



Welcome to Pleasant Hill!

ENJOY A PLEASANT STAY IN THE CENTER OF EVERYTHING.

re you as tired of being stuck at home as I am? It's been more than a year since so many of us hunkered down and put our lives on pause—and if you're like me, you're ready to get out.

Well. I've got good news for you: There's so much to see and do here! Whether you're a family, businessperson, or staycationer, we've got something for you—destinations such as Wine Country, San Francisco, Muir Woods, and Santa Cruz's beaches: shopping and world-class dining; and nightlife where you can actually dance with other people. (You remember what that was like, right?)

And the best place to experience all the Bay Area has to offer is here in Pleasant Hill. We're at the center of everything: Head north for wine tasting in Napa, go west to explore San Francisco, or turn south for nonstop shopping at the San Francisco Premium Outlets in Livermore—all just a short drive from our city.

After vou're done adventuring, take a relaxing break in our charming town the perfect spot to recharge before heading out for another day of fun.

We'll see vou soon!

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Take a trip back in time and visit historical landmarks throughout the region.

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Riveter Memorial pays homage to the women who supported the WWII effort. You can also explore the former homes of two literary luminaries at the Jack London

State Historic

Park in Sonoma County and Eugene O'Neill's Tao House in Danville. Or stroll through San Francisco's Chinatown. a living monument to the Chinese migrants who settled here more than a century ago.



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Just for Fun



Picture Perfect

Tag #StayPleasantHill to share the highlights of your Bay Area adventures.



Meet Phill! TRAVELING ON A BUDGET?

Phill the Dog is always on the lookout for great deals. Look for the "Phill's Favorites" icon for the inside scoop on budget-friendly options rom our adorable pooch.





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Famous Faces

MEET THE BIG NAMES WHO HAVE CALLED OUR REGION HOME.



Joe DiMaggio: "Joltin' Joe" dazzled as a member of the New York Yankees, A plaque in Martinez marks

the site where the slugger was born.



Clint Eastwood: The Man With No. Name needs no introduction. Born in San Francisco, Eastwood spent

most of his early years in the East Bay.

Billie Joe Armstrong:

Together with childhood friend Mike Dirnt, the Rodeo native and punk-rock hero formed the band that would become Green Day.



Tom Hanks: Before he became "America's Dad," the beloved actor and filmmaker was a Bay Area

kid. Born in Concord, he spent most of his childhood in Pleasant Hill.



MC Hammer: Before he told you that "U Can't Touch This," the innovative rapper arew up in East Oakland and worked for the

Oakland A's as a batboy, borrowing money from players to found his award-winning record label.



Kamala Harris: Born in Oakland and raised in Berkeley, the former attorney general and

senator of California made history as the first Black American, Southeast Asian American, and woman elected as U.S. Vice President.



Carlos Santana: After moving to San Francisco as a teenager, the rock 'n' roll legend quickly found his

calling, starting the Santana Blues Band at the age of 19.



Gabrielle Union: From cheerleader captain to drama series lead, the Hollywood star

Bring It On. The actor, writer, and activist was raised in Pleasanton.



Bruce Lee and Brandon Lee:

Martial arts icon Bruce was born in San Francisco, while his Oaklandborn son starred in The Crow.



Traveling FAQ

HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT TO EXPECT WHILE VISITING THE BAY AREA? WE HAVE THE ANSWERS.

ow do I know if it's safe to travel again? The well-being of our visitors is our highest priority. We work closely with local businesses to ensure travelers are updated with timely and accurate information about the latest health guidelines and traveling restrictions.

Is anything in the Bay Area open? Many businesses have reopened, including restaurants, wineries and tasting rooms, shops, malls, state parks and beaches, campgrounds, resorts, and more. Several restaurants have shifted to offering takeout and delivery, although some have outdoor dining.

However, many businesses and attractions have implemented a variety of safety protocols. Make sure to read up on local guidelines and regulations before you travel. You can find the latest updates for Contra Costa County at coronavirus.cchealth.org.

Also, be aware that some cities and counties in the area may have stricter regulations in place.

Are out-of-state visitors allowed? Yes. Be aware that the California Department of Public Health recommends travelers from outside the state self-quarantine for at least 14 days after they arrive. Contact us at info@staypleasanthill.com or (925) 687-0700 for local restrictions on traveling from another state.

Restrictions on international travel from several countries remain in place. Visit

cdc.gov/coronavirus/
2019-ncov/travelers/fromother-countries.html for more
information.

Visit staypleasant hill.com for the latest updates.





Let's Get Away!

FIND A PLEASANT OASIS IN THE BAY AREA'S BACKYARD.

ake a walk through
Pleasant Hill, and you'll
discover a strong sense
of good will and community.

We're a colorful and dynamic city that lives up to our name thanks to our easygoing approach to life. We're proud of the place we call home, and we love showing it off to the thousands of visitors who pass through our town every year. Whether you're planning a family vacation, business trip, or day trip, we know you'll enjoy our mix of laid-back charm and modern living. In fact, we'd bet our name on it!

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PLEASANT HILL:

From award-winning wine destinations and magnificent natura wonders to vibrant city centers, your unforgettable adventure starts right here in Pleasant Hill.



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When you're here, every day is a good time. Make the most of your stay in Pleasant Hill with our handy guide to the best of the Bay Area.

