



HEALEY 75th ANNIVERSARY MEET

PRE/POST TOURS

THE “OTHER” PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY

(6.5 hours, 243 miles)

Note: This Two Day Tour makes an ideal follow on to the Avenue of the Giants Tour and connects to either of the Napa Valley Tours and eventually to San Francisco.

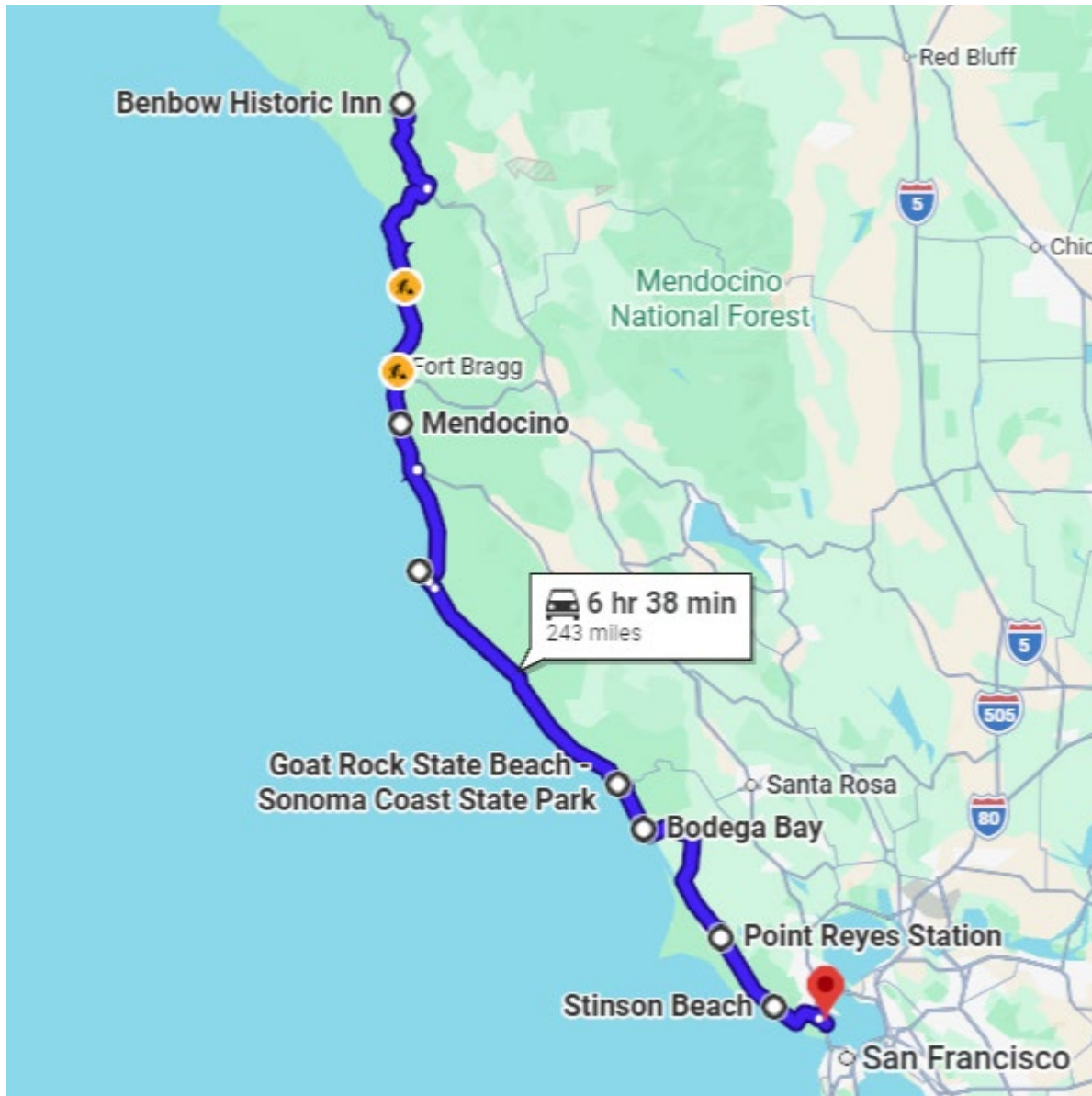
This scenic route (presuming you are starting at the Benbow Inn in Garberville after visiting the Avenue of the Giants) takes you back down Hwy 101 about 20 miles to the start of the **Pacific Coast Highway (PCH, Hwy 1)** near Leggett. Many consider the stretch from here to Mendocino to be the prettiest (and slowest) sections of the California Coast.

A roughly two-hour drive gets you to the Victorian coastal village of **Mendocino** with dramatic bluffs over the ocean. Check out <https://www.visitmendocino.com/> for complete information on the area. You will overnight here. Accommodation recommendations below.



