

NORTH BAY DESTINATIONS

SANTA ROSA

The urban heart of wine country, Santa Rosa is the largest city in Sonoma County.

CHARLES M. SCHULZ MUSEUM & ICE ARENA

Travel time: 2 hours 10 minutes | **Level:** **Hard**

2301 Hardies Ln, Santa Rosa

Charles Schulz, creator of Snoopy and the Peanuts gang, lived in Santa Rosa for decades. The museum is located on the site of his former studio. Snoopy's Home Ice is across the street. Referred to as the world's most beautiful ice arena, it has the ambiance of a Swiss Alpine village.

- **ROUTE 101** to Piner Rd & Range Ave — **19-minute walk**
- **ROUTES 101, 130, 150** to San Rafael Transit Center, take **SMART Train*** to Santa Rosa North train station—**12-minute walk**



CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF SONOMA COUNTY ARENA

Travel time: 2 hours 10 minutes | **Level:** **Moderate**

1835 W Steele Ln, Santa Rosa

The Children's Museum provides hands-on, interactive exhibits and activities designed for families with children ages ten years old and younger.

- **ROUTES 101, 130, 150** to San Rafael Transit Center, take **SMART Train*** to Santa Rosa North train station—**13-minute walk**

RAILROAD SQUARE HISTORIC DISTRICT

Travel time: 1 hour 45 minutes | **Level:** **Moderate,**

9 4th St, Santa Rosa

With its authentic old town charm and antique row, the district offers unique dining and shopping experiences.

- **ROUTE 101** to Santa Rosa Transit Mall—**10-minute walk**
- **ROUTES 101, 130, 150** to San Rafael Transit Center, take **SMART Train*** to Santa Rosa Downtown train station—**1-minute walk**



LUTHER BURBANK HOME & GARDENS NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

Travel time: 1 hour 45 minutes | **Level:** **Easy**

204 Santa Rosa Ave, Santa Rosa

A pioneer in agricultural science, Luther Burbank developed more than 800 strains and varieties of plants, including the russet potato. The historic park contains Burbank's former home, greenhouse, and gardens.

- **ROUTE 101** to Santa Rosa Transit Mall—**5-minute walk**



SONOMA COUNTY MUSEUM

Travel time: 1 hour 45 minutes | **Level:** **Easy**

425 7th St, Santa Rosa

Comprised of a contemporary art gallery and Santa Rosa's historic 1910 post office, the museum contains multiple galleries, local history displays, and a sculpture garden.

- **ROUTE 101** to Santa Rosa Transit Mall—**5-minute walk**

OLD COURTHOUSE SQUARE

Travel time: 1 hour 45 minutes | **Level:** **Easy**

Located in downtown Santa Rosa, Courthouse Square has a traditional, quaint, small town vibe, with a contemporary mix of shopping and dining.

- **ROUTE 101** to Santa Rosa Transit Mall— **5-minute walk**
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Additional resources: *Santa Rosa Neighborhoods and walking tours:*

<https://visitsantarosa.com/neighborhoods-and-walking-tours>

COTATI

Cotati is home to the historic watering hole Inn of the Beginning, famous in the 60's and 70's for hosting rock legends such as Neil Young, Van Morrison, the Grateful Dead, Janis Joplin, Arlo Guthrie, Joan Baez, Jefferson Airplane, and others. Today, Cotati is known for its small town charm and annual accordion festival. It also boasts a hexagonal town plan, one of only two in the United States.

Travel time: 1 hour 20 minutes | **Level:** **Easy**

- **ROUTE 101** to the Cotati Hub—**1-minute walk**
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PETALUMA

If the riverfront town's historic city streets and Victorian mansions look familiar, you may have seen them as photogenic backdrops in several movies, such as American Graffiti and Peggy Sue Got Married. In the late 1800's, Petaluma was the "Egg Basket of the World," producing 10 million eggs a year and shipping them on riverboats to San Francisco. Now, Petaluma is a foodie haven with a farm to table culture.

DOWNTOWN PETALUMA

Travel time: 1 hour 10 minutes | **Level:** **Easy**

Stroll the historic streets of Petaluma and enjoy a variety of restaurants, opportunities for antiquing, and a selection of tasting rooms.

- **ROUTE 101** to Copeland Street Transit Mall—**5-minute walk**
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PETALUMA ARTS CENTER

Travel time: 1 hour 10 minutes | **Level:** **Easy**

230 Lakeville St, Petaluma

Located in Petaluma's historic Train Depot Freight Building, the Center provides rotating art exhibits.

- **ROUTE 101** to Copeland Street Transit Mall—**3-minute walk**
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PETALUMA VISITORS CENTER

Travel time: 1 hour 10 minutes | **Level:** **Easy**

210 Lakeville St, Petaluma

Located in the historic Train Depot, the Visitors Center has information on local events and attractions.

- **ROUTE 101** to Copeland Street Transit Mall—**3-minute walk**



PETALUMA HISTORICAL LIBRARY & MUSEUM

Travel time: 1 hour 10 minutes | **Level:** **Easy**

20 4th St, Petaluma

Housed in a historic Carnegie Library with the largest free-standing leaded glass dome in Northern California, the museum features exhibits on Petaluma poultry, dairy, and Miwok Indian history.

- **ROUTE 101** to Copeland Street Transit Mall—**5-minute walk**



Additional resources:

Petaluma Historic Architecture brochure: <http://www.visitpetaluma.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Historic-A-St-District-8.5x14.pdf>

Historic Sites of Petaluma brochure: <http://www.visitpetaluma.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Hist-downtown-Sites-No-Directions.pdf>

NOVATO

Located at the northern end of Marin County, the city of Novato is at the crossroads of culture, history, and the great outdoors.

