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Big Sur, CA
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What's New

What's New in California showcases new openings and developments happening across the Golden State. Find inspiration for stories revolving around accommodations, culinary, family, arts and entertainment, outdoors, and tours and transportation. Dates listed are subject to change. Confirm with appropriate media contacts listed with each entry.

Accommodations



JOSHUA TREE

AutoCamp Joshua Tree Opening December 2021

AutoCamp will open its Joshua Tree location on Dec. 16, offering the unique outdoor hospitality experience amongst the famed Joshua Trees and subtle rock formations. The 25-acre property located adjacent to Joshua Tree National Park will offer 47 custom-built Airstreams, four accessible suites and four "X Suites," all equipped with updated HVAC systems for all-season weather, as well as unique outdoor showers available in some premium units. The property will be the first among the AutoCamp brand to offer an outdoor bar with a full beverage program, as well as a hybrid hot tub and plunge pool. A focal point for all AutoCamp destinations, the Clubhouse at Joshua Tree is a modern take on traditional Quonset Huts. Overseen by HKS, the architecture of 768 square foot space nods to the eclectic nature of the town in which it resides, supplemented with clean mid-century modern details. The intentional use of raw and natural materials will weather in place and improve with age as they blend into the natural landscape.

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LA JOLLA

Cormorant Boutique Hotel Slated to Open Winter 2021

Formerly the La Jolla Inn, the **Cormorant Boutique Hotel**, which is slated to open in the winter 2021, has undergone an extensive, three-year renovation that brings a mid-century modern aesthetic to the heart of La Jolla. Named after the seaside town's famed Cormorant birds, the hotel includes 26 nautical-inspired guest rooms, each with a balcony and expansive views of the Pacific Ocean; a new rooftop terrace bar, Birdseye, which features craft cocktails and small plates; and Prospect Market, an upscale grab-and-go marketplace filled with local goods, branded gear and beach essentials and is as an homage to the property's origins as the only market in La Jolla Village in the 1940s.

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NAPA VALLEY

Four Seasons Resort and Residences Napa Valley Now Open

The Four Seasons Resort officially opened its doors Nov. 1. Representing Napa Valley's first and only resort within a working winery, **Four Seasons Resort Napa Valley** delivers an authentic luxury retreat without pretense, where the best of wine, wellness, culinary and design converge. Located in the charming wine country town of Calistoga, with just 85 guestrooms and suites, Four Seasons Resort Napa Valley is intimate and at one with the surrounding countryside, boasting countless opportunities for open-air dining and activities while being surrounded by mountain and vineyard views. Beyond the luxe accommodations, guests are welcome to enjoy distinctive amenities such as grape-to-glass winemaking and tastings at the newly open Elusa Winery by Thomas Rivers Brown, dining at the TRUSS Living Room by renowned Chef Erik Anderson, holistic wellness at Spa Talisa, the fully supervised Kids for All Seasons, two expansive pools amid the vineyard, and much more.

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Downtown Napa Welcomes Cambria Hotel Napa Valley

The city's newest lodging property, **Cambria Hotel Napa Valley**, opened in October 2021. The 90 guest rooms at the hotel are modern and stylish, featuring premium bedding, USB ports, an in-room coffee maker and spa-style bathrooms with Bluetooth mirrors. Conveniently located within walking distance of downtown Napa shopping and restaurants, the property features an outdoor hot tub with a sun deck and bar, 24-hour fitness center, bicycle rentals, and a full-service restaurant and bar serving locally inspired dishes and regional craft beers.