Romantic Retreat

TAKE DATE NIGHT TO THE NEXT LEVEL.



REST AND RELAXATION

You and your boo deserve a recharge after all that time at home. Feel your worries and cares fall away with a relaxing couple's massage at **Spavia Day Spa** in Pleasant Hill.

PHILL'S FAVORITES

Phill's favorite date activity? A good long walk, of course! Go for a stroll across the 1.7-mile-long **Golden Gate Bridge,** where you can watch the city lights twinkle on the bay. Make sure to bring a jacket—it can get chilly!

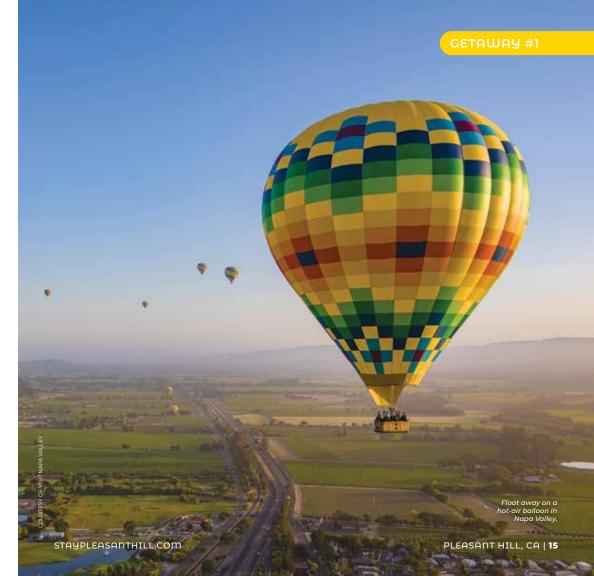
Tired of Netflix and chill? Share some quality time with that special someone at the top romantic spots in the Bay Area.

Love is in the air in the Napa Valley—literally. Take your sweetheart's breath away with one-of-a-kind sunrise trip aboard a hotair balloon. Once you've landed, settle back down to earth with a day of wine tasting in Downtown Napa.

Afraid of heights? Explore the nighttime sky without ever leaving the ground at Chabot Space & Science Center. Tucked away in the Oakland Hills, the observatory's three historic telescopes offer unparalleled celestial views—perfect for a dreamy evening together.

What's better than a bouquet of roses? How about a whole garden of them? Enjoy the sight and aroma of flowers in bloom at **The Gardens at Heather Farm** in Walnut Creek, or discover a truly hidden gem at Oakland's **Morcom Rose Garden.**







Family Fun: Qoçal Attractions

HAVE A BLAST WITH THE FAMILY AT THESE KID-FRIENDLY RETREATS.



FOR THE ADULTS

Take a break from the kids for some after-hours fun. Every Thursday night, the Exploratorium and the California Academy of Sciences transform into adults-only playgrounds with live music, cocktails, and intellectually stimulating exhibits for everyone ages

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PHILL'S FAVORITES

Unleash the fun at **Boomers** in Livermore. Play a round of mini golf, climb to the top of the rock wall, or race for first place in a go-kart. Kick off your vacation with a splash at the Bay Area's newest waterpark, **Six Flags Hurricane Harbor,** or go for a high-flying ride at **Six Flags Discovery Kingdom** in nearby Vallejo. (The faint of heart can opt instead for the amusement park's animal attractions.)

Fall down the rabbit hole at **Children's Fairy-land** in Oakland. On the shores of Lake Merritt, the enchanting theme park delights with fantastical storybook settings. Or spend a day with the *Peanuts* at the **Charles M.**

Schulz Museum

in Santa Rosa.
Who says
learning can't be
exciting? Dance
with your shadow,
touch a tornado,
and stop time at
San Francisco's
Exploratorium.

where kids can interact with hundreds of mindbending exhibits. Or experience natural history like never before at the California Academy of Sciences in Golden Gate Park, a thrilling, state-of-the-art museum that includes a planetarium, a massive butterfly habitat, a living garden on the roof, and an aquarium. (Make sure to say hi to Claude.

For a little bit of winter magic, lace on ice skates all year round at **Oakland Ice Center.**

the albino alligator!)



Family Fun: Wildlife Enthusiasts

MAKE SOME ANIMAL FRIENDS AT ZOOS, AQUARIUMS, AND SAFARIS.



ZOOTOPIA

Be greeted by a fabulous flock of flamingos at the **Oakland Zoo**, and hop on the gondola for a one-of-a-kind aerial view of the zoo's hundreds of exotic animals.

PHILL'S FAVORITES Meet and greet critters and support a great cause at the family-friendly Lindsay Wildlife Experience. The Walnut Creek wildlife rehabilitation hospital cares for thousands of injured and orphaned animals every year.

Lions and tigers and bears—oh my! Enjoy a a wide-ranging look at the animal kingdom at the San Francisco Zoo, home to rare (and adorable!) creatures such as a black rhino, red pandas, a Komodo dragon, bald eagles, and more.

Life is better under the sea at the world-famous Monterey Bay Aquarium. From playful sea otters and mesmerizing jellyfish to scarv sharks and regal sea dragons, the wondrous array of marine life is worth the two-hour drive from Pleasant Hill. For an undersea adventure that's closer to home, visit the Aquarium of the

Bay at Fisherman's

Wharf in San Francisco. (Don't forget

to sav hello to the

barking sea lions that like to lounge off the left side of the pier!)

