

DESTINATION TRAVEL & EVENTS



Canyon Villa Bed & Breakfast Inn, Sedona

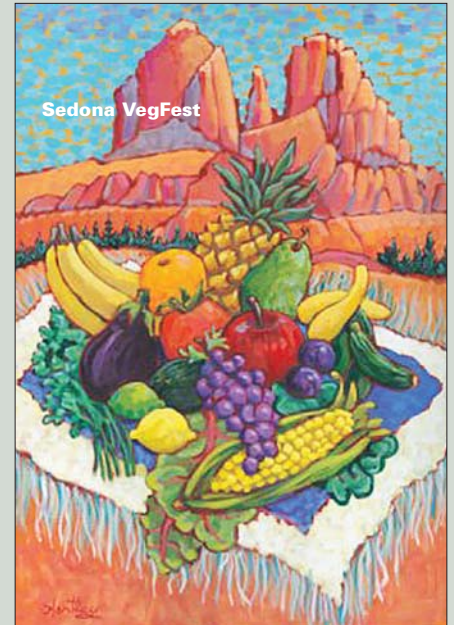


Casa Sedona Inn

▼ Bed and breakfasts and inns are popular ways to immerse in **Sedona** like a local. Wake to a chorus of birds or the cascade of water over stone, then explore the verdant woodlands in your back yard. In warmer months, cast a fishing line in the creek or take a dip in your own personal swimming hole. Something about the setting inspires innkeepers to create little masterpieces of lodging. Quaint accommodations include fireplaces, private hot tubs, architectural flourishes, unique decor and personal artistic touches, all with an emphasis on guest services. There are plenty of options for bed and breakfasts. | A Sunset Chateau embodies timeless elegance with Old World comfort and charm. | Award-winning Lodge at Sedona—A Luxury B&B Inn has an estate setting on two acres of gardens among mature evergreens, waterfalls and rock formations. Guests can also explore the property's on-site labyrinth. | At Canyon Villa Bed and Breakfast Inn, magnificent views of Bell Rock and Courthouse Butte loom over a glass-tiled swimming pool and landscaped gardens. Here, guests enjoy a full three-

course breakfast with freshly baked cinnamon rolls, an afternoon social and appetizer hour, and outdoor amenities across the entire property. | Only minutes to dining, shopping and attractions, Casa Sedona offers visitors and staycationers alike rooms perfect for a relaxing getaway, spiritual retreat, intimate wedding, romantic honeymoon or any special occasion. The property has an impressive on-site restaurant, instant access to hiking trails and a concierge. | Find more information on B&B and other Sedona lodging options at visitsedona.com/where-to-stay.

▼ The 12th Annual **Sedona** Marathon on Saturday, February 4, is expected to host more than 3,000 runners and walkers in four events: 5K, 10K, Half Marathon or Full Marathon. The course passes through scenic Coconino National Forest and the streets of Sedona. Spectators, supporters and participants alike can visit the Expo and Packet Pick-Up at classic Elk Lodge of Sedona, with vendors and entertainers (and a fully loaded virtual goodie bag and tech running T-shirt for registrants). All fin-



Sedona VegFest



ishers will receive a medal. For details and to register, visit SedonaMarathon.com.

▼ A two-day celebration of everything veg, with something for everyone from the committed vegan to the simply veg-curious, **Sedona** VegFest on January 14-15 presents world-renowned educational and inspirational speakers covering the medical, ethical and environmental benefits of a whole-food, plant-based diet and lifestyle, while celebrity chefs share their secrets of food preparation, and dozens of exhibits showcase the latest foods, products, services and information. Details can be found at visitsedona.com.

