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Sierra Nevada Mountains
On the cover:
Palm Springs, CA

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, arts and entertainment, family, outdoors, and tours and transportation. Dates listed are subject to change. Confirm with appropriate media contacts listed with each entry.

Accommodations



GREATER PALM SPRINGS

The Paloma Resort Opening in Summer 2022

The Paloma Resort, a full-service boutique resort hotel located just south of downtown Palm Springs, is opening in summer 2022. The Paloma is a partnership between the property developers, local restaurateur Chad Gardner, and Tim and Amy Brinkman – the power couple behind LIT hospitality group. Featuring 66 modernist bungalows and suites, the resort juxtaposes mid-century architecture against the property's central feature, a mission-style Adobe built in the 1930s. Palm Springs hospitality icon Chad Gardner is the culinary force behind The Paloma's indoor/outdoor restaurant, Sol y Sombra, a tapas-style spot housed in the poolside Adobe. Gardner tapped the desert's agricultural roots as inspiration for Sol y Sombra, incorporating local ingredients like dates, grapefruit and chilis into its menu of shareable small plates and signature drinks. Known for their Palm Canyon spa, Grounded Bodyworks brought their signature wellness offerings to The Paloma Resort with the opening of their second location, Grounded at The Paloma.

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MORRO BAY

Hotel Avisia Completes Renovation and Rebrand

Hotel Avisia, formerly the Comfort Inn Morro Bay, is newly renovated and located in the heart of Morro Bay – just a short block down to the Embarcadero. Guests can enjoy the comfort of spacious and newly renovated rooms featuring pillow top beds and overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Located within an easy walk of the waterfront, Hotel Avisia is an ideal home base for exploring Morro Bay's various shopping opportunities, restaurants and kayaking.

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ORANGE

New Boutique Hotel The Richland Opening in Summer 2022

The Richland is a new boutique hotel and event space slated to open late summer 2022 in the city of Orange. Situated in the heart of the historic Orange Plaza, The Richland is being reimagined as an intimate “Stay & Gather” retreat for travelers, local revelers and anyone celebrating life’s special moments. The property will feature just 12 guest rooms and suites, an intimate living room lounge and bar, as well as a beautiful ballroom and indoor/outdoor gathering spaces for parties of up to 200 guests. The Richland is the latest project from the 24 Carrots Collective, which is partnering with the SoCal-based design team at RailiCA Design to restore the historic property. The interior spaces were stripped to provide a clean backdrop to best showcase the original architecture, while still paying homage to the small-town charm of its environs. Arriving guests will find a bright and airy main entry with a mature olive tree and water fountain centerpiece that leads through to jasmine vine-covered pergolas.

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SAN FRANCISCO

1 Hotel San Francisco Opening June 2022

Located near San Francisco’s iconic Ferry Building on the Embarcadero, **1 Hotel San Francisco** opens in June 2022. 1 Hotel San Francisco is the city’s first mission-driven hotel that celebrates the beauty of the Bay Area’s natural environment and offers an urban oasis in the heart of the city. Part of 1 Hotels, a luxury lifestyle brand inspired by nature, the 200-room urban retreat will embrace the beauty of the Northern California landscape through reclaimed woods, native greenery, and organic textures and materials. It will feature a wellness spa, fitness center, and 5,074 square feet of meeting and event space. Terrene, its restaurant and bar, will open later this summer and echoes the refinement and natural simplicity of the 1 Hotels brand. The indoor-outdoor space will be a vibrant destination for the city and visitors.

LUMA Hotel San Francisco Debuting June 2022

LUMA Hotel San Francisco is a modern, innovative hotel set to debut in June 2022. Located in the heart of the city’s vibrant Mission Bay neighborhood — adjacent to Oracle Park, Chase Center and UCSF Medical Center, the 299-room property is the first-ever hotel development in the area. The hotel will feature 7,000 square feet of meeting and event space, a spacious penthouse suite, a state-of-the-art fitness center featuring FORME fitness, partnerships with San Francisco’s community-driven craft cocktail and specialty coffee scene and a rooftop lounge with views of the city skyline and surrounding bay. The hotel will also feature several large-scale art installations, including one by San Francisco-based contemporary visual artist Jim Campbell.