Go for a ride on the wild side at Safari West. a unique 400-acre wildlife preserve in Sonoma that brings the Serengeti experience to Wine Country. Take a guided tour or book a private safari to catch glimpses of more than 90 African species such as cheetahs. gazelles, zebras, hyenas, rhinos, and more.







Shopping Spree

TREAT YOURSELF TO SOME RETAIL THERAPY.



SHOPPING NEXT DOOR

Just 10 minutes away is Walnut Creek's Broadway Plaza, a gorgeous, openair destination featuring more than 80 specialty stores. Peruse top-tier brands why it's regularly voted the best shopping center in the East Bay.

PHILL'S FAVORITES Splurge on special keepsakes at Pleasant Hill's charming retail spots, from designer finds at **Deja Vu** to vintage wares at **Estates** Consignments.

With its mix of high-end boutiques, mom-and-pop shops, and sprawling malls and outlets, the Bay Area is a treasure trove of trendy fashion, artisan wares, luxury brands, and other unique finds.

You don't have to go far to get started on your day of shopping. Just down the street from Pleasant Hill is the **Sunvallev Shop**ping Center, the largest shopping center in Contra Costa County with dozens of brand-name stores and boutiques.

Less than half an hour's

drive separates you from the incredible deals at the San Francisco Premium Outlets in Livermore. Snag huge discounts on some of the biggest and most popular brands around. including Armani, J. Crew, Kate Spade, Marc Jacobs, True Religion, and more.

You might leave your heart in San Francisco. but you won't go away empty-handed. Snap a selfie with the heart sculpture and peruse the high-end outlets at Union **Square,** explore nine floors of retail nirvana in the agraeous Westfield San Francisco Centre. or sample artisanal goods at the San Francisco Ferry Building—all short walks from nearby BART stations. If you want to avoid the

life, take a trip up to **First** Street in Downtown Napa. Boasting nearly 40 boutiques, stores, restaurants, and tasting rooms, a stroll down First Street is sure to appeal to visitors looking for a more laid-back shopping experience.

hustle and bustle of city

Under the Rainbow

GET LOUD AND PROUD IN THE LGBTQ+ CAPITAL OF THE WORLD.



CHANGE IS GOOD

With its passionate advocacy for the LGBTQ+ community, the Bay Area continues to change the world. Join our communities in celebrating the positive change impact they continue to make.

Everywhere you look, you'll see signs of the Bay Area's fabulous LGBTQ+ scene: the **Castro**, home to one of the world's first gay villages; the dozens of bars and clubs catering to gays, lesbians, and everybody in between; and the fantastic festivals celebrating our culture and diversity.

The oldest continuously operating gay-and-lesbian bar in the U.S., Oakland's **White Horse**

Inn never takes a night off with epic karaoke nights, weekly drag shows, and too many dance parties to count. Part nightclub, part cabaret, Oasis in San Francisco always puts on a show with a variety of drag and musical acts. Or learn the rich history of LGBTQ+ culture at GLBT Historical Society.

No matter who you are, you'll find plenty of friendly faces ready to welcome you with open arms.



PHILL'S FAVORITES
Pride don't cost a thing! Held every June,
San Francisco Pride is the largest LGBTQ+
celebration in the U.S. Get the latest details on
this year's festivities at sfpride.org.





Beach Party

SURF AND SUN IS ALL YOU NEED FOR A DAY OF FUN.



SHORELINE SPECTACLE

Few beaches have as iconic a backdrop as San Francisco's **Baker Beach.** Sitting under the shadow of the Golden Gate Bridge, it's a great spot to snap that perfect family shot for the 'gram.

PHILL'S FAVORITES
The dog-friendly Benicia Public Pier
& Beach is a favorite of fishers, boaters, and
pooches. Come by in the evening for fantastic
sunset views.

Soak in that famous California sunshine and splash in the water at the Bay Area's beaches.

With a stunning coastline, amazing surfing, a world-class boardwalk, and a true hang-loose attitude, there's a reason why **Santa Cruz** is considered the quintessential beach town.

Santa Cruz Main Beach has something for everyone. Shred some waves, go kayaking, or take a dip in the ocean; play a game of volleyball or catch some rays on the wide-open beach; or take a thrill ride over the boardwalk on a rollercoaster

Ocean Beach in San Francisco is ideal for a family stroll and offers easy access to Golden Gate Park and the picturesque ruins of the Sutro Baths. (Note: Due to cold waters and strong currents, swimming is not recommended at this beach.)

Nestled along the Tiburon shore in the North Bay, **Paradise Beach** will make you feel like you're in ... well, paradise. Quiet and remote, the tranquil beach and gentle surf creates the perfect spot to get away for a swim in the cool waters or a ride aboard a kayak or paddleboard.



Sports Fanatic

CHEER ON THE HOME TEAMS AT THE BAY AREA'S SPECTACULAR STADIUMS.



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME! With breathtaking views of the San Francisco Bay, the Giants' Oracle Park is regularly named one of the best stadiums in Major League Baseball and a must-visit for baseball fans.