▼ **San Juan County** is **Utah's** largest by area, yet with fewer than two people average per square mile. Bordering northeast Arizona, it's a prime destination for hiking, biking, camping or off-roading in five national parks and monuments—Canyonlands, Glen Canyon, Hovenweep, Natural Bridges, Rainbow Bridge—three

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state parks—Edge of the Cedars, Goose-necks, Dead Horse Point—and two Navajo tribal parks—Monument Valley and Four Corners—where you enjoy ancient native ruins, sunsets, constellations at

County, along with California State Parks and the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, welcome visitors to immerse themselves in the local marine culture, coastal heritage and natural attractions

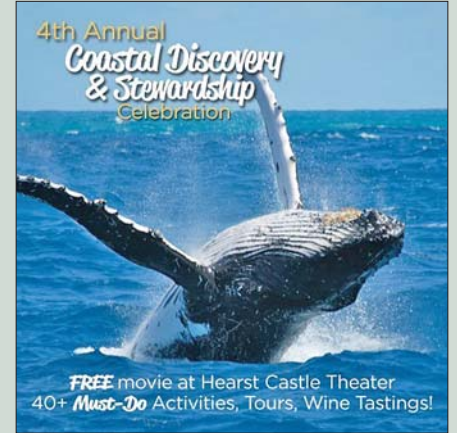
Day, docent-led educational elephant seal walks, hands-on citizen science programs at San Simeon Cove and many others. Take a whale-watching adventure, a planned pier and beach walk or learn



night. The 19th annual Bluff International Balloon Festival (January 13–15), above the town of Bluff and the Valley of the Gods, is free for spectators, with plenty of food and activities, and the balloons become more striking during the nighttime glow-in. Edge of the Cedars State Park, on the outskirts of Blanding, includes an original 1,000-year-old Ancestral Puebloan village and a museum with an extensive collection of artifacts from the people who lived here long before Dominguez and Escalante. Or try a day hike to Owachomo Bridge, then grab dinner in Monticello. Between now and late spring high season, temperatures are perfect, crowds are thinner and hotel rates can drop by as much as 60 percent. For more information on the region, visit www.utah.com.

▼ The 10 destinations along **California's Highway 1 Discovery Route** (H1DR) in San Luis Obispo County—from Ragged Point and Cambria, to Avila Beach and Oceano—are serious when it comes to the annual Coastal Discovery & Stewardship Celebration. Coastal San Luis Obispo

along this stretch of the famous CA Highway 1 through a series of events and activities, from January 13 through February 28. Enjoy special marine-focused events, unique wine and food tastings and festivals and stewardship travel activities where you learn more about dedicated Marine Protected Areas and how to make a difference, while on vacation. "Throughout the annual Coastal Discovery & Stewardship Celebration, guests are invited to explore marine life from abalone to elephant seals, learn about nature preserves, participate in fun citizen science activities and enjoy the many seaside hikes found on the Central Coast," says Stewardship travel director Katie Sturtevant. "There are more than 40 must-do activities the whole family will enjoy." These special events and activities are designed to connect visitors with the land, wildlife, history, people and culture along the H1DR. Must-see attractions and must-do events include a Free Film Festival at Hearst Castle Theater, the 3rd Annual BlendFest on the Coast wine tasting event, a fun Bird Sanctuary & Wildlife



about H1DR marine birdlife with the free SeaPhoto App from Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Visitors will appreciate the Wildlife Viewing and Stewardship Tips when they visit the new Whale Trail (www.TheWhaleTrail.org) locations and will delight in special wine tasting room pairings from eleven wineries located along the Pacific Coast Wine Trail, as well as numerous Edna Valley, Arroyo Grande Valley and Avila Beach wineries. Located halfway between Los Angeles and San Francisco, the H1DR is made up of ten diverse artisan towns and seaside villages, starting just south of Big Sur from Ragged Point and San Simeon, Cambria, Cayucos, and Los Osos/Baywood Park to Avila Beach and Valley, Edna Valley, Arroyo Grande Valley, Oceano and Nipomo, just south of San Luis Obispo. Many lodging properties along the H1DR are offering specials and packages during the Coastal Discovery & Stewardship seven week celebration. For more information on H1DR and the annual Coastal Discovery & Stewardship Celebration, visit highway1discoveryroute.com. ■