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Additional Hotel Openings and Renovations in Napa Valley

In February 2022, **Stanly Ranch**, an Auberge Collection Resort, will make its debut on the historic Stanly Ranch Winery estate, a 700-acre private ranch that dates to the 19th century. Wellness is a focus – guests can sign up for weeklong detoxes, pick their own ingredients for a farm-to-fork dinner, and go on bike rides along the banks of the Napa River. A family home for three generations, the **Inn at Salvestrin** is just a short walk from downtown St. Helena and recently started welcoming overnight guests to the centuries-old Victorian mansion. Included in a stay is a complimentary wine tasting at the Salvestrin Tasting Room and a tour of the estate grounds and vineyards. Another inn, **The McClelland House** – one of downtown Napa's oldest bed and breakfasts – has just unveiled a 20-month, multi-million-dollar renovation. Featuring six rooms with antique four poster beds, high ceilings and Hermès bath products, the historic property blends heritage and luxury.

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OCEANSIDE

South Oceanside Welcomes The Green Room Hotel

The Green Room Hotel is the newest addition to South Oceanside (South O), a charming neighborhood known for its retro-modern vibe, exciting community of creators and award-winning dining. Originally a motel, the property has been reimaged into a charismatic bungalow-style getaway that embodies the surf and sound subcultures of Southern California. The hotel's 12 individually curated rooms (six deluxe studios, five suites and a two-bedroom suite) are each uniquely designed with plush interiors, bohemian accents, and one-of-a-kind furnishings. Rooms feature custom art from local artists, mid-century modern furnishings, unique Moroccan rugs, and in some rooms, kitchenettes with whimsical touches like retro appliances and private patios. In partnership with Catch Surf and SoCal Bike, grab-and-go surfboards and beach cruisers are available for guests to enjoy as the beach is only a 10-minute walk from the property. The hotel is also just steps away from the main business corridor featuring surf shops, vintage finds, co-ops, local coffee shops, inspired dining, a retro bowling alley and nature trails.

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PALM DESERT

JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa Renovation Complete

The 450-acre **JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa** in Palm Desert recently completed a multi-million dollar redesign, transforming the property into a modern oasis with a new level of luxury. The resort offers 884 newly designed guest rooms – including 101 luxury suites – featuring stylish hardwood floors, modern furnishings, plush bedding, and mountain-inspired, silhouette murals. The bathrooms feature quartz vanities, rain-style showers and more than 300 rooms offer free-standing, contemporary soaking tubs. This reinvention also included the lobby and the debut of The Sinatra Ballroom – the largest indoor event space in the Greater Palm Springs area at 25,000 square feet. JW Marriott Desert Springs also just debuted the JW Entertainment Zone, including an arcade game room, skee-ball, duck bowling, virtual reality games and seasonal activities. Future renovation phases will include spa redesign and dining outlet updates.

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SAN DIEGO

Hyatt Regency La Jolla at Aventine Completed Renovation in June 2021

The Hyatt Regency La Jolla at Aventine in UTC completed a property-wide, multiphase \$10 million renovation in June 2021. Offering a fresh, elevated design inspired by the surrounding locale, the renovation includes a remodeled exterior and interior with a transformed lobby, 416 refreshed guestrooms, and 16 suites plus social and event spaces. The hotel also now has three signature restaurants and cafes: DRIFT eat + drink, which serves up seasonal menus that highlight regional ingredients and healthy and artfully served food; Market La Jolla, which is located adjacent to the lobby and offers breakfast and coffee options or homemade gelato to enjoy by the cozy terrace fire pits; and Shor, which serves up fresh, traditional breakfast dishes.

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TUOLUMNE COUNTY

Experience New Lodging in Tuolumne County

Tuolumne County, known for offering three incredible vacations in one – Yosemite explorations, California’s Gold Country and adventures in the High Sierra, has welcomed a brand-new lodging property, **Hotel Lumberjack**. Located at the center of historic Sonora, the hotel offers guests a unique Americana Motel experience with 34 newly designed rooms featuring oversized beds and working niches. Hotel Lumberjack was developed by Balbek Bureau – an internationally acclaimed group of forward-thinking designers. Guest rooms have been inspired by the Lumberjack culture, with rustic wood accents, combined with modern technology, such as a 50” television that connects directly with guest’s favorite media subscriptions or even gaming consoles.