PHILL'S FAVORITES
Order a pint or two, chum it up with
the regulars, and watch local games from the

comfort of Pleasant Hill's favorite sports bars, Farrington's Sports Bar and Magoo's Grill.

The Bay Area's historic sports scene has produced championships, MVPs, and Hall of Fame players—and you can be a part of that history, too. Catch a game, buy some official team gear, and show everyone that you're the biggest fan.

Enjoy America's pastime with nine innings of the Bay Area's two legendary baseball teams, the **San Francisco Giants** and **Oakland A's.**

Led by all-time greats
Steph Curry and Klay
Thompson, the Golden
State Warriors know how
to put on a show on the
basketball court. Grab a
seat at the Chase Center
and watch as the
Splash Brothers
dominate the
opposition.

Are you ready for some football? Calling the Bay Area home since 1946, the **San Francisco 49ers** are one of the region's most storied franchises. Head down to **Levi's Stadium** in Santa Clara as the 49ers compete for gridiron glory. (Tip: Make sure to check out the stadium's highly acclaimed team museum.)

San Jose counts two pro teams—the **Sharks**, the Bay Area's hockey team, and the **Earthquakes** of Major League Soccer. Join the teams' dedicated fan bases and cheer as the players battle for





Drink in style at WiseGirl Ristorante 28 | PLEASANT HILL, CA

Destination Drinks

QUENCH YOUR THIRST WITH AWARD-WINNING WINE, BEER, AND SPIRITS.



SPIRITED AWAY

Spirits are all the rage these days, and the best spot to try them is **Spirits Alley** in Alameda. Located in a former Naval Air Station, the collective of 10 artisan distilleries and tasting rooms has caused a lot of buzz with its offerings of gins, whiskeys, vodkas, and more.



PHILL'S FAVORITES

Travel back in time for drinks at Wise-Girl Ristorante Italiano & Cocktails.

The speakeasy-style Pleasant Hill bar and lounge keeps it snazzy with classic cocktails.

VENI. VIDI. VINO

Drive 30 minutes north from Pleasant Hill, and you'll find yourself in the heart of Wine Country. The legendary Napa and Sonoma valleys are home to more than 400 wineries, pairing spectacular views with some of the best wines in the world. Go tasting room hopping in Downtown Napa, take a dip in the natural hot springs in Calistoga, or explore Sonoma County's **Alexander Valley** for exceptional sips of chardonnay and cabernet sauvignon.

For wine tasting on a budget, just head in the other direction. Take a 30-minute drive south to the Livermore Valley, a burgeoning region that boasts a booming number of award-winning wineries and tasting rooms.

WHAT'S BREWING

The craft beer craze began in the Bay Area, with local breweries such as Lagunitas, 21st Amendment, **Russian River Brewing** Company, and Anchor **Brewing** producing dozens of iconic beers. For a craft beer crash

course, sign up for the Tri-Valley Beer Trail. You'll receive exclusive deals and a chance to win some beer swaq—at 18 breweries in Danville, Livermore, and Pleasanton.



Turn Up the Volume

FROM LOCAL BARS TO POP STARS, ROCK OUT IN THE BAY AREA.



MUSIC FESTIVALS

Can't settle on one act? Order a pass to BottleRock Napa Valley or Outside **Lands** in Golden Gate Park. Or enjoy some of the biggest names in music without paying a cent at Hardly Strictly Bluegrass, held annually in Golden Gate Park

PHILL'S FAVORITES For those who love a bit of everything, the Lesher Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek has you covered with a variety of dance performances, stand-up comedy, and local and national touring acts.

Whether it's a classical concert or the headline act at a music festival, the Bay Area knows how to rock.

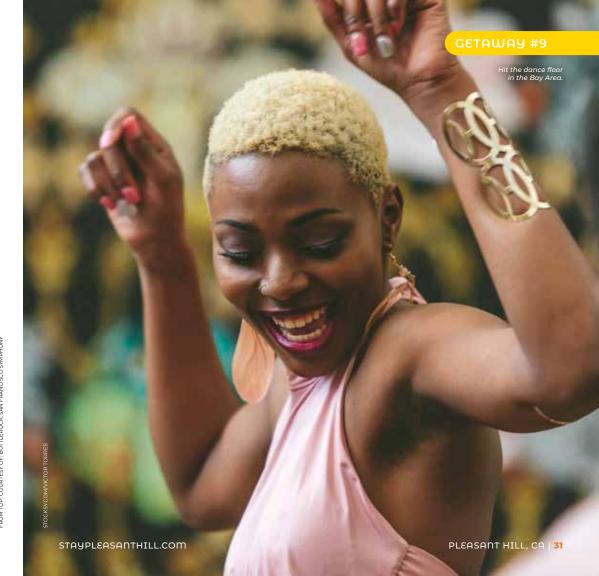
Catch Maroon 5. Santana, and the Backstreet Boys at Concord Pavilion, or enjoy an outdoor performance at Berkeley's Greek Theatre. Or grab a seat at the historic **Fox Theater** in Oakland, an intimate venue that's a favorite of national artists.

Home of the worldrenowned San Francisco

Symphony, the **Davies Symphony Hall** is worth a visit for the concert hall's mind-blowing acoustics and soaring architecture.

