It's hard to find a true find. And when you do, you keep it to yourself. Marin County, California is full of these discoveries. Favorite trails, restaurants, life-changing pockets of peace. Some of us may share the same spots, but we never share our secrets. So come find a special place of your own. Marin isn't as far away as it feels. It's just a little out there.

The Communities of Marin



CORTE MADERA

Corte Madera is a magical blend of contrasts, from its rural, sprawling hillsides and bay views to its cosmopolitan, upscale homes and businesses.



FAIRFAX

Tucked away behind Mt. Tamalpais, Fairfax is a peaceful place with fun restaurants, ecclectic shops, and an open mind.



LARKSPUR

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, downtown Larkspur features historical buildings, an art deco movie house and fashionable stores and restaurants.



MILL VALLEY

Reminiscent of a charming European village, Mill Valley's lush landscape is a favorite place for visitors who enjoy hiking, mountain biking, golf and running.



NOVATO

Marin's northern-most city, Novato has more than 3,600 acres of open space, making it a haven for hiking and mountain biking.



SAN ANSELMO

Sunny San Anselmo's climate, rich history, creekside location, and strong sense of community make it a wonderful place to visit and live.



SAN RAFAEL

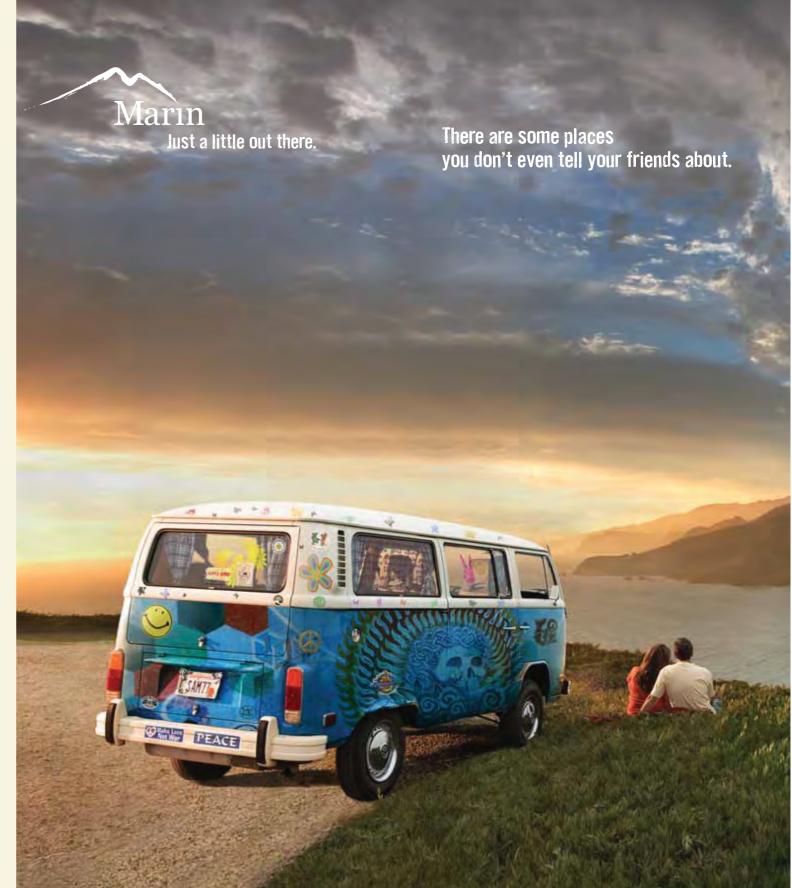
As the oldest, largest and most culturally diverse city in Marin, San Rafael enjoys incredible weather and incomparable natural beauty.



WEST MARIN VISITORS BUREAU

Pt. Reyes Station, Olema, and Inverness—a world all its own. West Marin is an agricultural and artistic hub hidden among the wide open spaces, dramatic coastlines, and rolling fog.

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Plenty to do. Or not do.

Marin County is a paradise for outdoor recreation—with weather that allows visitors and residents to enjoy mountain biking, hiking, kayaking, and sailing all year round. But it's also a wonderful place to do next to nothing at all. Lounge by the beach, get pampered at a spa, watch the fog roll into the Bay from the top of Mt. Tam. The choice is yours. And every choice is right.

Fine food, fresh from the source.

Marin's sustainable agriculture is the source of food for world-class restaurants throughout the Bay Area. But you can see and taste it all, up close and personal. Sample artisan cheeses right where they're made. Toss back oysters plucked fresh from the Tomales Bay. Enjoy fresh fruit and vegetables, hand-crafted breads, fresh milk and cream. And see for yourself how good food is so much more than just an "ingredient".

A land like no other.

Almost 85 percent of Marin's land has been protected from development. So, while it's just across the Golden Gate Bridge from San Francisco, it's a world away from any metropolis. Craggy coastlines, rolling mountains, towering redwoods, and breathtaking beauty around every bend. You really do have to see it for yourself. Sleep next to nature. Or in the lap of luxury.

The lodging in Marin is as diverse as the land. Camp under the stars. Sequester yourself in a beachside bungalow. Stay with a trusted favorite hotel. Or discover the heights of indulgence at a no-compromises resort. However you want to rest your head, Marin can make it feel like home.

Explore the stores of Marin.

Some people think you have to be in the shadow of tall buildings to truly shop. But you'll be amazed what you can find in the warmth of the sun. Marin is home to shopping centers that house the famous stores found in the city. Plus it holds secret finds. Boutique stores, art galleries, handcrafted delights, and maybe something you always wanted, but just never realized.

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