

## Honeymoons: Road Trip



Romance is easy to come by on a cool desert byway, a gorgeous mountain pass, or a sleepy European side street -- especially after months of adhering to rigid plans for rehearsal dinner guest lists, timely ceremony schedules, and penny-saving budgets. A freewheeling journey through lands unknown (at least to you) is just the thing you need to make a clean break from your BlackBerry. Interested? Here are four 10-day road trips designed to help you recapture your spontaneous side in amorous locales near and far. With our itineraries in hand, the planning is simple. All you need is a love for the road, your groom by your side, and a happily wandering spirit.

### San Diego to San Francisco

**Day 1:** In San Diego, check into Andaz San Diego in the trendy Gaslamp Quarter, stroll down the Embarcadero, then venture out to the peninsula of Coronado for sunbathing and water sports. Later, head to Old Town for tacos and a look at San Diego as it was first settled. From \$159; [andaz.com](http://andaz.com)

**Day 2:** Wind through Balboa Park, a 1,200-acre public area chock-full of museums and gardens. Then head up to La Jolla for lunch, shopping, and a snorkel or kayak trip around the caves and cliffs of La Jolla Cove. Settle in to ranch-style Estancia La Jolla Hotel & Spa for the night. From \$189; [estancialajolla.com](http://estancialajolla.com)

**Day 3:** Continue to Palm Springs, and check in to the Ace Hotel & Swim Club. Tour the city with the help of the Modern Committee's \$5 guide to 66 architectural gems, including homes designed by William Cody and Richard Neutra. Then take a 10-minute cable-car ride up Mt. San Jacinto before retiring to the hotel for a massage. From \$109; [acehotel.com](http://acehotel.com)

**Day 4:** Wake up with a hike through Tahquitz Canyon. Shop the design district on Palm Canyon Drive before cruising to Los Angeles. **There, check in to the eclectic Petit Ermitage.** Head to Griffith Observatory for a striking view of the Hollywood sign, followed by a drive down Sunset Boulevard. From \$172; [petitermitage.com](http://petitermitage.com)

**Day 5:** Hike through Runyon Canyon for unparalleled views of the city, then hit the Walk of Fame and vintage clothing stores in Hollywood proper. Lunch and window-shop in Beverly Hills; as the sun sets, walk the boardwalk among the reveling crowd and street performers at Venice Beach.

**Day 6:** Head to Malibu's Surfrider Beach in the morning. Then hit the Pacific Coast Highway to Santa Barbara. See Spanish Colonial architecture and panoramic views on a rented Segway. Catch a whale-watching cruise aboard the Condor Express. Stay at the tranquil Inn of the Spanish Garden. From \$269; [spanishgardeninn.com](http://spanishgardeninn.com)

**Day 7:** After breakfast, visit Hearst Castle for a tour of the publishing magnate's self-proclaimed monument (try tour number one for an overview). Later that afternoon, head to Big Sur for one of the most scenic drives in California. Splurge and check in to the Post Ranch Inn for a breathtaking stay by the state's famous ocean bluffs. From \$550; [postranchinn.com](http://postranchinn.com)

**Day 8:** Head up Route 1 to San Francisco, and check in to The Fairmont San Francisco in tony Nob Hill. Take in an impromptu guitar performance at Ghirardelli Square, then walk around the hilly city (or hitch a cable-car ride) to Fisherman's Wharf, the Castro, and the edgy Mission District. Stop in Chinatown for the best dim sum around, or at one of the city's taquerias for Mexican you won't find anywhere else. From \$249; [fairmont.com](http://fairmont.com)

**Day 9:** Drive over the Golden Gate Bridge to Sausalito, in Marin County. See Muir Woods in the morning, then drive about one hour to Napa. Check in to luxurious Milliken Creek Inn & Spa, then head out after lunch for some wine tasting. Try Nickel & Nickel in Oakville, and Quintessa and Frog's Leap in nearby Rutherford. From \$558; [millikencreekinn.com](http://millikencreekinn.com)

**Day 10:** Tour one more vineyard before heading back to San Francisco. Visit the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, and anything else you missed the first time around.