San Francisco boasts a rich history of lifting local performers into international superstardom. Discover up-and-coming stars at the city's most popular music clubs, including The Fillmore. Great American Music Hall, The Independent, and Bottom of the Hill.







Night Out: Bars and Glubs

THE FUN DOESN'T STOP UNTIL THE SUN COMES UP.



LIFE'S A DRAG (SHOW)

Over-the-top performances, fabulous outfits, and wild parties are the trademarks of San Francisco's famed drag scene. Pay a visit to any of the city's iconic drag bars to catch shows by legendary queens like Heklina, Amoura Teese, Kochina Rude, and D'Arcy Drollinger.

PHILL'S FAVORITES
For dripks with a view

For drinks with a view, **Rooftop** in Walnut Creek offers a laid-back atmosphere with superb cocktails, modern American fare, and star-filled vistas of Mount Diablo.

The Bay Area knows how to live it up. Order a cocktail or two, make new friends, and dance the night away at the region's best clubs and bars.

In Walnut Creek, keep the good times going at **Retro Junkie**—a funky bar that cranks up the '80s nostalgia—or sidle up to a dive bar with a classy, cocktail-centric twist at

Spoontonic Lounge.

Oakland's vibrant nightlife brings people together over drinks and music, from Heinold's First and Last Chance Saloon—a 116-year-old watering hole once frequented by a young Jack London—to Yoshi's, a sushi bar turned jazz club that's one of the Bay Area's most celebrated late-night spots.

Whether you're a fan of hip hop, EDM, or Latin beats, San Francisco's nightclubs have the soundtrack for you. Every Saturday, the crowds flock to **DNA Lounge** for **Bootie Mashup**, a massive party that takes over the club's four dance floors, while **Temple Nightclub** mixes it up with floor-to-ceiling light shows.

The Bay Area boasts some of the most famous LGBTQ+ bars in the world. A longtime haunt in the Castro, **Q Bar** remains one of the most popular gay bars in San Francisco while Walnut Creek's **Club 1220** will have you shaking it on the dance floor.



Night Out: Place Your Bets

GO DOUBLE OR NOTHING AT ENTERTAINMENT-PACKED CASINOS.



HORSING AROUND

And they're off! Nestled along the San Francisco Bay shoreline, Golden Gate **Fields** is a favorite among horse-racing enthusiasts and newcomers. Make your wagers every Thursday through Sunday.

PHILL'S FAVORITES Get the most bang for your buck! Firsttime visitors to California Grand Casino can receive \$50 in chips for only a \$20 buy-in. Visit californiagrandcasino.com for more info.

Viva Bay Area! Load up on chips and take part in high-stakes fun at some of the best casinos this side of Las Vegas. And if Lady Luck is on your side? You might just walk away the winner of a huge jackpot.

California Grand Casino

Discover a slice of gambling history at the world's oldest continuously running poker room. Located just minutes from Pleasant Hill, the casino has delighted players for more than a century.

Whether you're a gambling newbie or a seasoned high roller, you're sure to have a blast as you try your hand at Texas Hold'em, blackjack, pai gow poker, baccarat, and other popular card games.

Parkwest Casino 580

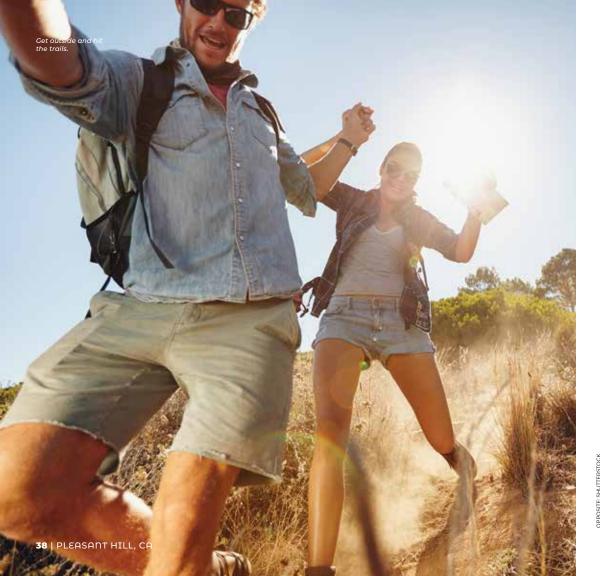
Experience the VIP treatment while you play for the jackpot at this sleek Livermore hot spot, Grab yourself a seat and take your shot at a variety of classic and modern card games such as pai gow poker, three-card poker. blackiack X. and more.

Need a break from the action? Order a handcrafted cocktail and Pacific Rim cuisine at the casino's bar and restaurant. Bar Tatami.









From soaring mountains and redwood forests to serene bays, Pleasant Hill is surrounded by spectacular natural wonders—most of which are just a short drive away. Whether you're looking to discover a new hiking trail, splash around in a lake or the ocean, or engage in a snowball fight with the kids, there's no end to the fun ways to experience the great outdoors. Here are a few nearby destinations for those who are wild at heart.

Trails and Treks

Explore verdant, forested spaces that are open year-round for hiking and biking.

EASY: Frequented by locals and visitors alike, Briones Regional Park is a lovely stretch of rolling grassy hills and shaded oak canopies ideal for a leisurely stroll or pedal. The Alhambra Creek Staging Area in Martinez is a popular trailhead among families as well as outdoor enthusiasts.