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VENTURA COUNTY

Ventura County Coast Features Numerous New Hotels, Renovations and Rebrands

In Oxnard, the Tru by Hilton property broke ground in September 2021 and is expected to finish in late 2022. Located on Esplanade Drive in the Wagon Wheel and Riverpark areas in Oxnard, the expansive Tru by Hilton will be a five-story, 41,422-square-foot hotel designed to appeal to a younger, tech-minded and design-savvy traveler on a budget. **Hyatt House, Oxnard** is an exciting multi-stage plan project at the end of Peninsula Road in Channel Islands Harbor, scheduled to begin in late 2021. The new four-story Hyatt House Hotel will contain 210 guestrooms, a lobby, restaurant and lounge, meeting space, and an outdoor pool area with waterfront views. Marriott Residence Inn Ventura Downtown is a 128-room, four-story hotel that broke ground in mid-2021 and is expected to finish in 2022. Amenities at the 93,000-square-foot hotel will include a pool, exercise room, roof deck with ocean and beach views, and a reflection garden. The site is a 15-minute walk away from the beach, and a 10-minute walk away from a shopping center. The 129-room **Good Nite Inn Camarillo Ventura County** underwent total room renovations in 2020 that are expected to be complete in late 2021. The renovation includes ceiling to floor improvements to enhance future stays with clean accommodations.

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Culinary



CARLSBAD

Pure Taco Opened in Carlsbad September 2021

Pure Taco, the latest concept by the co-founders of Casero Taqueria, opened September 2021 in Carlsbad Village. Pure Taco is an elevated fast-casual, modern taqueria, bringing global flavors influenced by the vibrant multicultural fabric that makes up America today, while also serving specialty margaritas, palomas and local beers on tap. Pure Taco's signature tacos are served on fresh, hand-pressed tortillas and flavor profiles range from the traditional pastor tacos, with rotisserie roasted chili-rubbed pork, cilantro, onion, fresh cut pineapple and salsa verde to the unique Korean pork bo ssam tacos, with braised pork, cilantro, avocado, ssamjang, shaved radish in a fresh-pressed corn tortilla. The menu also features burritos, fresh salads and bowls and offers Baja-inspired breakfasts, served all day, as well as a variety of signature cocktails, beer and wine.

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DEL MAR

Bohemian Alchemist Open in Del Mar

Opened early in September 2021, **Bohemian Alchemist** is Del Mar's newest coffeehouse, boasting the first and only sand brewing system approved by San Diego's health department. The base of their drinks is Turkish coffee, a smoother, silkier counterpart to traditional espresso, but French press, pour over and cold brew options tea blends, herbal beverages, and seasonal iced teas are also available. The space has a low Turkish seating area with a colorful silky tent roof, handmade Art Nouveau tables, antique and eclectic pieces repurposed to serve as counters and shelves. The coffeehouse also offers baked cream scones, muffins, shortbread cookies and fruit tarts.

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GARDEN GROVE

New Offerings Opening at SteelCraft in Garden Grove

SteelCraft will be home to **Buddha Belly's** second location, opening in early December. The fast casual concept provides customers with an authentic Southeast Asian fusion menu with dishes including Ka Prow chicken, Pad Thai, Vietnamese Banh Mi and more. More information can be found on Instagram at [@buddhabelly.oc](https://www.instagram.com/buddhabelly.oc). Also opening in December, SteelCraft Garden Grove has acquired new tenant **Tea Otter** that will serve delicious refreshing drinks with their signature in house made boba.

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HUNTINGTON BEACH

Taqueria De Anda Opens Newest Location in Huntington Beach

Taqueria De Anda, the family-owned restaurant chain serving mouthwatering street tacos and other authentic Mexican fare, opened its newest location in Huntington Beach in early November 2021. With twelve locations spanning from LA County to South Orange County, Taqueria De Anda's thirteenth restaurant is located at 17969 Beach Boulevard. The new Huntington Beach location is a Taqueria De Anda-Grill – akin to the Mission Viejo and Lake Forest locations – which provides an elevated dining experience with the addition of high-quality angus beef, mouthwatering chorizo and bacon breakfast burritos, shrimp tacos, and ice-cold beer. Aside from the classic meat offerings including al pastor, carnitas, carne asada, pollo and chorizo, Taqueria De Anda also offers next level authenticity with its Mexican meats such as cabeza, lengua and buche.