Beacon Grand Completing Renovation and Rebrand in June 2022

Following a renovation and redesign of all public spaces and 418 guestrooms, Sir Francis Drake Hotel will reopen its doors as the **Beacon Grand** on June 30, 2022. The newly independent hotel will step into the 21st century while celebrating its iconic legacy. The updated design celebrates the landmark’s architectural splendor and artisanship while featuring modern sensibilities, services, and amenities. Newly activated spaces will include the bar-centric Beacon Lounge and The Library, a French Brasserie in the former Scala’s space in partnership with the group behind Left Bank and chef Roland Passot of the famed Michelin-starred La Folie, and a reimagined Starlite Room atop the hotel by the award-winning Bill Rooney Studio.

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The LINE Hotel San Francisco Opening Late Summer 2022

At the intersection where South of Market district (SOMA), Civic Center and Tenderloin converge, **The LINE SF** will endeavor to reflect the complex history, culture and spirit of the city by exploring the juxtaposition of 21st-century technology and design with the urban grittiness of this historic neighborhood. The 236-room hotel, slated to open Sept. 1, 2022, will be home to four distinct dining and drinking experiences, including a landscaped rooftop bar and solarium with panoramic views of the city; lobby-floor restaurant and bar anchored prominently on Market St., and San Francisco's first Alfred coffee shop. The 12-story Flatiron-inspired building is a contemporary interpretation of the area's historic architecture and features an array of standard and studio suites, and luxurious Apartment and Presidential Suites. Each room will feature floor to ceiling windows with expansive views of San Francisco. Prominently located within walking distance to San Francisco's Theater District, SOMA and Union Square, The LINE SF will showcase a bevy of local artists and tastemaker collaborations, highlighting the multi-cultural community in which it's based.

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SAN JOSE

Signia by Hilton San Jose Opened April 2022

Signia by Hilton San Jose, representing Signia by Hilton's first hotel in California, opened in April 2022. Owned by Eagle Canyon Capital, the stylish 805-room premier hotel offers a sought-after location to stay and connect for cultural tastemakers and business leaders in one of California's most inventive cities. Signia by Hilton San Jose's 13-story South Tower boasts 226 rooms and 32 suites featuring a guest room choice of panoramic Santa Cruz mountain views or views of downtown San Jose. Ranging from 450 square feet to 1,200 square feet, guest rooms offer a premium sleep experience with high-quality furnishings and crisp 300 thread count sheets. The boldly re-designed hotel also invites

guests to experience a never-before-seen lobby designed by The Rockwell Group and an intriguing bar. Debuting in early 2023, HBA/Hirsch Bedner Associates is spearheading a full interior design transformation of the hotel's 20-story Main Tower, featuring 498 rooms and 43 suites.

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SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

Three New Properties Opening in San Luis Obispo County

Nomada Hotel Group is slated to debut three new properties in San Luis Obispo County this year. Situated near Santa Margarita Lake, Pozo will tentatively open in late summer 2022, providing a historic "encampo" destination with 30 total accommodations including airstreams, upscale tents and RV hookups for sprinter vans, all located adjacent to the iconic Pozo Saloon. The property will also boast a distillery, central pool, outdoor soaking tubs and full-service restaurant. Slated to open in August 2022 in the heart of Paso Robles, Farmhouse embodies a unique bed and breakfast style hotel with a compound of 26 separate cottages all within walking distance to downtown. The renovated property will provide a small town retreat with thoughtfully designed amenities including full breakfast, lobby market and stocked minibars. Also in Paso Robles, River Lodge will tentatively open in November 2022, inviting guests to experience a wine country escape complete with 27 accommodations. Following a full motel overhaul, the transformed property will offer a large central pool, outdoor gardens, lobby market, indoor/outdoor bar and full-service restaurant. Located at the base of the Paso Robles wine trail, guests will have e-bikes for easy access to downtown and the area's wineries. The current Nomada collection includes Granada Hotel & Bistro in San Luis Obispo, Skyview Los Alamos and Hotel Ynez in the Santa Ynez Valley.