MODERATE: With more than 39 miles of trails winding through 2,079 acres of forested hills. Tilden Regional Park in Berkeley offers hikers and bikers

plenty of room to get moving. For stunning Bay Area views, traverse the 4.3-mile Seaview and Big Springs trails loop. Just be ready to work up a sweat—the loop has an elevation gain of 984 feet

ADVANCED: For some serious heart-pumping action, take on **Mount** Diablo State Park, the largest peak in the area. Start at the South Gate Road entrance, then bike up 11.2 miles with an elevation gain of 3,249 feet.



SPIDER SEASON If you're a fan of

creepy-crawlies, be sure to check out the Mitchell Canyon Tarantula Hike on Mount Diablo. a one-of-a-kind event that takes place every September during the arachnids' mating season.

INTO THE WILD



BONUS: Nestled 48 miles west of Pleasant Hill lies the majestic **Muir Woods National** Monument. Best known for its towering, oldgrowth coastal redwoods, Muir Woods has well-maintained trails that wind through its primeval forest and is a must-see for out-of-town visitors.



JUST RELAX Get away and find your zen at Pleasant Hill's Brookwood Park.



Rest at the Summit Visitor Center, where visitors can get a 360-degree view of the Bay Area and beyond, with vistas of the Golden Gate Bridge and Farallon Islands to the west, Mount Hamilton to the southeast, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to the east, and Lassen Peak in the Cascades

to the north. Then enjoy a well-earned downhill cruise on your way back down the mountain.

If you don't feel up to making the grueling trek but still want to witness the incredible mountain views, not to worry—you can drive up and park at the summit.





Splish Splash

Warm sunshine, cool waters, and a refreshing breeze—there's nothing quite like spending an afternoon on the water. The Bay Area offers plenty of ways to get wet, with family-friendly outings and solo adventures.



EASY: Tucked into the oak-lined Livermore Valley, the five-mile-long Lake Del Valle in Del Valle Regional Park is best known for its fishing and boating opportunities. The lake is well stocked with trout and catfish, though dedicated anglers have been known to reel in largemouth, smallmouth, and striped bass as well as panfish. You can fish from the shore or launch any size

vessel at the public boat launch (fees vary depending on watercraft size). Left your oars at home? Rent a motorboat, patio boat, pedal boat, or canoe at the **East Beach** marina area.

MODERATE: For an exhilarating experience that's fun for the whole family, head to the open sea in an ocean kayak. Launch from several spots



SAIL AWAY

VENTURE INTO OPEN WATERS ABOARD A CHARTER BOAT.

With pristine waters and access to the Pacific Ocean, the Bay Area offers a unique opportunity to experience life on the sea.

The region's boat charters provide a variety of maritime fun, from sunset cruises to thrilling sailing expeditions. See wildlife up close on an epic adventure with the

Oceanic Society.

The 7.5-hour trip to the Farallon Islands, a marine sanctuary about 30 miles west of San Francisco where you can catch sight of whales, dolphins, seals, and other creatures

INTO THE WILD



BONUS: Pack in as much sightseeing as you can while riding the waves on a ferry cruise around the bay. Catch any of the ferries departing for San Francisco, take a guided tour to historic

Alcatraz Island, or embark on a pleasant day-trip cruise to Angel Island.



JUST RELAX
Take an evening
stroll around Lake
Merritt in Oakland
and watch the lights
reflect on the water.

along **Sausalito**'s shoreline, or sign up for a tour led by a local outfitter, some of which feature stops at the **Golden Gate Bridge** or **Angel Island.** Or stay close to home with a guided paddle at the **Martinez Marina**, where you can leisurely explore the tranquil **Carquinez Strait.**

ADVANCED: Looking to venture out onto the water? Spend your morning

or afternoon paddling around the **San Francisco Bay** on a stand-up paddleboard (SUP). Many outfitters in **Alameda** and **Benicia** rent out boards and will teach you how to gently pull yourself along the shore or ride some mini-swells for a toning arm and core workout. Or pit yourself against the elements on a guided river expedition with **All-Outdoors California Whitewater Rafting.**









Ice, Ice, Baby

For some truly epic snow play, head to the mountains for a wide range of winter fun.

EASY: About a three-hour drive due east of Pleasant Hill is the spectacular Yosemite National Park. Although beautiful in any season, a snowblanketed Yosemite is simply magical, especially when explored by snowshoe. Any of the trails in the **Crane Flat** area are great for snowshoeing.

MODERATE: About four hours away, Tahoe is definitely a winter wonderland, with more than 10 ski resorts in the area. Hit the slopes for some fast-paced skiing and snowboarding. or take in the tranquil alpine views on well-groomed trails via a pair of cross-country skis. Many Tahoe resorts offer day rentals as well as lessons for first-time skiers and snowboarders.

ADVANCED: For some backcountry adventuring, sign up for a guided tour on Mammoth Mountain. An expert instructor will lead you and a small group of skiers into new terrain, where you'll discover incredible sights while learning downhill ski skills in a one-ofa-kind mountain experience.

INTO THE WILD



BONUS: Shred a different kind of icy terrain in Half Moon Bay. Every winter, avid surfers make the pilgrimage to Mavericks to ride on massive swells that can top out at 60 feet. (Note: Amateur surfers should get a little more experience before taking on these waves.)