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MORGAN HILL

Sushi Confidential to Open Morgan Hill Location

In the San Francisco Bay Area, a downtown Morgan Hill site will soon be transformed into a new **Sushi Confidential** location. Popular for its award-winning sushi, Asian-influenced menu, and “trendy vibe” at their San Jose and Campbell locations, Sushi Confidential's Morgan Hill spot will have an indoor dining room, lounge, full bar, and outdoor patio space. They will also accommodate takeout and delivery options with an anticipated opening by the end of 2021. Sushi Confidential is committed to being a strong community partner through local philanthropy programs.

Morgan Hill Welcomes Two New Italian Restaurants

Morgan Hill-based **Palmerino's** has been delighting local clientele with artisanal Italian pastas, in-home pasta making classes, and seven-course farm dinners at Terra Amico Farms since 2019. In late 2021, Palmerino's will open a brick-and-mortar Italian market and deli in downtown Morgan Hill. The market will offer pasta making classes, and will specialize in pasta and pasta sauce, specialty food items, artisanal sandwiches, and local hard beverages. A South Bay favorite for pizza and pasta at their other family owned eateries in San Jose, **Girogio's** is coming to downtown Morgan Hill in spring 2022. Taking a prominent location downtown, the owners' vision for the space is contemporary and modern, with a full bar, TVs, and a highly anticipated year-round patio. The menu is bold Southern Italian Style, with fan favorites like pizza, family dinners and popular sausage bread, along with chops and steaks.

TenFiveOne Cider Co Opens Tasting Room

Morgan Hill's only family run cidery – **TenFiveOne Cider Co** – opened a new tasting room location where visitors can taste a variety of local hard cider flavors. Visitors can now enjoy delicious ciders like Pineapple Shubbie and Choir Practice at the tasting room, which also features a growler fill and pick-up operation. Some flavors are made with fruits from local orchards, like the Bada Bing made from U-Pic Borello Family Orchard's cherries. The cidery is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends. Fans can also enjoy TenFiveOne Cider Co flavors via local restaurant partner tap distribution.

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NAPA VALLEY

Downtown Napa Welcomes New Culinary Offerings

Downtown Napa is the premier Napa Valley experience, also known as California's most walkable wine country destination. The city is home to dozens of tasting rooms with more on the way. New tasting rooms by **Michael Pozzan Winery**, **Grape Culture** and **New Frontier Wine Co.** are anticipated to open this winter, as well as Brendel by **Heitz Wine Cellars**. Additionally, opening soon is a new bar and tasting room The Arboretum by **Napa Valley Distillery**. Coming soon, **Chateau Buena Vista** tasting room will feature caviar and chocolate pairings. Napa Valley's first and only tiki bar and restaurant, **Wilfred's Lounge**, opened on Nov. 12, bringing Hawaiian culture and rum cocktails to Downtown Napa. Additionally, various new spots around town include "Jew-ish" delicatessen **Loveski Deli** and a new coffee shop, **Barnhouse Napa Brews**.

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Napa Valley Resorts Feature New Culinary Offerings

At Calistoga's Solage Resort, a new restaurant, **Picobar**, serves small plates inspired by Mexican street food in an elegant poolside setting. Almost every cook in Executive Chef Gustavo Rios' kitchen hails from a different part of Mexico, which explains the diversity and range of the "border-crossing cuisine." Guests at Carneros Resort & Spa will be welcomed by new gardens that have been planted with 50 varieties of organic herbs and vegetables and will supply the resort's signature restaurant, **FARM**. Later this year, guests will be able to dine in the garden, eating whatever is fresh in the fields, while learning from culinary gardener Marley Dawson and chef de cuisine John Carney.

