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NAPA VALLEY

There might not be a more romantic place than Napa Valley. No matter what the season, the gorgeous Northern California landscape feels like an instant transport from the everyday world. Enormous trees, hilltops covered in vines and some of the most inventive chefs in the nation are all reasons to visit. Because wine lovers and food enthusiasts have made this such a sought-after vacation spot, many new properties have developed in recent years. Most are dedicated to providing extraordinary experiences for their discriminating guests.

The specialty here is honeymoons. Most of the visitors are adults and couples with privacy and indulgence in mind. If strolling through simple streets lined with the most-awarded restaurants in California is your idea of bliss, then you will want to book your stay in downtown **Yountville**.

In the past year, two new hotels have opened, including the Italian villa-inspired boutique **Hotel Luca**, the Leed-certified, beautiful **Hotel Bardessono** and the even newer rustic-but-elegant **Hotel Yountville**. At each you'll find ease of proximity, outstanding amenities and a location within walking distance of the must-visit wine tasting rooms, several dining favorites and shops such as **Napa Valley Style**.

If you really want to get back to nature, just a couple of miles away is the breathtaking site of **Calistoga Ranch**. With its clustering of cottages on a hillside, it's more than just a typical hotel. Each cottage is completely private. Outdoor showers and fireplaces are standard, as is a stocked mini bar and their private label wine.

Find more information at Calistogaranch.com, HotelLuca.Com, HotelYountville.com and Bardessono.com.



THE NEW LAS VEGAS

We've all seen the movies with the crazy weekends in Vegas, and that's likely still occurring for some groups on any given night. Vegas has its legends for a reason. But, there is another side of "Sin City" that really is perfect for bachelorette parties, weddings and honeymoons. And, those may certainly be quite civilized—and still very fun.

The nightlife is well known, but what many may not have considered is just how sophisticated other facets have become. For starters, the shopping is world-class and rivals the selection that you can find in New York or Los Angeles in the designer realm.

This is also true for restaurants and dining. Some of the world's most celebrated chefs have opened outposts here. In fact, you will not find as many options for dining anywhere else in the U.S., especially in such close proximity. Some of the very best dining options and award-winning culinary talents are peppered through the top hotels and resorts.

Some of our favorites—also some of the most notable—are the restaurants housed in the **Wynn properties**. These also offer a golf course—not to mention gorgeous wedding salons and gardens for ceremonies and private dinners.

In Las Vegas some of the best enjoyment and people watching is always by the pool. While the pools at **Wynn** and **Encore** are amazing, the best experience is at **The Garden of the Gods** at **Caesar's Palace**. Many millions of dollars have been invested in this project and it shows. Cabanas

decked out with every desirable electronic device, poolside double lounging beds and of course, continual water-misters and cocktails are part of the fun.

Visit wynnlasvegas.com and caesarspalace.com for more info.