JUST RELAX

You don't have to go far for chilly fun. If you're here from November through January, bundle up for outdoor iceskating at Walnut Creek on Ice!



Pocal Bites

SATISFY YOUR FOOD
CRAVINGS AT THESE
NEIGHBORHOOD FAVORITES.

Feeling hangry? Whether you're hankering for a morning pick-me-up or a late-night east at a cozy diner, every meal in Pleasant Hill is guaranteed to hit the spot.

WONDERING WHERE TO EAT TONIGHT? WE'VE GOT SOME SUGGESTIONS.

Whether you're hankering for a morning pick-me-up or a late-night feast at a cozy diner, every meal at these local restaurants is guaranteed to hit the spot.

PLEASANT HILL



1 Chef Chov Chinese Restaurant Friendly staff and

yummy Chinese fare makes for a delicious time.

2 El Morocco

Discover North African cuisine as vou're entertained by belly dancers.

3 Kobe Japan

Chefs dazzle with offerings of sushi rolls sashimi and bento boxes.

WiseGirl Ristorante Italiano & Cocktails

Dine in style at a modern-day speakeasy that serves up classic Italian dishes.

5 Zachary's Chicago Pizza

Comfort food never tasted so good. Unbuckle the belt as you dig into deep-dish pizza at this local favorite.



6 Jack's



Thai Village Restaurant

Fill up on fresh and hearty dishes of curry, noodles, and more at this hidden gem.

American fare with a Greek influence that hits the spot.

CONCORD



Mikuni 6 Mikuni Sushi

8 Sichuan Fortune

House Sample the flavors of China's Sichuan province.

9 Wence's Pair regional wines with savory seafood.

Slow Hand вво

Feast on some of the best woodsmoked BBQ you'll ever try. The family-owned restaurant serves gigantic portions that are cooked to perfection in brick pits.

WALDUT CREEK

Havana The moment you take a bite of one of the flavorful tapas or entrees, you'll swear vou've been transported to the colorful capital

city of Cuba. Come for the food, stick around for the catchy live music.

12 Rooftop

Upscale California fare with a view.

13 Benvenuti Ristorante Feel the love in these made-from-scratch Italian eats.

14 Lokanta Mediterranean Grill & Bar Enjoy an exquisite menu with a California twist.

15 True Food Kitchen Healthy, organic eats that don't skimp on the flavor.

Yard

Cold draft beer.

Enough said.

House

that won't break the bank, this Oakland establishment is the only East Bay

DON'T MISS THESE

STANDOUT BAY

AREA EATERIES.

BROWN SUGAR

popular restaurant

in Uptown Oakland

puts the "soul" in

COMMIS: Offering

aourmet dinina

soul food

KITCHEN: The

restaurant with a Michelin Star

LITTLE BAOBAB:

Every bite is a taste of heaven at this tiny Senegalese eatery in San Francisco

SOL FOOD: With locations in San

Rafael and Mill Valley, this Puerto Rican restaurant is worth the one-hour drive



Delight your

taste buds with flavors of Japan. 17 Eureka! Gourmet burgers done right.

18 Lazy Dog Restaurant & Bar Unwind with brews

and pub fare.

19 Shabuya Indulge in all-vou-can-eat hot pot.

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More Eats

STILL HUNGRY? EAT YOUR WAY ALL DAY AT THESE PLEASANT HILL SPOTS.

COFFEE BREAK

Start the morning right at Latte Da Espresso & More, a cutesy cafe that brews up traditional coffee drinks and smoothies alongside an assortment of breakfast bagels, sandwiches, and pastries. If you're looking for a classic diner breakfast, make a beeline

> for the cozy Plaza Cafe, where heaping portions will fuel you for a busy day of business or pleasure.

> > For afternoon refreshment, pay a visit to Milk Tea Lab. Settle down with some friends as you

sip boba and play a board game from the cafe's selection.

DOWN-HOME DINING

Comfort food has never tasted so amazing. Get messy with fingerlicking-good BBQ at Kinder's. (Tip: Order a bottle or two of the homemade BBQ sauces to take home.)















For classic American fare that the whole family can enjoy, grab a table at **Mr. Lucky's.**

Want your meal with a side of retro vibes? Chomp into a foot-long frankfurter at **Caspers Hot Dogs,** made from the same family recipe since 1934. Or go back to pioneering times at **Back Forty Texas BBQ,** which serves up award-winning ribs as well as a story fit for the Old West (the original restaurant was won in a poker game).

AROUND THE WORLD

You don't have to travel across the globe to find great world cuisines. Take a culinary tour of Asia in Pleasant Hill. Your first stop, **Japan: Jo's Honda Sushi** serves up inspired takes on traditional Japanese fare, while **Yokoso Sushi** brings a Bay Area twist to its menu, with sushi rolls named after local sports teams. Or go for traditional Chinese cuisine that's sure to satisfy at **Ming's**.

For the freshest flavors from our Southern neighbors, visit **El Aguila Mexican Cuisine.** With ingredients sourced locally as well as tortillas made by hand every day, every bite is delicious.

Hankering for Mediterranean? **Gotta Eatta Pita** keeps it simple with homemade pita and hummus that'll have you double-dipping all day long.