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SAN DIEGO

Camino Riviera Opens Doors in San Diego's Little Italy

Acclaimed San Diego hospitality group SDCM is officially welcoming guests to **Camino Riviera** for an experiential foray into the pleasures of the Riviera Maya. Conceived in partnership with former El Camino proprietor and conceptual designer Mauricio Couturier, the 3,000-square-foot multi-level, indoor-outdoor space is a sultry and eclectic interpretation of central coast luxury. Executive Chef Brian Redzikowski's menu is a celebration of the Yucatan Peninsula with a selection of elevated authentic preparations, as well as a few playful fusion dishes such as Hamachi Collar and Brentwood Corn Ice Cream. Behind the bar, Beverage Directors Eric Johnson and Leigh Lacap have curated a cocktail program to highlight and explore ingredients traditionally used in native dishes of the region.

West Coast's Only Revolving Carousel Bar Opened August 2021

Inspired by the original Carousel Bar in New Orleans' Hotel Monteleone, design duo and hospitality veterans Mauricio + Gillian Couturier conceived **Wolfie's Carousel Bar** – a moveable feast – after a trip to the historical city five years ago. Together with well-known muralist (EXIST1981) and hospitality investor Abe Aguilar, the partners tapped a network of craftsmen to create the 24-seat protagonist of Wolfie's Carousel Bar. The designers built the structure and added layers of texture and patina to give the carousel an aged, vintage feel. The space features 18th-century paintings throughout, combined with fragments of pop culture references to create modern curiosity. Wolfie's Executive Chef Peter Ziegler brings an unexpected and whimsical culinary experience with a menu of French classics, an evocation of a Parisian bistro and Sazerac-fueled Fridays in New Orleans.

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Mingei International Museum Welcomes New Dining Concepts

Recently reopened in September 2021, **Mingei International Museum** is now home to **CRAFT CAFÉ** at Mingei and **ARTIFACT** at Mingei, in a partnership between Mingei International Museum and Urban Kitchen Group. Opened early September 2021, CRAFT CAFÉ serves daily grab-and-go breakfast and lunch, and offers specialty coffee, tea and smoothies. The full-service restaurant, ARTIFACT, opened in mid-November, featuring craft cooking inspired by ancient methods, spices and botanicals. A quarterly pre-fixe menu crafted by Tim Kolanko, executive chef, Urban Kitchen Group, and Jeff Armstrong, ARTIFACT's chef de cuisine, is a nod to Mingei's changing international exhibitions in an environment filled with functional, innovative art and design. ARTIFACT currently serves lunch, but is expected to add dinner service in the future.

San Diego's First All Vegan and Gluten-Free Ice Cream Shop Now Open

Opened in August 2021, **Kula** is San Diego's first and only all vegan, all gluten-free retail ice cream scoop shop in Sorrento Valley that offers a variety of flavors ranging from chocolate chip cookie dough to lava cake along with sugar cones and house-made waffle cones. Well-known for accommodating dietary restriction and allergies, Kula has developed an array of bases and flavors, including nut-free, coconut-free, and sugar-free, to cater to the community at-large. Besides scoops and pints, customers can also pre-order gluten-free ice cream cakes.

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SANTA MONICA

Viceroy Santa Monica Unveils New Dining Concept - Sugar Palm

Sugar Palm – the ultimate indoor/outdoor coastal dining concept by Viceroy Santa Monica – is now open for daily brunch and dinner. The restaurant, which includes an indoor lounge, outdoor patio, café, restaurant and poolside bar scene, comes on the heels of a sweeping \$21 million redesign of the iconic Los Angeles beachside hotel. As the vibrant social hub of Viceroy, Sugar Palm features a California coastal Sunset Menu crafted by Chef Jason Francisco. Plant-based options and inland fare are available as well. The Sunrise Menu includes elevated takes on classic breakfast favorites and savory lunch options with a coastal flare. A curated collection of cocktails features house-made syrups and juices. Sugar Palm is open daily from 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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TEMECULA VALLEY