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Culinary



LOS ANGELES

Upscale Izakaya-inspired Restaurant n/soto Opened in April 2022

Chef/Owners Niki Nakayama and Carole Iida-Nakayama of n/naka presented their first new concept in over a decade, n/soto, in April 2022 in the West Adams neighborhood of Los Angeles. **n/soto** is an izakaya-inspired Japanese restaurant dictated by the seasons of California. Translating to “outside” in Japanese, “soto” refers both to the pandemic during which the restaurant was born that closed people off from the outside world, as well as the menu’s exploration of Japanese cuisine as interpreted throughout Los Angeles. n/soto upholds the technique and tradition of its sister restaurant n/naka, with a renewed sense of curiosity, collaboration, and experimentation in a relaxed and casual setting. Helmed by Executive Chef Yoji Tajima with beverages managed by Jason Lee, n/soto will offer a rotating selection of dishes reflecting the seasons of California meant to be shared with family and friends.

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Los Angeles Welcomed Benny Boy Brewing in March 2022

Benny Boy Brewing is LA’s first brewery and cidery located minutes from Downtown Los Angeles in the city’s Lincoln Heights neighborhood. Founded by husband-wife team Ben Farber and Chelsey Rosetter, Benny Boy Brewing taps into Old World brewing methods to produce clean, dry ciders and European-inspired beers with a California twist. A spacious outdoor beer and cider garden transports

guests to the great urban outdoors for a fresh, open-air craft beverage experience complete with fire pits and pop-up food vendors. Inside the 3,200-square-foot brewery and tank bar, beers are poured straight from the tanks. A separate 1,200-square-foot cider house serves a range of dry to semi-sweet ciders made with 100% raw apple juice straight from the orchard. Natural wines are also available on tap as part of a partnership with Pali Wine Co.

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Asterid by Chef Ray Garcia Now Open in Downtown Los Angeles

Asterid – the newest restaurant from award-winning Chef Ray Garcia – opened for dinner service in late March 2022. Located in front of one of Los Angeles’ most iconic cultural and architectural landmarks, The Music Center’s Walt Disney Concert Hall, the new restaurant delivers California-inspired cuisine in sophisticated dining, bar, and lounge settings, continuing Chef Garcia’s culinary narrative of the Angeleno dining experience in his native Los Angeles. Asterid’s menu features an expanse of local, hyper-seasonal ingredients that come together using both cherished and evolved culinary traditions and techniques to create a familial dining experience for groups large and small. While it delivers a sense of familiarity through Chef Garcia’s signature vibrant flavors and lively ingredients the menu is also unexpected, inspiring curiosity and paying respect to the independent spirit of Los Angeles.

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MONTEREY

Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa Welcomes Coastal Kitchen

Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa recently welcomed **Coastal Kitchen**, a new elevated dining experience that features a carefully crafted tasting menu – the only of its kind on the Monterey Peninsula. With new Executive Chef Michael Rotondo at the helm, the ever-changing menu highlights local, seasonal produce – the treasures that abound in the hotel's coastal region. Each course is coupled with pairings curated by Sommelier Conrad Reddick. Coastal Kitchen is open for dinner service Thursday through Sunday.

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OCEANSIDE

Hangar 76 Opens with Carruth Cellars and Tipping Pint Brewing Co.

San Diego's largest urban winery, Carruth Cellars, has opened its highly-anticipated multi-tenant venue **Hangar 76** (named for its close proximity to the Oceanside Municipal Airport and the CA-76) in Oceanside. The 14,500-square-foot former warehouse has been transformed to encompass the urban winery's fourth tasting room and main production facility, plus new Tipping Pint Brewing Co's brewery operations and taproom. The project is among the first in San Diego to benefit from Assembly Bill No. 1825, which allows for breweries, wineries and distilleries to hold overlapping licenses to make beer, wine and spirits on the same premises. An expansive 3,000-square-foot Provencal-inspired beer and wine garden allows guests to sip both award-winning varietals and local pints under ambient string lights, surrounded by mature olives and live oaks.

