



Day Tripping

Oakland and Berkeley's unique location on the east side of the San Francisco Bay and home to many major freeways make it easy to hop in a car and enjoy a day trip. Highway 80 is a major artery to the wine country, San Francisco and all points south including Silicon Valley and the Monterey Peninsula.

MARIN COUNTY

Just a quick drive over the Richmond-San Rafael bridge lies Marin County, full of quaint towns tucked around the base of majestic Mount Tamalpais. Check out the boutique shops in Mill Valley, Larkspur or San Anselmo, or dine on the bay in Tiburon and Sausalito. Outdoor enthusiasts will revel in the biodiversity of Mt. Tam, with its shady redwood groves, ferny dells, sweeping ocean vistas and the famous Dipsea trail. • visitmarin.org

MONTEREY, CARMEL AND 17- MILE DRIVE

The Monterey Peninsula is about a 2-hour drive from Oakland. The spectacular coastline in Monterey is rugged and full of marine wildlife. Attractions include the Monterey Bay Aquarium, the famous 17-Mile Drive, shopping and dining in the quaint village of Carmel, scuba diving and exploring tide pools. • monterey.org

NAPA AND THE WINE COUNTRY

Take a day to enjoy California's most celebrated agricultural crop, wine. It's only about an hour away by car, and you can easily enjoy several wineries in one day. The restaurants, scenery, wineries, and quaint small towns are worth the drive. Summer and fall are the most popular times to visit, but head to the valley in winter to find a pleasant retreat of empty tasting rooms and clear, crisp days. Insider tip: many of the Sonoma wineries don't charge tasting fees while most of the Napa wineries do. • winecountry.com

SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco is an easy day jaunt from Oakland or Berkeley. Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) trains run regularly all day from many different locations throughout the East Bay. It is about a 20-30 minute train ride depending on where you begin. Transportation once you get into the city is easy via MUNI, Cable Car or taxi. An alternative route is via car over the Oakland/Bay Bridge or ferry from Jack London Square. • sfvisitor.org

SIX FLAGS MARINE WORLD AMUSEMENT PARK

Located about 20 minutes north of Berkeley, in Vallejo, is a brand new Six Flags amusement park. Thrill seekers flock to the park to scream on the colossal coasters. Animal shows, Thomasland and the Loony Tune characters are all on hand for the little ones. 2001 Marine World Pkwy, Vallejo, Ca. 707.643.6722 • sixflags.com/discoveryKingdom/index.aspx

Notes

Let us know your off-the-beaten path recommendations so we may share them with other Joie de Vivre Hotels guests! Please return your suggestions to the front desk staff.