NOVATO HISTORY MUSEUM

Travel time: 45 minutes | **Level:** **Easy**

815 De Long Ave, Novato

Learn more about the history of Novato, from the Miwok village to the present day.

- **ROUTE 101** to De Long Ave and Reichert Ave—**1-minute walk**



NOVATO VISITOR CENTER

Travel time: 45 minutes | **Level:** **Easy**

807 De Long Ave, Novato

Located inside the Carlile house, believed to have been built in 1892, the Visitor Center provides valuable information about local events and attractions.

- **ROUTE 101** to De Long Ave and Reichert Ave—**1-minute walk**

SAN RAFAEL

Marin County's oldest and largest city, San Rafael is known for its vibrant downtown, the historic Mission, and the impressive Marin Civic Center featuring one of the biggest farmers markets in California.

MISSION SAN RAFAEL ARCÁNGEL

Travel time: 30 to 50 minutes | **Level:** **Moderate**

1104 Fifth Ave, San Rafael

Founded in 1817 by Father Vincente Francisco de Sarría, it was the 20th of 21 missions founded in California. It holds rich heritage and architectural interest.

- **ROUTES 101, 130, 150** to San Rafael Transit Center—**10-minute walk**



MARIN HISTORY MUSEUM AND RESEARCH LIBRARY

Travel time: 30 to 55 minutes | **Level:** **Moderate**

1125 B St, San Rafael

Step inside the Victorian style Boyd Gate House and explore the rich history of Marin County through artifacts and stunning pictures dating back to the early days of its existence.

- **ROUTES 101, 130, 150** to San Rafael Transit Center—**15-minute walk**
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MUSEUM OF INTERNATIONAL PROPAGANDA

Travel time: 30 to 50 minutes | **Level:** **Moderate**

1000 Fifth Ave, San Rafael

The impressive collection of political art from over 25 countries is a trip through history that raises awareness about the influence of propaganda.

- **ROUTES 101, 130, 150** to San Rafael Transit Center—**10-minute walk**
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STINSON BEACH

With miles of white sand, gorgeous landscapes, and a variety of dining options, Stinson Beach is the ultimate California beach town.

Travel time: 1 hour 30 minutes to 2 hours | **Level:** **Easy**

- **ROUTE 130** to Marin City Hub to **ROUTE 61 (Marin Transit)*** to **4813 Shoreline Hwy**



MILL VALLEY

Nestled between Mount Tamalpais and the Richardson Bay, Mill Valley is a favorite for nature lovers with great hikes and mountain biking. The downtown area offers restaurants, cafés, and boutiques in a charming atmosphere.

MUIR WOODS NATIONAL MONUMENT

Travel time: 1 hour to 1 hour 25 minutes | **Level:** **Easy**

Take a stroll through iconic Muir Woods National Monument and admire the majesty of this perfectly preserved forest of centuries old redwoods.

- **ROUTE 130** to Sausalito Ferry Terminal —Get on the Muir Woods Shuttle **ROUTE 66 (Marin Transit)***. Reservations required. Visit **gomuirwoods.com** for details.

SEAPLANE ADVENTURES

Travel time: 30 minutes | **Level:** **Easy**

242 Redwood Hwy, Mill Valley

Experience the Bay Area from up in the air, and fly over sights like the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz, Stinson Beach, and more.

- **ROUTE 150** to Shoreline Hwy & Pohono St—**3-minute walk**



SAUSALITO

Right across the Golden Gate Bridge, Sausalito is ideally located between the Bay and the hills. Tourists flock to the city for its spectacular views, historic charm, abundant restaurants and patios, and the countless outdoors activities both on the water and on the ground.

BAY MODEL VISITOR CENTER

Travel time: 20 minutes | **Level:** **Easy**

2100 Bridgeway, Sausalito

Located in Sausalito, this museum is a fully-accessible education center administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers which hosts a working hydraulic model of the San Francisco Bay and Sacramento - San Joaquin River Delta System.

- **ROUTE 130** to Bridgeway & Easterby St—**5-minute walk**
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DOWNTOWN SAUSALITO

Travel time: 10 minutes | **Level:** **Easy**

A prized destination for many tourists, downtown Sausalito offers many dining options, shops, and art galleries with the spectacular backdrop of the San Francisco Bay and city skyline.

- **ROUTE 130** to Bridgeway & Bay St



MARIN HEADLANDS TRAILS - GOLDEN GATE RECREATION AREA

Travel time: 10 minutes | **Level:** **Easy**

A trip to the North Bay is not complete without a hike in the splendid natural areas it offers. Golden Gate Transit riders are able to hit the trails directly from the bus stop at this location leading to the Marin Headlands.

- **ROUTES 101, 150** to Spencer Ave Bus Pad
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GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE VISTA POINT

Travel time: 10 minutes | **Level:** **Moderate**

Arguably the best-known landmark of San Francisco, the Golden Gate Bridge is a beloved icon for locals and tourists. Admire the bridge, along with the city of San Francisco from this unique point of view.

- **ROUTE 130** to Alexander Ave (first stop north of Golden Gate Bridge)—**5-minute walk** (15-minute walk to the southbound bus stop from the Vista Point for the return trip)



Additional resources:

<https://visitsausalito.org/>

<https://visitnovato.com/>

<https://www.visitmarin.org/>

Travel times from Golden Gate Bridge Welcome Center

Level of difficulty:

Easy: 5 min or less walk.

Moderate: 5-10 min walk

Hard: 15-20 min walk

**Some connections are seasonal. Check connecting schedules carefully when trip planning.*