

## Solvang & Santa Ynez



In 1911, educators from the Midwest chose the Santa Ynez Valley for a new colony and folk school. Admiring the climate and fertile soil, they named their new town Solvang, or “sunny fields.”

Today, Solvang has some interesting attractions, such as the Elverhoj Museum of History and Art, which features period furniture, Danish artifacts and changing art exhibits. And the Hans Christian Andersen Museum has some great exhibits that depict the author’s life and work.

As far as recreation, the “Central Coast Birding Trail” is just one of many places in Solvang to bird-watch. And golfers have three valley courses

to choose from: the River Course at Alisal Ranch Resort, on the banks of the Santa Ynez River; La Purisima, 15 minutes west of Solvang; and the nine-hole, par-29 Zaca Creek Golf Course in Buellton. There are also many wineries located here. But whatever you do in Solvang, you’re sure to have some good, old-fashioned fun!

The quaint town of Santa Ynez, in the heart of beautiful Santa Ynez Valley, has a relaxed pace that is perfect for day trips. Founded in the 1880s, the town still takes pride in its long history and western tradition.

Some best bets in the town include the Santa Ynez Valley Historical

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Society Museum, the Parks-Janeway Carriage House, the Santa Ynez Feed and Milling complex, El Rancho Market, Windhaven Glider Rides, and the Santa Ynez Outpost Trading Company.

The Historical Society Museum houses fascinating exhibits from the Chumash period through the early twentieth century ranching days.

The Parks-Janeway House has a superb collection of horse-drawn vehicles and related tack.

The Feed and Milling complex features a variety of specialty shops and a restaurant. Or shop at El Rancho Market for the highest quality of produce and meats.

Let one of the FAA-certified pilots take you on an adventure as you soar above the beautiful Santa Ynez Valley.

And if you're in the mood for things western, the Outpost Trading Company carries all original artwork, rugs, pottery, clothing, boots and much more.



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