New Winery Opens in Temecula Valley Southern California Wine Country

Altisima Winery opened in early November in Temecula Valley Wine Country. Altisima Winery is the passion project of eight Temecula families coming together to embrace and honor the Spanish roots of the region. Located in the heart of De Portola Road, Altisima Winery features picturesque views from every direction. Guests will enjoy a large, meticulously designed tasting room that opens up to a restaurant and patio with 360 degree views of wine country. The restaurant, Gaspar's at the Vineyard, will be opening at a later time and will feature a curated gourmet menu.

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Family



MONTEREY

Monterey Bay Aquarium Opening Into the Deep: Exploring Our Undiscovered Ocean in April 2022

In April 2022, the Monterey Bay Aquarium will unveil its newest special exhibition, **Into the Deep: Exploring Our Undiscovered Ocean**. The exhibit will take visitors on a journey from the surface of the ocean to the sea floor, presenting rarely seen animals living within this dark abyss and the reasons their home needs protection. Children – and guests of all ages – will be able to get up close with bloody belly comb jellies, bone eating worms, sea angels, and snailfish; and even have the opportunity to touch giant isopods (think backyard roly-poly, but many times more massive). Significant technological breakthroughs by the aquarium’s animal care team made this exhibit possible. They had to figure out how to replicate the deep sea’s extreme conditions and the best care practices for unusual species, including some that have never been on public display.

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OXNARD

Bowlero Opens in The Collection at RiverPark in Oxnard

Bowlero, the leader in bowling entertainment, has just unveiled its newest venue in The Collection at RiverPark in Oxnard. Bowlero’s new center offers the ultimate entertainment experience featuring the brand’s signature blacklight bowling, interactive arcade games, and extensive food and beverage offerings. When not on the lanes or playing games, guests can enjoy Bowlero’s upscale sports bar, serving the brand’s signature menu of upscale comfort food and Instagram-worthy treats, complete with mixologist inspired cocktails and local favorites.

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VISALIA

Visit Visalia is California’s First Autism Certified Destination Marketing Program

In September 2021, **Visit Visalia** became the first California destination marketing organization designated a “Certified Autism Center” by the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES). Visalia’s efforts towards inclusive travel include the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower, a program designed to help travelers with various needs obtain additional support while traveling. Visit Visalia offers Hidden Disabilities Sunflower lanyards and bracelets complimentary to travelers that request. When worn, the sunflower serves as a visual cue to trained hospitality staff throughout Visalia that a traveler may need additional support during their visit.

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Arts & Entertainment



SAN DIEGO

Comic-Con Museum Opened November 2021

Phase one of the two-phase opening of the new **Comic-Con Museum** in Balboa Park opened Nov. 26, 2021. The new museum allows fans and the public to see exciting and fun exhibits, art and images connected to comics and popular art while serving as a meeting place for the community of its fans. Comic-Con plans to continue to expand its interior display space and educational area over the next several months leading to a grand opening of the three-floor museum, scheduled for July 2022. Museumgoers can expect 25,000 square feet dedicated to rotating exhibits; a 6,000-square-foot education center; a 4K video theater and presentation space; a gift shop filled with comics, graphic novels, branded souvenirs and more; and learning-focused labs, classes and seminars. The new Comic-Con Museum is located in the former Hall of Champions near the Pan American Plaza.

Risa Puno Collaboration on Display at the New Children's Museum

In September 2021, the **New Children's Museum** officially unveiled its collaboration with New York's **Risa Puno**, an interactive artist whose work examines invisible systems that guide human interaction. Puno's work embodies the spirit of kapwa: a Tagalog word used to describe one of the core beliefs of pre-colonial Filipino culture. The collaboration, dubbed **In the Balance**, is a path of intersecting wooden beams that challenges guests to keep their balance and explores the myriad ways people are connected, made even more visible through COVID-19. The installation is free for the public to experience in the Museum Park from September 2021 through January 2022.

