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The ultimate Californian road trip: where to go, what to see

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Vogue contributor and Moda Operandi communications director Hayley Bloomingdale, a California native, shares her top tips - where to stay, what to see,

eat and do - for the ultimate Californian road trip, from San Francisco to Los Angeles, by way of Napa, Big Sur and Santa Barbara.

San Francisco

The city by the bay is the most convenient place to start or end your trip, depending on which way you're driving the coast. The most metropolitan city in California, there is a lot to see and do here, so if you've never been before, I'd allow at least two days, especially if California cuisine is high on your to-do list. Although most of the road trip should have you basking in glorious sunshine, San Francisco is the one place you should be prepared for a bit of fog. Mark Twain famously said that the "coldest winter I've ever had was a summer in San Francisco," so keep that thought in mind when preparing for this part of your trip.

STAY: Check in to Inn at the Presidio for a quintessential B&B right in the centre of the Presidio neighbourhood, at the foot of the Golden Gate Bridge.