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The HIGH-Pie Dessert Bar Now Open at The Top Gun House

The newly opened and meticulously restored Top Gun House at Mission Pacific Hotel in Oceanside is home to the famous **The High Pie**, which debuted as San Diego's newest dessert bar in May 2022. Conceived by chef and restaurateur Tara Lazar of F10 Hospitality after a year of research and development, the namesake of the brick-and-mortar concept comes from its signature hand pie, filled with locally picked apples, house made mascarpone ice cream and fried to order. Tara and F10 are behind the beloved Palm Springs hot spots such as Cheeky's, Birba and Toucan's, and also operate the restaurant, High/Low, at Mission Pacific Hotel. The High Pie is the hospitality group's latest and most highly-anticipated dessert concept to debut at the historic Top Gun House on property, marking the final phase of Mission Pacific Hotel's completion. The Top Gun House has been fully restored to its authentic self as an architectural jewel, with its structure, design, details and finishes paying homage to the original Top Gun movie.

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PALO ALTO

Manresa Bread Opens its Fourth Silicon Valley Location in April 2022

Manresa Bread's new location in Palo Alto's Town & Country Village joins existing outposts in Los Gatos, Los Altos and Campbell, featuring new menu items and grab-and-go offerings. Designed by local Bay Area-firm Arcsine Architecture & Design, the Palo Alto bakery is open for takeaway daily from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. (or until sold out), with a menu including Ruzicka's beloved house-milled sourdough breads, laminated pastries, entremets, quiches, sandwiches, seasonal salads, and a robust coffee and tea menu. Manresa Bread merch, at-home baking kits, and curated retail selections round out the offerings. Guests are encouraged to pre-order in advance for same day pick-up, to avoid the disappointment of arriving to find their favorite croissant sold-out. Seasonal holiday specials for Mother's Day will also be on offer soon on the website for pick-up at all four locations.

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REDDING

New Restaurants Debut in Redding

Paying homage to The Shack, a beloved burger joint that made its debut in 1941 and is now a distant memory, **The Shack Social** recently opened its doors at The Shack's original location. At the new 21 and older fine dining restaurant and lounge, guests are invited to enjoy handcrafted cocktails coupled with palate-pleasing fare created by Michelin-starred chefs. **Taroko Asian Bar & Grill** joined the ranks of exceptional restaurants in downtown Redding in March 2022. The restaurant, whose name was inspired from the famed national park in Taiwan, offers a menu of Asian fusion fare including tapas and shareable bites enjoyed at communal tables. A contemporary long bar pours an impressive list of craft beer, wine and cocktails.

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SAN DIEGO

The Westin Gaslamp Quarter Welcomes Bronze Bird Food Wine & Spirits

The official opening of Bronze Bird Food Wine & Spirits marks the final stage of **The Westin San Diego Gaslamp Quarter's** recent \$17 million renovation which encompassed the lobby, bar, restaurant, pool, and all 450 rooms and suites. A casual imbibery for the craft connoisseur, Bronze Bird channels a contemporary San Diego vibe in both menu and design. At Bronze Bird, foodies enjoy tasty takes on SoCal comfort fare with an impressive variety of shareable creations offered alongside entrée-driven dishes. The bar shakes up specialty cocktails inspired by San Diego's diverse neighborhoods, highlights the local beer scene with local brews on draft, and features a well-stocked collection of wines and spirits. The bright and open Bronze Bird surroundings include a glistening wraparound bar, fireside outdoor patio, and a spacious private dining room. Bronze Bird is open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

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Arts & Entertainment



RIVERSIDE

The Cheech Marin Center for Chicano Art & Culture Opening June 2022

The Cheech Marin Center for Chicano Art & Culture, affectionately known as The Cheech, opens June 18, 2022, in downtown Riverside, the “City of Arts & Innovation.” The Cheech is a public-private partnership between renowned comedian and Chicano art collector Cheech Marin, the Riverside Art Museum (RAM), and the City of Riverside. Marin has gifted hundreds of works by Chicano artists – including the likes of Carlos Almaraz, Judithe Hernández, Gilbert “Magú” Luján, Sandy Rodriguez, Frank Romero, and Patssi Valdez – to RAM’s permanent collection. The Cheech welcomes everyone to discover Chicano art, celebrate the richness and savor of the Chicano community, and honor and explore its continued social, cultural, and political impact – an art and cultural experience that will speak to all who see it.

