

The Beyond Borders Collective

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Santa Barbara, California

24 hours Itinerary (late October)

Summary Information

Transportation

Airline	Southwest Airlines
Airport	Santa Barbara Airport (SBA) – nearest Burbank (BUR) – 79 miles away Los Angeles (LAX) – 82 miles away
Car	Budget

Accommodations

Inn	<u>Inn by the Harbor \$\$</u> 433 W Montecito St, Santa Barbara, CA 93101 I would recommend Hotel Milo over where we stayed. It is in a prime location (ours was not) and has very positive reviews. <u>Hotel Milo \$\$</u> 202 W Cabrillo Blvd Santa Barbara, CA 93101
Luxury Hotel	<u>Hotel Californian \$\$\$</u> 36 State St, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Important Things to Note Regarding this Itinerary

- This itinerary would be perfect to add to a longer trip down the Pacific Coast Highway
- If you are only staying in Santa Barbara a car is not necessary to get around. However, with many things to do in the surrounding areas, it would be nice to have if you plan to stay longer.

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1: Travel & Santa Barbara		
Morning		
Transportation	Pickup Rental Car	
Brunch	<u>Scarlett Begonia \$\$</u> 21 West Victoria Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101	<p>If you find yourself here on a Saturday morning – they do bottomless mimosa brunch.</p> <p>Order the veggie sandwich – it is delicious!</p> <p>Reservations are not required, but are highly encouraged, especially on the weekend.</p>
Activity	<u>Santa Barbara Courthouse</u> 118 E Figueroa St, Santa Barbara, CA 93101	<p>A quick 8 min walk from breakfast is the courthouse.</p> <p>The building and surrounding gardens are beautiful, however, the real gem is the panoramic view from the Clock Tower.</p> <p>*May be impacted due to COVID – make sure to check in advance.</p>
Afternoon		
Activity	<p>Explore Downtown</p> <p>The “heart of downtown” is considered to be on State Street between Sola and Gutierrez.</p>	<p>The downtown area is filled with endless shops, bars and restaurants and is a great place to stroll and people watch!</p> <p>Some points of interest (from North to South on State St.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Santa Barbara Museum of Art • Santa Barbara Historical Museum • Paseo Nuevo mosaic steps – go in AM so there isn’t an afternoon shadow • MOXI – Science Museum
Lunch/Snack	<p><u>The Blue Owl (Asian) \$\$</u> 5 W Canon Perdido St, Santa Barbara, CA 93101</p> <p><u>Los Agaves (Mexican) \$\$</u> 600 N Milpas St, Santa Barbara, CA 93103</p>	<p>We weren’t hungry after a heavy brunch, but these spots were highly recommended by locals.</p>
Freshen-up	Hotel	Head back to your hotel to freshen up for dinner. I noticed several of the Inns provide a

		happy hour – we caught one at our hotel.
Evening		
Activity	Catch the sunset at Sterns Wharf	On the way to the Funk Zone, catch the gorgeous sunset on the beach or the pier at Sterns Wharf. We opted not to go to any restaurants on the Wharf because I found them to be less vegetarian friendly than other options in town.
Activity	Explore the Funk Zone/ Drink your way through the Urban Wine Trail	Along with trendy shops, bars and dining, the Funk Zone is best known for the Urban Wine Trail. Vineyards in the surrounding areas have tasting rooms in downtown. Two that were highly recommended were Kunin (no reservation needed) and Riverbench (reservation required) We went to Kunin and did a flight.
Dinner	<u>The Lark \$\$\$</u> 131 Anacapa St, Santa Barbara, CA 93101	Great ambience and is connected to several other spaces, including the very popular Pearl Social – a hidden bar in the back of the restaurant – and Lucky Penny (Restaurant) Reservations highly encouraged for The Lark.
Cocktails	<u>Shaker Mill \$\$</u> 418 State St, Santa Barbara, CA 93101	Cutest little Cuban inspired bar with delish cocktails. There are several other bars right next to it as well.
Day 2: Santa Barbara & Goodbye		
Morning		
Breakfast	<u>Jeannie's Bakery \$\$</u> 3607 State St, Santa Barbara, CA 93105 <u>Chads Café \$\$</u> 216 W Cabrillo Blvd. Santa Barbara, CA 93101	Local Favorite – grab a small snack or have a proper meal. Just get there early as it gets busy. Reservations not accepted. A few blocks down the road is Chads -- another popular spot – it also gets very busy!
Activity	Bike Shoreline Drive & 1000 Steps Beach	Head west from downtown on Shoreline Drive to enjoy a scenic bike ride. There are multiple

		<p>places to stop along the way to 1000 steps beach, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Santa Barbara Harbor • Shoreline Park (beautiful view point here) • 1000 Steps Beach – hidden little beach, perfect to enjoy a moment of quiet. There are steps that lead down to the water at the end of the road. (~2mi from downtown) <p>You can bike further (another 2 miles) to hike the Douglas Spur trail (.3 mi) located in the Douglas Family Preserve. We had to miss this as we ran out of time!</p>
Afternoon		
Check-out		Head out of Santa Barbara, grabbing lunch on the way out.
Lunch	<p><u>Stonehouse Restaurant \$\$\$\$</u> 900 San Ysidro Ln, Santa Barbara, CA 93108</p>	<p>A 15 min drive from downtown Santa Barbara, The Stonehouse Restaurant is located in the San Ysidro Ranch.</p> <p>If there is one thing you do here – make it visiting this restaurant for lunch (they also do dinner!).</p> <p>By far the best meal I have had in a long while and the property is incredibly beautiful!</p>

Travel Tip #1: Rent a car, if staying longer than 24 hours.

If you stay in the Downtown area or the Funk Zone, most everything is walkable. However, there are plenty of wonderful day trips from Santa Barbara, so if you have more time, I would definitely recommend having a car.

Travel Tip #2: Bike!

In my opinion, the best way to get around SB is on bike. There are many bike lanes and paths that make it very bike friendly. Most accommodations have bikes available for rent (or free!).

Travel Tip #3: Make reservations in advance.

It is a popular tourist spot, so dining options book out quite a bit in advance – especially during peak travel times. Be sure to make a reservation so you don't miss out!

More recommendations:

Food

- Zaytoon, (Mediterranean) open for dinner only. Make reservations!
- Bibiji (Indian/Australian) -- Dinner
- The Goat Tree (at Hotel Californian) – Breakfast/Lunch
- Santa Barbara Public Market – Lunch
- La Super Rica (Tacos, quick) – Lunch

Drink

- Pearl Social (at The Lark)
- Good Lion

Urban Wine Trial (Funk Zone)

- Santa Barbara Wine Collective
- Pali Wine Company
- Margerum Wine Company

Points of Interest/ Surrounding Areas

- Grassini Family Vineyards Tasting Room
- Jamie Sloan Wines Tasting Room
- Santa Barbara Mission – beautiful building
- Solvang – cute Dutch Town -- 40 mins away
- Santa Ynez wine region -- 40 mins away

Activities

- Hikes: Inspiration point & tangerine falls
- Bike paths: Cabrillo bike path: Shoreline Park to Butterfly Beach, ~4.5 mi
- Sunstone Vineyards & Winery (outside Santa Barbara)