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New San Diego Museum of Art Exhibit

The San Diego Museum of Art is introducing a new photography exhibition: "Masters of Photography: The Garner Collection," which is on display from Nov. 20, 2021 - Feb. 21, 2022. The exhibition features more than 100 works spanning major photographic movements that are diverse in subject, style and technique. Made possible by a loan from prolific collectors Cam and Wanda Garner the exhibition includes works from many of the most influential photographers in the medium's history, including Ansel Adams, Frank Eugene, Berenice Abbott, Margaret Bourke-White and Henri Cartier-Bresson.

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SAN FRANCISCO

The Art of the Brick debuts in San Francisco at the Historic 1 Grant Avenue

“THE ART OF THE BRICK” — a captivating exhibition featuring intriguing works of art by renowned contemporary artist Nathan Sawaya — will open on Dec. 4. The world’s most popular display of LEGO art will make its San Francisco Bay Area debut at the historic 1 Grant Avenue. The critically acclaimed collection features over 70 works of art made exclusively from one of the most recognizable toys in the world – the LEGO® brick. Located in the heart of the city, the landmark building at 1 Grant Avenue offers visitors a reimagined museum-like experience, with breathtaking contemporary art at every turn. Seen by more than 7 million people worldwide, THE ART OF THE BRICK has inspired creativity and wonder in fans of all ages in over 100 cities in 24 countries across six continents.

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Spirit of the Season Exhibit on Display at The Walt Disney Family Museum

Earlier this year, The **Walt Disney Family Museum** encouraged both amateur and professional artists to submit artworks inspired by their own holiday traditions and expressing what the spirit of the season means to them. The museum received a vast number of submissions from local Bay Area artists, who have loaned their original works to create the Spirit of the Season: A Community Art Exhibition, as well as digital submissions from artists around the country and world. A juried selection of 2D, 3D, digital, animated and short film work is on view in the museum’s Lower Lobby Gallery from Nov. 18, 2021 through March 20, 2022. The exhibit also features a collection of contributions by museum staff, and additional artwork is displayed on an interactive monitor.

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SOUTH LAKE TAHOE

New Experiences in South Lake Tahoe

During summer 2021, South Lake Tahoe welcomed several new businesses that offer fun indoor experiences within walking proximity to the downtown corridor. **Flatstick Pub** is an indoor mini-golf course, restaurant and bar. Inside Flatstick Pub, the chef at #melt is sourcing local ingredients to create delicious cheese-filled sandwiches and pizzas, hearty soups and salads. Flatstick Pub has another location in Sacramento. **Yosemite Axe Throwing** recreates the lumberjack adventure, featuring genuine three to four foot pine tree rounds, log structures and world class professional axe throwing training. Yosemite Axe Throwing also has locations in Oakhurst, Mammoth and Big Bear.

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Outdoor



BIG BEAR

New Developments at Big Bear Mountain Resort

Significant investments in new RFID technology at **Big Bear Mountain Resort** will allow for seamless lift access and easy reloading of lift tickets online. New kiosks offer contactless lift ticket pick-up, and mobile food ordering will be available at select locations. A new season pass option includes unlimited winter access at Bear Mountain and Snow Summit, and Summit Bike Park access in the summer. The town's new free trolley service will offer reliable, quick transportation to and from Snow Summit and Bear Mountain every 30 minutes.

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HEALDSBURG

Jordan Winery Becomes the Largest Pollinator Sanctuary

This winter, **Jordan Winery** will begin to see the first results from its multi-year pollinator sanctuaries program. In early 2021 the winery began converting 10 acres of non-native grasslands into preserved habitat for vital pollinators, including the at-risk Western Monarch butterfly, native bees and other insects. Jordan Estate, which is located on the migratory route for the Western monarch butterfly, will unveil its first eight acres of newly planted and seeded habitat this spring. According to Pollinator Partnership, Jordan Winery has become the largest dedicated pollinator habitat of all Bee Friendly Farming-certified vineyards nationwide.

