



5 Reasons You Should Visit Calistoga

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How had I never been to [Calistoga](#) before? It's mind boggling that I hadn't been to this super cute spot, a short escape from the SF city life.

I recently went to explore this charming town in Upper Napa Valley, and fell in love with its delicious food, hometown vibes, delectable wine, boutique hotels and relaxing nature.

If you you're after an escape from the city and don't want to jump on a plane to get there, Calistoga is a great answer. The town itself has held on to much of its original charm, after being settled by a self made millionaire, [Sam Brannan and named 'Calistoga' after a drunken slur.](#) (Haha, my kinda town) All jokes aside, this charming town is all about community – and many locals pass by and say hi to each other on the street, and work at the many businesses that support the influx of tourists – inns, hotels, spas, restaurants, wineries and gift shops.

As if you really need more than one good reason to pack a bag and get your butt up there, I am going to lay out FIVE of them, so you can plan your visit to Calistoga ASAP!

Have a WINE of a time



Yes, I know — isn't there already enough wine tasting to do throughout the Valley? Sure. But in the area around Calistoga, you can visit some seriously special tasting rooms, that aren't filled with party limos and bachelorette parties (not that we hate a party), and truly offer a more personalized experience. Take **Phifer Pavitt Wine** for example. This appointment only winery will host you in their stunning barn tasting room, and Suzanne (the owner, and one of the most charming women you will ever meet) will take through the story of the winery, and lead you through a tasting of their small production, high quality Sav Blanc and Cab's.

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