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SAN DIEGO

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego Completes Renovation

The **Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego** (MCASD) debuted its long-awaited renovation and expansion of its La Jolla flagship campus in April 2022. The museum now features four times the previous gallery space, two levels of light-filled galleries, a public park and new seaside terraces, allowing visitors the opportunity to both relax and reflect. In addition, guests can enjoy some 200 works of contemporary art with views of the Pacific

Ocean serving as an inspiring backdrop. Opening in early summer 2022, The Kitchen @ MCASD will offer indoor and outdoor seating for up to 120 guests, and robust to-go options.

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SAN FRANCISCO

The Walt Disney Family Museum Debuts Jungle Book Exhibit

The Walt Disney Family Museum is opening the **“Walt Disney’s The Jungle Book: Making a Masterpiece”** exhibit on June 23, 2022 in celebration of the beloved Disney animated classic’s 55th anniversary. Guest-curated by acclaimed animator and Disney Legend Andreas Deja, the exhibition will explore the creative complexities behind the making of “The Jungle Book” (1967), including the unique personalities of each character and their voice actor counterparts, the rich artwork and use of cutting-edge animation techniques, the memorable soundtrack of original songs by the Sherman Brothers and Terry Gilkyson, the impact of Walt’s passing during production, and the film’s enduring popularity and influence. Over 300 rare artworks and ephemera will be on view throughout this immersive special exhibition, including original animation drawings and cels on loan from animation enthusiast and collector Mike Glad, retired Disney Creative Director and animator David Pacheco, and Deja’s own collection. The exhibit will be on display in the Diane Disney Miller Exhibition Hall through Jan. 8, 2023.

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“We Are Bruce Lee: Under The Sky, One Family” Exhibition Opens in San Francisco

The Chinese Historical Society of America is showcasing the career of iconic martial artist Bruce Lee with a new **“We are Bruce Lee: Under The Sky, One Family”** exhibition. On display from April 24, 2022 until 2025, this multimedia collaboration between the Bruce Lee Foundation, top collectors of Bruce Lee memorabilia, and a team of artistic innovators will showcase state-of-the-art engagement to magnify the vision and values of a Chinese American icon who transcended race, geography and culture. For San Francisco Chinatown, this is a proud, heartwarming homecoming for a legendary figure who was born in Chinatown’s own Chinese Hospital in 1940. The inaugural exhibition bridges communities from two historic neighborhoods – Chinatown and Fillmore/Western Addition – in an effort to tell the story of cross-community respect and collaboration. The Chinese Historical Society of America in San Francisco is the oldest organization in the country dedicated to the presentation of Chinese American history.

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SAN SIMEON

Hearst Castle Reopened in May 2022 and Offers New Julia Morgan Tour

California State Parks reopened the world-renowned Hearst San Simeon State Historical Monument (Hearst Castle) to the public on May 11, 2022 after being closed for two years. Located in SLO CAL, La Cuesta Encantada, “The Enchanted Hill” sits above the Pacific at San Simeon as the creation of William Randolph Hearst and California’s first female architect Julia Morgan. Their collaboration began in 1919 and continued for nearly 30 years. Comprised of a 115-room main house plus guesthouses, pools and 8 acres of gardens, the estate hosted President Calvin Coolidge, Winston Churchill, George Bernard Shaw, Charlie Chaplin and more. The reopening celebrates the delayed 100th anniversary of construction and

offers the new **Julia Morgan Tour**, which takes an in-depth look at her life and career. Ticket prices will now incorporate the cost of fees, offered \$3-6 cheaper per ticket.

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SOLVANG

Debut of Revamped Solvang Amber & Viking Museum Exhibit at The Copenhagen House

The Copenhagen House, Solvang’s premier Danish design destination, celebrated the opening of the space’s revamped and combined Solvang Amber Museum and The Great Hall of the Danes Viking Exhibit in April 2022. The high-end retailer and Danish culture center, located in the heart of the Santa Barbara County wine country town of Solvang – affectionately known as “The Danish Capital of America” – invites guests to view its new collection of 28 authentic Viking items with certain pieces dating back to the years 850-950 A.D. The reformatted display space, housed in the building’s original bank vault, is now called “Solvang Amber & Viking Museum.” The Copenhagen House, a 6,500-square-foot space occupying one of Solvang’s original structures, aims to represent some of the best design products from contemporary Denmark. The interior features Danish design in furnishing and flooring inspired by the Copenhagen Airport.

