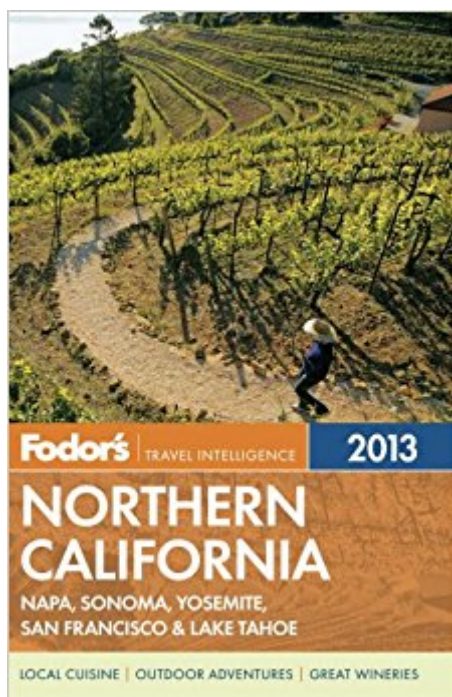


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# Fodor's Northern California 2013: With Napa, Sonoma, Yosemite, San Francisco & Lake Tahoe (Full-color Travel Guide)



## Synopsis

Northern California is filled with rugged redwood forests, pristine stretches of Pacific Coastline, and towering mountains. But it also has more than its share of creature comforts, from Napa Valley's wineries and spas to San Francisco's destination restaurants and exclusive boutiques. Packed with in-depth insider information, illustrated cultural features, and spectacular photography, Fodor's Northern California 2013 shows the best the region has to offer. Competitive Advantage: The only annually updated guidebook to Northern California. Illustrated Features: Special "Fodor's Features" throughout the guide illuminate the most distinctive aspects of Northern California. Features on San Francisco's cable cars, the Wine Country, Lake Tahoe, PCH driving, historic missions, Gold Country, and more give travelers an unparalleled sense of Northern California. Indispensable Trip Planning Tools: Each chapter opens with an orientation spread that includes a map, short descriptions of each region, and the "Top Reasons to Go." Seasonal travel tips and tip on outdoor activities (hiking, biking, even ballooning!) give readers the tools to immerse themselves in the region's land. A pull-out map of Northern California helps readers navigate through the area. Discerning Recommendations: Fodor's Northern California offers savvy advice and recommendations from local writers to help travelers make the most of their time. Fodor's Choice designates our best picks, from hotels to nightlife. "Word of Mouth" quotes from fellow travelers provide valuable insights. TripAdvisor Reviews: Our experts' hotel selections are reinforced by the latest customer feedback from TripAdvisor. Travelers can book their California stay with confidence, as only the best properties make the cut.

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## Customer Reviews

This is the first time I have purchased Fodor's guide books having always bought the Lonely Planet guides in the past. I am quite impressed with the layout and the content of the guide. I find it is quite easy to read and has great ideas for sightseeing. I actually prefer these to the LP ones now. Bonus: they have little duck icons for things that will be good for kids to do while visiting. I find this quite handy for suggestions as I have a young one to entertain as well :) My only complaint about this one in particular is the fact that San Jose is nowhere to be found in this book which is confusing as it is so close to SF and other major cities are covered from Santa Barbara to SF. I was planning on making a stop to SJ.

This book has wonderful trip layouts and great ideas for site seeing in California. I would highly recommend this book if you've never been out to CA.

I ordered this because it was the only Fodors Guide that covers Lake Tahoe. It had only one small chapter on the area. Therefore, most of the book and the map were useless to me. The one chapter was very informative and contained lots of great tips for sightseeing. However, a more in depth book for the Lake Tahoe and surrounding area would have been ideal.

I am a big fan of Fodors. This guide helped us a lot in our trip to California. Ours was an impromptu trip without any booking or prior reservation. We just had a rough plan with places to visit. Having this guide with us helped in identifying main areas to visit, places to eat and their cost in a very easy to read format. Thanks Fodors

This book was great for lots of general information about northern California. If you're looking for details about an area, don't buy this. But if you just want a good overview of all areas, it's perfect. It even has information on small, tiny towns that you might drive through on major roads.

I bought this book in preparation for a driving trip from Frisco to Crescent City. The map included is small and it is of the whole state of California. It also has tons of info on Central California which I did not need. Actually about 50 pages applies to my trip and the map is useless because it is too small to give the detail I need. I suppose some people would appreciate this book but it was a bit

disappointing for me. I got better books from AAA for free.

Fodor's is known for great guides and this certainly fits the bill. It has some really good maps, neat, off the path info, and some amazing photos. Not essential to a good time in N. Cali, but certainly added some good elements to the trip.

This book was great help for finding restaurants, tourist attractions and wineries for our first trip to wine country. It has already been loaned to someone else.

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