

# THE INN AT Occidental

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## PLACES TO GO & THINGS TO DO

### Winery Tours and Tasting:

The Russian River "Wine Road" begins a few miles from The Inn and meanders through the Russian River Valley with its many microclimates and six grape growing appellations. Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grown in the cooler Russian River region are exceptional. The Green Valley, Chalk Hill, Dry Creek Valley, Alexander Valley, Knights Valley, and Russian River Valley encompass about 26,000 acres of grapes producing world class wines. The area is also rich in produce from organic farms.

### Sonoma Coast State Beaches:

One of the country's most scenic drives is **Coleman Valley Road** from The Inn to the **Sonoma Coast** north of **Bodega Bay**. As you drive from Occidental you pass through coastal redwoods and open range land looking much like Scotland - breathtaking views of the spectacular Sonoma Coastline make for a memorable experience.

### Bodega Bay & Bodega Head:

Whale watching, sport-fishing and surfing are popular sports along the coast. Camping, horseback riding, hiking and beach-combing are exhilarating experiences as well. An 18-hole links-style golf course, shops, restaurants and the **University of California Marine Laboratory** are other attractions. Continuing south to the village of **Bodega** you will find the quaint St. Theresa's church and schoolhouse of Alfred Hitchcock's classic movie "The Birds". Returning back along Joy Road you climb from sea level through towering redwoods to The Inn.

### Bodega Harbor Golf Links and Northwood Golf Club:

The Bodega Harbor Golf Links overlooks the ocean in Bodega Bay. It is a seaside course, reminiscent of the great Scottish links-style courses. Designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr., with a par of 70 and playing 6220 from the blue and 5360 from the middle tees, it provides beauty and challenging rolling fairways, cavernous pot bunkers, undulating greens and native coastal rough and seaside marshes in a course named by Golf Digest as "A Place to Play." The Northwood Golf Club is located twenty minutes from The Inn; its distinguishing features are the majestic redwoods in a course designed by Alister MacKenzie, who also designed the Augusta National Course. It's a par 36, nine hole course built in 1928 for the enjoyment of the member of the nearby Bohemian Grove.

### North of Bodega Bay to Jenner:

The **Russian River** meets the sea and the local salmon begin and end their travels in the town of Jenner. Stop at one of the many overlooks to view a large colony of harbor seals frolicking or sunbathing. Jenner By The Sea and Rivers End restaurants are good places to stop for lunch. Then take Highway 116 inland along the river to the little village of **Duncans Mills** to enjoy browsing through specialty shops and galleries. Continuing on to the Monte Rio and Guerneville areas you will find places to enjoy fishing, canoeing or swimming. **Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve** became a county park in 1917 after Colonel James Armstrong, who came to California in 1874, was so fascinated with these 'giants' that he sought to save this ancient grove along Fife Creek. The "Armstrong Tree" named in his honor is estimated to be 1400 years old. This is a great place for a hike, picnic, or horseback riding adventure. Return to Occidental via the Bohemian Highway.

### **Antiquing in Sebastopol:**

Sebastopol is the Gravenstein Apple Capital of the World, has premium vineyards and is well known for its many antique shops. Drive out Occidental Road to Highway 116 where you will find many antique dealers. Sebastopol is a great place to purchase farm fresh produce through "Farm Trails". Take a lunch break at one of the many cafes and restaurants featuring a wide range of cuisines. Return to The Inn on Highway 12.

### **Santa Rosa - Sonoma - Petaluma and Healdsburg:**

Areas rich with wineries, restaurants, antiques and boutique shops are only 30-45 minutes from The Inn. **Luther Burbank Home and Gardens** offers tours of the home and gardens of famed horticulturist Luther Burbank who described Sonoma County as "the chosen spot of all this Earth." Arriving in Santa Rosa in 1875, he spent 50 years producing new fruits and flowers. **Sonoma Valley**—Sonoma Plaza is where flying the Bear Flag created the Republic of California—it is now home to many boutique shops and historic landmarks including the Sonoma Mission. General Vallejo's home and the Jack London State Historic Park are open daily except major holidays. **Petaluma**, once the egg capital of the world, also has cheese factories including the Marin French Cheese Company, the oldest continuing manufacturer on the continent. Many historic buildings and beautifully restored Victorian homes are located here—not far away is **Tomales Bay** and the **Point Reyes National Seashore**. **Healdsburg** is home to more than 50 wineries, great antiquing, a town square, and wonderful restaurants. Ballooning, a popular sport, is just south of Healdsburg.

### **Osmosis Enzyme Bath and Massage:**

A wonderful refuge for tranquility and renewal is located in Freestone, only three and a half miles from Occidental. Discover a sanctuary with Japanese gardens and gracious service attuned to your personal needs. A remarkable form of heat therapy from Japan relaxes, soothes, and energizes the body, mind, and spirit and is followed by an hour and a quarter massage.

### **Vintage Gardens and Rare Plants:**

Located on Coleman Valley Road in Occidental, **Western Hills Rare Plant Nursery** is the most venerable of Sonoma County's specialty nurseries. This three-acre garden and nursery was started about 35 years ago by Hawkins & Olbrich who pioneered the use of Mediterranean plants suited to the California climate and introduced innumerable plants from around the world. **Vintage Gardens**, located on Highway 116 in Sebastopol features 2,000 varieties of antique, extraordinary roses. Sonoma County boasts scores of specialty nurseries and gardens - we invite you to tour this plant paradise.

### **A Balloon Ride Above the Vineyards:**

Hot air ballooning over the Sonoma County Wine country is a wonderful experience for guests at The Inn. This early morning adventure begins with your assistance in preparing the balloon for take-off, a flight high above the beauty of Western Sonoma County and following the landing a champagne brunch. The Inn is delighted to make reservations for you.

### **Horseback Riding:**

Time in the Armstrong Woods State Reserve is even more special when you're riding gentle horses through the towering trees and enjoying the vistas, streams and watching abundant wildlife in the park. The views over the ridge lines give one a whole new perspective of the beauty of Sonoma County. You may choose among various trail rides with different destinations and of different lengths.