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Family



LONG BEACH

New Babies! Exhibition Opened at the Aquarium of the Pacific in May 2022

The Aquarium of the Pacific welcomed its new **Babies!** exhibition on May 27, 2022. This new exhibit enables visitors to meet adorable new arrivals, including baby sea otters, miniature sea jellies and color-changing cuttlefish. The exhibit also invites guests to learn about the Aquarium's breeding programs that promote ocean conservation in the Babies! Gallery inside Pacific Visions on the second floor. Babies receive special care at the Aquarium, from hand-feeding baby birds with syringes to staff members staying at the Aquarium twenty-four hours a day with baby sea otters. This new exhibit will help enable visitors to find out about the endangered animal babies that live at the Aquarium, and how the special care they receive helps rebuild their wild populations.

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ORANGE

New Large Mammal Exhibit Opened at the OC Zoo in May 2022

A new large mammal exhibit opened at the **OC Zoo** in Irvine Regional Park on May 13, and marked the debut of four new animals. The 2-acre habitat represents the largest expansion project in the zoo's history, and houses an adult mountain lion, three orphaned mountain lion cubs and an adult jaguar. The expansion, part of the Zoo's 2013 General Development Plan, is designed to give patrons an up-close look at the animals living inside, while creating a comfortable and natural-looking environment for the large cats. The area includes artificial rock walls, climbing platforms, a waterfall and a bridge for the cats to cross overhead. The OC Zoo traces its roots back to 1905 when red foxes were introduced in Irvine Regional Park, and a small collection of animals was added in 1920. The current, modern zoo officially opened in 1985. In late 2019, the zoo debuted a new entry plaza and restroom building, the first improvement outlined in the General Development Plan.

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SAN DIEGO

Birch Aquarium at Scripps Debuts Little Blue Penguins Exhibit

This summer 2022, the Birch Aquarium at Scripps will be opening the **Beyster Family Little Blue Penguins** habitat, being the only aquarium in the Western U.S. to house the world's smallest penguins. Little Blues are the smallest species of penguin — less than 12 inches tall and weighing just 2-3 pounds — and are known for their unique blue color, and their big personalities. In Beyster Family Little Blue Penguins, guests will be immersed in the world of Little Blue Penguins, learning about some of the challenges facing these birds in the wild, and how our future is tied directly to theirs. The 2,900-square-foot exhibit will include rocky and sandy shore habitat and an 18,000-gallon pool where guests will observe the penguins socializing, interacting, and nest building. The exhibit also includes a small amphitheater for guests to observe birds swimming, and a discovery cave for children to closely observe Little Blue Penguins on land and inside nesting burrows.

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VALENCIA

Six Flags Magic Mountain Welcomes WONDER WOMAN™ Flight of Courage

Taking flight at Six Flags Magic Mountain in summer 2022, **WONDER WOMAN™ Flight of Courage** will be the tallest and longest single-rail coaster on the planet and the park's record 20th roller coaster — the most at any theme park in the world. Located in the newly themed DC UNIVERSE™ area of the park, riders will fly over 3,300 feet of track, towering 13 stories and soaring at speeds up to 58 miles-per-hour, joining forces with WONDER WOMAN™ in the fight for truth, justice, and equality. Get ready to embark on an incredible journey of heroic feats, propelling through dives, banks, rolls, and turns designed to challenge the bravest of thrill seekers. With the tallest, steepest, fastest coasters in the world, and over 100 rides, games, and adventures, Six Flags Magic Mountain has something for thrill-seekers of all ages.

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Outdoor



MERCED COUNTY

Splash-n-Dash Aqua Park Completes Expansion for Summer 2022

Splash-n-Dash Aqua Park – the Central Valley’s only floating, inflatable water park – debuted its 76,000-square-foot expansion when it opened for the season on June 4, 2022. Now North America’s largest floating, inflatable water park at 125,000 square feet, Splash-n-Dash Aqua Park invites visitors to experience new attractions including a 25-foot-tall slide tower with a 33-foot long “BLOB,” two relay “Dash Trax” where guests can race one another, and over 30 new obstacles. Adults can relax in their very own “Lazy Splash” area in the shallows, comprised of multiple floating, inflatable “lounging islands.” New amenities include an expanded, shaded premier seating area, as well as new water-view cabanas. Additional activities include single and tandem kayaks, paddleboards and pedal-boat rentals. Splash-n-Dash Aqua Park operates inside the Lake McSwain Recreation Area in Snelling, approximately 25 miles northeast of Merced.

