



DELICIOUS RECIPES FOR FALL

# Sunset

## The Travel Issue



**125**

of the **hottest**  
hotels, spas,  
wineries,  
restaurants,  
shops, and  
destinations  
in the **West**



RESTORATIVE  
ROAD TRIPS

ROCK STAR  
HOME DESIGN

BUILDING  
A FIRE-SAFE  
HOUSE







# WHERE TO GO

These rich regions, beautiful counties, vibrant cities, and destinations offer activities, escapes, entertainment, and more for every kind of explorer and adventurer.



## Anchorage

The gateway to Alaska's expanse of nature, Anchorage is surrounded by six soaring mountain ranges and access to nearly 2,000 square miles of glaciers, trails, and mountains. While it's an incredible spot to visit in the summer, winter is also an excellent time to plan a stay with their annual Alaska Native arts market, snow sculpture competitions, and Running of the Reindeer events.

## Victoria, B.C.

Green and positively gorgeous, the capital of British Columbia is a prime spot for urban adventure with its eclectic mix of outdoorsy activities like whale watching, exploring the blooms in Butchart Gardens, or hiking in old-growth rainforests. For refined city dwellers, there are world-class collections at museums worth exploring, and one of the country's most authentic high-tea services at the Fairmont Empress.

## Santa Barbara

Just a quick two-hour drive from Los Angeles, Santa Barbara is so much more than a college town. Rightfully known as the "American Riviera," it has a Mediterranean coastal aesthetic and climate that, paired with a quirky bohemian charm, results in a destination worth visiting again and again.

## Greater Palm Springs

There's hardly ever been a bad time to visit the desert cities, but this year countless new hotels and wellness offerings have made the region particularly appealing. Of particular interest is the opportunity to engage with and learn about the region's Indigenous traditions at the Spa at Séc-he and the soon-to-open Agua Caliente Cultural Museum.

## Redmond

The central Oregon city is the gateway to the high desert's outdoor wonders, and boasts a vibrant downtown, brewery scene, and easy access to outdoor activities such as Smith Rock State Park. With an international airport, music festivals, and increasingly diverse dining scene, this city seamlessly blends small-town charm and urban sophistication.

## BEST CITY GETAWAYS

### Oakland

A diverse cultural hub in the heart of the Bay Area, Oakland has a decidedly artistic vibe amplified by the surrounding natural scenery, countless local parks, multicultural cuisine, and vibrant maker community, making it the ideal vacay for all ages.

### Oceanside

O'side has been on the come-up as of late, with restaurants like Heritage BBQ and Homestate setting up shop in this historic surf community alongside new boutique hotels, Michelin-recognized restaurants, and storied surfboard shapers.

### San Luis Obispo

Located halfway between Los Angeles and San Francisco along the Central Coast, SLO exudes California's quintessentially laid-back vibe with its independent wineries, ample areas for hiking and cycling, and inspired public art installations.

### Beverly Hills

Well-kept public parks, off-the-charts dining, and exceptional shopping have travelers consistently returning to this enclave of Los Angeles, which has seen a huge uptick in restaurants and bars from name chefs and hospitality veterans opening this year, including Funke, Sur Le Vert, and Dante.