

# Historic Hotels of America® and Historic Wineries of California: The Perfect Pairing

Enjoy wine tastings at historic California wineries and relish in luxury accommodations in San Francisco-based Historic Hotels

**WASHINGTON, DC – October 15, 2012** – Discover delicious wine tastings at the oldest wineries in Northern California and enjoy the charm and eloquence of San Francisco-based Historic Hotels. Wine and history enthusiasts booking a stay at one of Historic Hotels of America members in or surrounding San Francisco, may delight in a heritage travel experience complete with day trips to California's most celebrated vineyards, museums, historic sites, and so much more.

Pair a travel experience to a Historic Hotels of America member in Northern California with a day trip to one of these iconic historic wineries this fall:

#### Buena Vista Winery, Established 1857

A California Historic Landmark, the Buena Vista Winery is California's oldest premium winery. Buena Vista Winery was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1986.

## Chateau Montelena Winery, Established 1882

In 1882, the stone-walled Chateau was built into the hillside, and today it is a working winery and an iconic symbol of its historic roots.

#### Gundlach Bundschu Winery, Established 1858

For over 150 years, the Bundschu family has farmed the estate vineyards at the crossroads of the Sonoma Valley, Carneros, and Napa Valley appellations.

## Beringer Winery, Established 1876

Beringer Vineyards is the oldest continuously operating winery in the Napa Valley, and located in the Beringer Winery Historic District, which has been designated by the U. S. Secretary of the Interior as a National Historic Landmark since 2001.

# Stags' Leap Winery, Established 1893

Built from stone quarried nearby, the Manor House has been home to three major family groups since 1890.

"These historic wineries were among the first premium wineries in California," said Larry Horwitz, Executive Director, Historic Hotels Worldwide. "Recognized as one of the world's finest wine growing regions, the history of these wineries is best discovered and the wines are best experienced when exploring from one of Historic Hotels of America's hotels."

Travelers visiting these iconic, historic wineries may book their next heritage travel experience with one of the San Francisco-area Historic Hotels of America members. Below are a number in the San Francisco area hotels; however for even more San Francisco deals, specials, and offers, visit <a href="http://www.historichotels.org/hotel-deals/city-spotlights.php">http://www.historichotels.org/hotel-deals/city-spotlights.php</a> or call + **1 800 678 8946**.

<u>Palace Hotel</u> (1875) the Palace Hotel, A Luxury Collection Hotel, home to the iconic Garden Court, is centrally located in downtown San Francisco, just blocks away from Union Square, Chinatown, the Financial District, and the Moscone Convention Center.

Napa River Inn (1901) Napa River Inn a member of Historic Hotels of America since 2004, is listed in The National Register of Historic Places. Surrounded by the Valley's world-renowned vineyards, beautiful scenery, excellent restaurants, and favorable climate, the inn sits snugly along the banks of the Napa River.

Cavallo Point- the Lodge at the Golden Gate (1901) Cavallo Point Lodge, a member of Historic Hotels of America since 2009, is located in the Forts Barry, Baker & Cronkhite Historic District which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Designed in the Colonial Revival style using symmetrical and classical elements, the historic buildings at Cavallo Point were thoughtfully erected around a 10-acre parade ground in order to take advantage of the area's majestic setting.

<u>Inn at the Presidio</u> (1904) The Inn at Presidio, a member of Historic Hotels of America since 2011, has been designated by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior as a National Historic Landmark in 1966. The Inn offers guests an authentic historic experience and exceptional recreational and leisure opportunities.

<u>The Fairmont Hotel San Francisco</u> (1907) The Fairmont Hotel San Francisco, a member of Historic Hotels of America since 1989, is listed in The National Register of Historic Places since 2002. Architect Julia Morgan designed the Beaux-Arts-style Fairmont Hotel. From its setting atop Nob Hill, the hotel enjoys spectacular city views and a long history in the spotlight.

<u>Hotel Whitcomb</u> (1916) Centrally located near many of the city's fabled sites, the hotel is steps away from Civic Center and a short trolley car ride away from Union Square, The Moscone, and Fisherman's Wharf.

<u>InterContinental Mark Hopkins Hotel</u> (1926) As splendid now as when it originally opened to great fanfare, the InterContinental Mark Hopkins San Francisco is one of the city's finest hotels. It is situated at the crest of illustrious Nob Hill in San Francisco.

Omni San Francisco (1926) Ideal for a romantic getaway, the Omni San Francisco Hotel offers modern amenities in a boutique ambiance due to its Florentine Renaissance architecture.

Guests who book through December 31, 2012 on HistoricHotels.org receive a complimentary one-year family membership\* (\$30 value) to the National Trust for Historic Preservation®. Members save from 10% to 50% off best available rates at participating Historic Hotels of America, a subscription to *Preservation* magazine, and discounted admission to over 600 historic places worldwide.

Travelers can select from over 3,000 dynamic hotel packages, extraordinary historic experiences, and hot deals found exclusively on HistoricHotels.org. Historic Hotels of America is committed to providing guests with the lowest published rates online, as a part of the Price Match Guarantee. If a lower rate is found on another website within 24 hours of booking a reservation, simply submit a claim form and the lower rate will be honored.\*\*

# **About Historic Hotels of America®**

Historic Hotels of America was founded in 1989 by the National Trust for Historic Preservation® with 32 charter members. In 2007, Preferred Hotel Group partnered with the National Trust for Historic Preservation to grow and enhance Historic Hotels of America. Historic Hotels of America has more than 240 historic hotels. These properties have all faithfully maintained their authenticity, sense of place, and architectural integrity in the United States of America, including the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, Historic Hotels of America is comprised of mostly independently owned and operated properties. More than 30 of the world's finest hospitality brands, chains and collections are represented in Historic Hotels of America. To be nominated and selected for membership into this prestigious program, a hotel must be at least fifty years old, listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, or recognized as having historic significance. For more information, please visit historichotels.org.

\*One family membership per household, non-transferable, no cash value, and no refunds. Benefits are subject to availability and advance reservation. The National Trust for Historic Preservation discounts are available at participating hotels for new bookings made after the initial booking and membership are confirmed and processed. Bookings must be made on HistoricHotels.org. This promotion expires December 31, 2012 and is limited to new members of The National Trust for Historic Preservation.

\*\*The following rates do not qualify:

- Rates available on auction or flash sale websites such as, but not limited to, Priceline, Hotwire, Groupon Getaways, or Living Social Escapes
- Pre-paid, non-cancellable, and/or non-refundable rates
- Reward program rates, corporate/group rates, government rates, and/or other rates not available to the general public
- Rates that are packaged with air travel, car rental, entertainment, etc.
- Rates offered by brands other than Historic Hotels of America to elite tier loyalty program members.

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