

TOP DOWN: THE ULTIMATE ROAD TRIP

San Francisco to San Luis Obispo

START



MILE 28

NATURE BREAK

Half Moon Bay

Follow California Highway 1 as it slips south out of San Francisco and make a sweet morning out of hiking the wide, beautiful beaches of Half Moon Bay: **Cowell Ranch State Beach** and **Half Moon Bay State Beach**. Replenish with super local goods at the Saturday **Coastside Farmers' Market**.



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BEAUTY AND BEASTS

Carmel-by-the-Sea

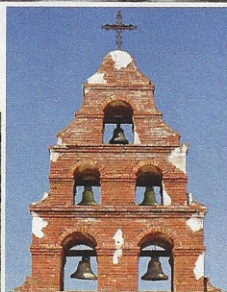
Start with a stroll of ever-charming Carmel-by-the-Sea. Then leave the Pacific behind for the hillside retreat of **Carmel Valley Ranch**, home to alluring extras such as wine education classes and wellness sessions with horses, not to mention an excellent spa and restaurant. Rates start at \$350.

MILE 236

HISTORY DETOUR

Paso Robles

After a series of devastating winter storms, the road through **Big Sur** is closed, making a Highway 1 journey south impossible for now. Take a speedy detour inland on U.S. Route 101 to reach **Paso Robles**, a fine excuse to visit the exquisite **Mission San Miguel**.

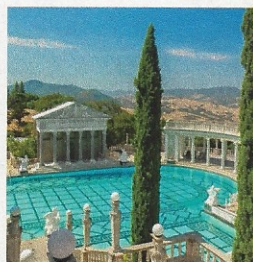


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INSTAGRAM HEAVEN

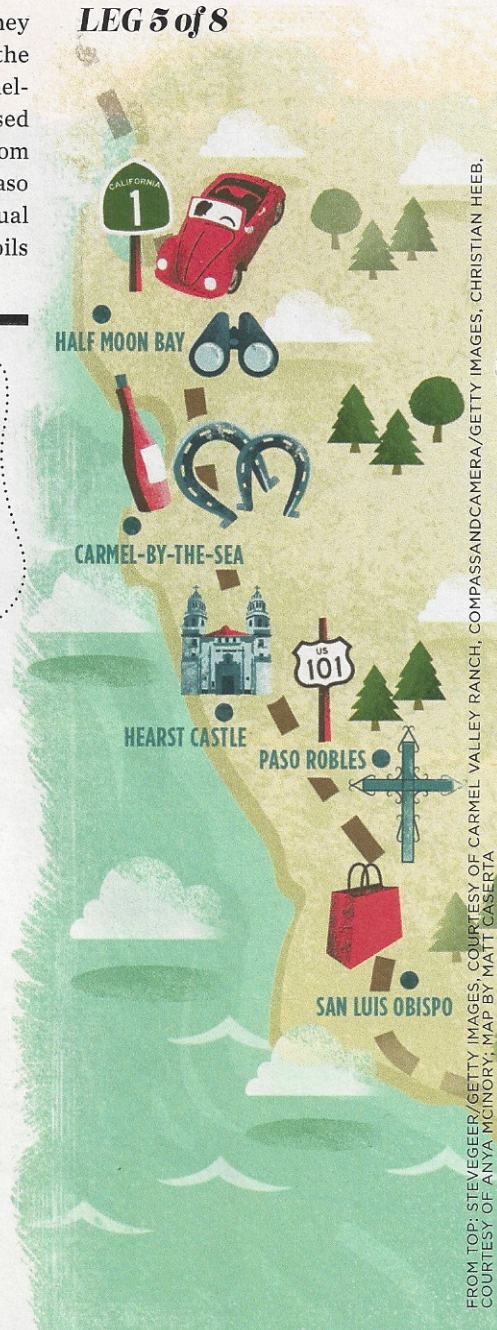
Hearst Castle

Return to the coast just south of Cambria for a foray north to **Hearst Castle**, the eye-popping mansion that media magnate William Randolph Hearst built. Try to decide which is more spectacular: the art, the architecture, the swimming pool, or the ocean views.



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DETOUR WORTH TAKING Slow down in Paso Robles to explore its burgeoning culinary scene. Check out **Tablas Creek Vineyard**, **Bristols Cider House**, **BarrelHouse Brewing Co.**, and the **Paso Robles Distillery Trail** for liquid pleasures.



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MILES DRIVEN

20%

OF NORTH AMERICAN BIRD SPECIES
CALL HALF MOON BAY HOME

NUMBER OF YEARS CLINT EASTWOOD
SERVED AS MAYOR OF CARMEL

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HOT SPRINGS POOLS OPEN
TO THE PUBLIC IN PASO ROBLES

BATHROOMS IN HEARST
CASTLE'S CASA GRANDE

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