Don't miss the dramatic sunset at the Mendocino Headlands

You will want an early start the next morning as you have about a four-hour drive to your destination, Sausalito, with several very scenic and photogenic stops along the way, including **Point Arena Lighthouse, Goat Rock State Beach, Bodega Bay (famous as the location of Hitchcock's *The Birds*), and Stinson Beach.**



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- Enjoy your morning at the Benbow, you have a short two-hour drive today.
- Return to Hwy 101 and head South.
- In 20.1 miles, turn right onto Hwy 1 South. Green sign “1 Fort Bragg, Leggett →”.
- In 45.6 miles, at traffic circle, take the 2nd exit. Green sign “1 South, Mendocino →”. Do not take the 1st exit which is marked “Old Coast Hwy”.
 - (Along this section you will pass through Fort Bragg, known for its seafood and breweries, with plenty of lunch options).
- In 6.7 miles, arrive **Mendocino**.

Good lodging options:

- Alegria Ocean Front Inn & Cottages — right on the bluffs and walkable to town
- Little River Inn — classic coastal inn just south of Mendocino with ocean views
- SCP Mendocino Inn and Farm — quieter and more modern/rustic, outside town
- Seagull Inn Bed & Breakfast — charming B&B in the middle of the village

Mendocino, a Victorian coastal village on dramatic bluffs. Great for:

- walking the headlands
- galleries and coffee shops
- wine tasting nearby in Anderson Valley
- Spectacular sunsets on the Mendocino Headlands.

DAY TWO: Mendocino to Sausalito, 4.5 hours, 170 miles

- Get an early start, it's 3+ hours until lunch.
- Depart Mendocino on Hwy 1 South
- In 10.4 miles, turn right to stay on Hwy 1
- In 22.6 miles, right onto Lighthouse Road. Green Sign, “Point Arena Lighthouse”
 - There is a small museum here and you can climb 145 steps to the lantern room for amazing views.
- Return to Hwy 1 and turn right (South).
- In 1.7 miles, in Point Arena, turn right to stay on Hwy 1. Green sign “1, South, →”
- In 53.8 miles, just past Jenner, turn right onto Goat Rock Road. Brown sign “Goat Rock”. Drive to the end of the road. There are restrooms.
 - Where the Russian River meets the Pacific, Sea stacks, harbor seals, dramatic surf.
- Return to Hwy 1 South.

- In 8.6 miles arrive in Bodega Bay, you will be about 3 hours on the drive, plus stopping time. Time for lunch.
 - Bodega Bay is the film location for the frightening Alfred Hitchcock film, **The Birds**. The film featured a lovely Aston Martin DB2. You can still buy a CD copy at the local convenience store.
 - **Lunch Suggestions:**
 - **Fisherman's Cove.** 1850 Bay Flat Road. Very casual, fresh seafood, grilled oysters, crab sandwiches, outdoor seating
 - **Spud Point Crab Company.** 1910 Westshore Road. Clam Chowder, Dungeness crab sandwiches. This is really just a roadside seafood shack.
 - **Ginocchio's Kitchen.** 1410 Bay Flat Road. Chowder, crab sandwiches, fish tacos, nice waterfront patio.
 - *Disclaimer: **Dungeness Crab** is the quintessential delicacy of this region. However fresh crab is only caught in months with an "R" in them...not June. Any Dungeness you order will be frozen. Still good, but not the same as fresh.*
- Return to Hwy 1 South
- In 10.1 miles, right to stay on Hwy 1. Green sign "1 →".
- In 21.8 miles, left to stay on Hwy 1. Green sign "1, ←, San Francisco". Brown sign "Point Reyes National Seashore"
- In 15.5 miles, arrive in Stinson Beach
- In 11.8 miles, right to stay on Hwy 1. Green sign "1, San Francisco →". (Gas here)
- 0.2 miles, right. Green sign "101 San Francisco →"
- In 0.3 miles, merge onto Hwy 101 South.
- In 0.4 miles, take the 1st exit, 445A, toward Sausalito. Green sign "EXIT 445A, Marin City Sausalito, →"
- At the end of the ramp, left onto Donahue Street.
- Cross under the freeway, then right onto Bridgeway.
- In 1.5 miles, arrive downtown Sausalito.
- END OF TOUR

Information about Sausalito and visiting San Francisco

If you are staying a couple of nights in the SF area, consider a hotel in **Sausalito**, a laid-back community just north of SF beyond the **Golden Gate Bridge**. Besides touring Sausalito, you can take a ferry to **Fisherman's Wharf (Pier 39)** in San Francisco and make a day trip without the hassle of driving and parking in the City. After a crab lunch at the Wharf, visit nearby **Hyde Street Pier, The Cannery and Ghirardelli Square**, then grab the **Cable Car** (blue line Powell-Mason) at the corner of Hyde and Beach. Ride the car all the way to **Union Square** with a possible stop off in **Chinatown**. Retrace your route to Pier 39 and return to Sausalito.

SKYLINE SIGHTSEEING SAN FRANCISCO CABLE CAR LINE MAP



SAUSALITO RESOURCES

<https://visitsausalito.org/>

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<https://www.sftravel.com/>

[This route links to the start of Pacific Coast Highway Central Section \(Part 1\) Tour](#)