discover beautiful scenery, championship golf courses, pristine beaches, world famous barbecue, nearby missions, hiking, festivals, family events and award winning wineries. www.santamaria.com

Grape Escape: From Vine to Wine

- Escape to the beautiful rolling hills of Santa Maria Valley to taste, tour and learn about winemaking at a variety of wineries. Study the topography and climate of this grape-growing area. Drink up knowledge shared by local growers and winemakers for a few hours, one day, or the entire weekend! Learn about the joys and challenges of pairing local vintages with the freshest local ingredients. Enjoy a unique dining experience of lunch or dinner in a real wine cave. If you're more of an adventurous group, tour the beautiful **Foxen Canyon Wine Trail** from the seat of a bicycle!

Hole in One!

- Golf at one of the many scenic courses located within our beautiful Central Coast Wine Country. From flatlands to gently rolling terrain, take a unique and memorable golf adventure beneath California oaks with sparkling water pools and breathtaking views.

Live Theatre and Backstage Tour at PCPA Theaterfest

- You don't have to go to New York to experience amazing live theatre! The Santa Maria Valley is home to the cultural gem, the **Pacific Conservatory of the Performing Arts**. Celebrate the arts through professional live theatre performances during the winter/spring months at the **Marian and Severson Theatres** in Santa Maria. Additionally, during the summer/fall months enjoy live theatre under the stars at the **Festival Theatre** in Solvang.

Girls Night Out

- The Santa Maria Valley is a perfect place to host friendly get-togethers with your favorite people. Enjoy mochas and breakfast at a funky coffee house, then head on over for facials and a massage at a local day spa and then take in a matinee of a live theatre performance or an afternoon of wine tasting.

Nature's Singular Masterpiece

- California's Central Coast is home to the most scenic landscapes in the country. Take a leisurely stroll across the boardwalk bridge at Oso Flaco Lake and discover amazing biodiversity, including beaches, marshland, forest, grassland, chaparral and desert dunes. An ideal location for picnics, birding, whale watching and hiking. You'll never tire of the beauty that surrounds you.

Western Cookout, Santa Maria Style

- Nothing can replace the number one attraction to the Valley—our world-famous barbecue! *Sunset* magazine recently claimed that Santa Maria Style Barbecue is the best in the world, and everyone from the *Los Angeles Times* to *Saveur* magazine agree. Grab your Stetson and cowboy boots and head to one of our famous steakhouses. Keep the cowboy theme going by taking in an authentic rodeo—**The Elks Rodeo** is held annually in June.