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NORTH LAKE TAHOE

Palisades Tahoe Debuts New Name and Offerings

In September 2021, after a year of careful deliberation, **Palisades Tahoe** announced its new name, which is a nod to two terrain areas on the mountains. As an extension of the renaming process, Palisades Tahoe has started a long-term partnership with the **Washoe Tribe**, with the goal of giving the tribe a platform to educate resort guests and the local community about their history and culture, as well as providing tribe members free and easy access to resort activities. Palisades Tahoe also renamed The Squaw One chairlift as Wa She Shu, with input from the Washoe Tribe, and The Squaw Creek chair as Resort Chair. Other developments include a new surface lift called the High Camp Carpet at the High Camp beginner area, which will create even more opportunity for beginner skiers and riders to excel. Palisades Tahoe will be utilizing renewable diesel fuel created for the first time this season. The fuel will be used in six trucks; to heat the building that houses employee lockers, internal office and Ski Patrol; to run the backup generators used in power outages; and in the lower mountain snowcats. There are plans to expand to the entire on-snow diesel fleet next season.

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SAN LUIS OBISPO

A California City Launches the First of Its Kind Destination Sustainability Initiative

San Luis Obispo is the first destination in the U.S. to launch an urban reforestation sustainability initiative funded by its local hotels. Through the new **Keys for Trees program**, which supports the City's Climate Action Plan, the San Luis Obispo Tourism Business Improvement District has committed to dedicate 1% of its annual revenue to planting trees throughout the community. The program is part of a partnership with the Environmental Center of San Luis Obispo, a local nonprofit dedicated to protecting and preserving SLO's natural assets. In total, the destination aims to plant 10,000 trees by 2035. This new program puts sustainability front and center by giving travelers a unique opportunity to offset the impact of their visit and, subsequently, help them to make more sustainable travel decisions. Visitors to SLO will know that part of their hotel fees will go towards planting trees, capturing carbon emissions and helping preserve the beauty of SLO.

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WRIGHTWOOD

Improvements Debut at Mountain High Resort

Close to \$1 million in improvements were made at **Mountain High Resort** in Los Angeles County including increased snowmaking with new energy efficient snow guns, new terrain park features, new Rossignol rental equipment and a new Prinoth Bison X snowcat. The resort also expanded its snow play facilities, offering more tubing lanes, sledding terrain and a larger snow play area.

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Tours & Transportation



BISHOP

New Air Service in Bishop

Mammoth Lakes Tourism and Mammoth Mountain announced new United seasonal service into the Eastern Sierra Regional Airport (BIH) in Bishop, Calif. Beginning Dec. 19, these new flights bring daily service to BIH with United from Denver, Los Angeles and San Francisco making winter air travel to California's most popular mountain resort more accessible. Shuttle and rental car services from Bishop to Mammoth Lakes will be available to visitors on each flight. Drive time from Bishop to Mammoth Lakes is about 45 minutes and with free and regular bus service throughout Mammoth Lakes, it's easy to get around town without a car. Additionally, **public charter flights via Advanced Airlines** will be available from Nov. 24, 2021 – April 4, 2022. Advanced Air will fly 30-passenger Dornier 328 jets from Southern California destination Burbank (BUR), Carlsbad (CLD) and Hawthorne (HHR) direct into the Mammoth Yosemite Airport. Travelers can enjoy the convenience of a private air travel experience at commercial airline cost with benefits such as private terminals and skipping TSA.

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NAPA VALLEY

Active Wine Adventures Debuts New Tours

Active Wine Adventures in Napa Valley has launched new "Wine Adventures" tours, which take small groups on journeys around small-production and family-owned vineyards. Tours are focused on specific wine varietals, regions and themes – from the Eco-Friendly Tour and Cabernet Lovers Tour to the Ghost Winery Tour. Active Wine Adventures is locally owned and operated by a guide who has been a Napa resident for more than 20 years, with family roots in Napa Valley for five generations.

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