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How to Have a Sustainable Wine Country Weekend in Napa Valley

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Our feel-good guide to soaking up Northern California's bounty.

Napa Valley has always been a feel-good destination – spend a day touring some of the area's finest tasting rooms and you'll know what we mean. But as more travelers seek out vacations with sustainability in mind, the winetasting capital of the U.S. is showcasing a different set of feel-good attributes: several farm-to-table restaurants, a LEED Platinum-certified hotel, and, at last count, an impressive 89 Napa Green-certified wineries. (The soil-to-bottle sustainability certification is one of only four of its kind in the U.S.) "The community has a deeply rooted sense of pride in land conservation and stewardship," says Sarah Lang, a Virtuoso advisor who specializes in sustainable travel. "There's an understanding that what's good for the soil, air, and water will also benefit the grapes."

With the air warming and wildflowers in bloom, now is a great time to get away. Here, our guide for a safe, socially distant, and sustainable wine country weekend.



An afternoon arrival calls for a glass of bubbly:

Domaine Carneros produces some of the area's best, and it's home to the largest solar-powered energy-collection system of any winery in the world, which it installed back in 2003. Have your travel advisor reserve a spot for you on the palatial outdoor terrace, where you can sip your way through a four-glass flight of sparkling wines.



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