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MORRO BAY

Central Coast Lift Offers eFoil Rentals and Lessons

Central Coast Lift will officially debut its Electric HydroFoils in summer 2022 for recreational rentals and lessons in Morro Bay. An eFoil is a surfboard with an electric propeller just above the wing of the hydrofoil, which powers the board to move through any water. The eFoil is powered by a nearly silent electric motor and rechargeable battery. Central

Coast Lift also offers Electric Boat Rentals, Private Yacht Charters, Street Legal Golf Cart Rentals, Electric Scooter Rentals and Electric Bike Rentals. The eFoil lessons and rental starts at \$300 for two hours.

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SAN FRANCISCO

Presidio Tunnel Tops to Debut July 2022

The highly anticipated **Presidio Tunnel Tops** is opening July 17. Built over the tops of the Presidio Parkway highway tunnels, it adds 14 acres of new national parkland to the Presidio of San Francisco. Thoughtfully designed with the Bay Area community by James Corner Field Operations (the firm behind New York’s High Line) and funded by philanthropic gifts, the Presidio Tunnel Tops will feature scenic overlooks with stunning views of the Golden Gate Bridge and the city, trails, picnic areas, gathering spaces, and gardens and meadows with 180 varieties of native plants. The Outpost – a two-acre nature play area – features play structures that reflect elements of the Presidio and are built from fallen tree trunks, boulders, and other natural materials. The Transit Center and Visitor Center make the site accessible and welcoming, and new food options, a pavilion and a campfire circle are located nearby. The renovated Crissy Field Center and new Field Station will help engage people of all ages with activities.

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Tours & Transportation



MORGAN HILL

New Transit and Accessibility for Morgan Hill

The City of **Morgan Hill**, in partnership with RideCo, will operate a new on-demand, citywide microtransit system beginning summer 2022. Residents and visitors will be able to book rides from one hundred virtual stops to any other, to facilitate multimodal trips in and out of the city. Virtual stops will be within a 5 minute walk from any point in the city and at highly visited amenities. The service hours will be Monday through Saturday with extremely reasonable fares. The service provides low-density area mobility, first and last mile service, and paratransit through RideCo's app-based booking system, scheduling, and vehicle itineraries. Additionally, RideCo will operate a call center to allow riders to alternatively book by phone, including Spanish speakers. This service makes Morgan Hill even more connected and accessible and provides an alternative to single rider auto trips.

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SAN DIEGO

San Diego International Airport Launches New Air Service

In late May, Air Canada celebrated its first-ever nonstop flight from San Diego International Airport (SAN) to Montréal-Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport (YUL). Flights operate three times weekly during the peak summer travel season with arrivals into San Diego on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, and departures from San Diego on

Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Also in May, Spirit Airlines celebrated its first nonstop flight from SAN to Metropolitan Oakland International Airport (OAK). This is the first new route Spirit Airlines has added at SAN since 2017. Allegiant Air has announced it will add nonstop service between Provo Municipal Airport (PVU) and SAN beginning Aug. 18, 2022. Flights will operate two times weekly on Thursdays and Sundays.

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SAN FRANCISCO

New Private Jeep Tour Company Offers Unique San Francisco Experiences

San Francisco Jeep Tours officially opened in spring 2022, offering visitors the chance to see San Francisco while maintaining some social distancing with its fleet of convertible jeeps. Each Jeep is driven by an entertaining and knowledgeable guide, and is named after parks in the Golden Gate Recreation Area – Point Reyes, Point Bonita and Lands End. Tours can take groups of six on the adventure of their choosing, on one of four different tour routes that include off-the-beaten track destinations where larger tour vehicles dare not go. These tours range in duration from 2 hours to full day experiences. Jeep riders can customize any of the following itineraries: City Tours, Evening & Sunset Tours, Muir Giant Redwoods and Sausalito Tours, and Full Day Muir Woods and City Tours. Every tour includes a memorable ride over the Golden Gate Bridge.

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