BITES AROUND THE BAY

With Michelin-starred dining and ridiculously cheap (and ridiculously delicious) eats, these Bay Area spots boast some of the best flavors that you'll ever taste.

Berkeley: Gourmet Ghetto Just north of University of California, Berkeley, the Gourmet Ghetto is a tasty delight of diverse cuisines. The star of the show is the world-renowned Chez Panisse, helmed by chef, restaurateur, and best-selling author Alice Waters. A visit to The Cheese Board Collective is a must for pizza lovers both young and old

Napa: Oxbow Public Market This is not your ordinary food court. A stone's throw from the Napa River, the 40,000-square-foot marketplace counts more than 20 restaurants and shops, offering everything from delectable chocolates and aromatic spices to exquisite sushi and mouthwatering burgers.

Oakland: Temescal District The
North Oakland district is a haven of
eats, sweets, and treats. You can't go
wrong with any of the area's Ethiopian,
Korean, or pizza joints, but nothing
beats the sweet-and-savory combo of
a fried chicken sandwich and ginger
molasses cookie from Bakesale Betty.

(Tip: Make sure to get there early—lines can easily stretch around the block!)

San Francisco's Mission District No

(culinary) trip is complete without a visit to the Mission District, home to more than a dozen taquerias serving up the best Mexican food you'll find in Northern California. The historic **La Taqueria** lives up to its name, taking you on a vacation south of the border with savory street tacos and burritos. Grab a seat at one of the communal tables, or get your order to go and make the short walk to picturesque Dolores Park.



PHILL'S FAVORITES

With his sharp nose and discerning palate, Phill is a natural when it comes to discovering the latest and greatest spots for dining out. Visit staypleasant hill.com for a breakdown of his favorite local restaurants.



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Maybe you went on an epic hike up Mount Diablo. Or maybe you finished a wine tasting extravaganza in Livermore Wine Country. Or maybe you lazed the day away at the beach in Santa Cruz. Whatever the case, it's time you treated yourself to a little bit of pampering at one of our local spas.



ou don't have to go far to find serenity, with Pleasant Hill and Walnut Creek boasting some of the best luxury spas and salons in the entire Bay Area.

Spavia Day Spa is your one-stop spa for everything from refreshing facials and massages to top-notch waxing and tanning services. Celebrating a special occasion? "Spalebration" packages are available for bridal parties, baby showers, work retreats, and more.

A head-to-toe transformation awaits you at **Le Jardin Salon.** Update your look with expert hairstyling, facials, waxing, and more at this charming four-cottage compound.

Help the whole family relax at the **American Family Hot Tub and Massage.** This serene oasis features the best of both worlds: soothing soaking tubs and professional massage services. (Tip: Opt

for an "open" room for scenic views of the sky.) Get your glow on at

European Touch Day Spa with one of its signature facials, complete with deep pore cleansing, therapeutic massage, and a customized mask. Regulars love the Chocolate Layered Facial an organic chocolate hydration mask that leaves

Enjoy a truly luxurious mani-pedi experience at **Beauty Lounge,** which has its very own wine bar. Want a complete makeover? The full-service salon provides wax treatments and hairstyling, too.

skin feeling delicious.

From the moment you step into **The Woodhouse Day Spa,** you know you're in for a treat. The gorgeous 6,800-square-foot space offers a variety of relaxing massages and skin treatments—including award-winning facials that make for a perfect girls' day out.



Let's Meet Up!

HOLD YOUR NEXT BUSINESS OR SOCIAL EVENT HERE IN PLEASANT HILL.

end out the invitations! Ideal for birthday bashes, bridal parties, business meetings, and everything in between, Pleasant Hill has everything you need for an unforgettable event.

Rent out the Perera Pavilion at the Pleasant

Hill Recreation Center. Vaulted ceilings and floor-to-ceiling windows, scenic views of nearby redwoods, an expansive space able to seat up to 380 people. and an attached catering kitchen make it the perfect setting for large, festive affairs. Looking for something smaller? The McHale Room seats up to 80 people and comes with an AV package add-on, ideal for business presentations.

Many of the local hotels also accommodate events. For more details, including exclusive deals for travelers, businesses, and corporations booking their events through Stay Pleasant Hill, visit staypleasanthill.com.





Phill's Favorites.

Phill is a big fan of destination weddings-but he loves great deals even more. Whether you're planning to have your wedding in the rolling hills of San Francisco. beneath the branches of a magical redwood forest, or among the rustic vineyards of Wine Country, help your guests save a buck by having them stay in Pleasant Hill. See page 68 to find the perfect accommodations for every style and budget, or visit staypleasant hill.com to learn more about our

local hotels as well

as exclusive deals

dug up by Phill

himself.



Wedding Season

LEARN WHY THE BAY AREA IS A TOP WEDDING DESTINATION.

ucolic countryside framed by forested hills. Shimmering vistas of the San Francisco Bay and Pacific Ocean. Iconic landmarks serving as unforgettable backdrops for weddings.

It's easy to see why couples love to say "I do" in the Bay Area. With gorgeous views, cozy accommodations, and world-class venues, our region sets the bar for one-of-a-kind nuptials.

Pleasant Hill is surrounded by several scenic spots where you and

your forever boo can exchange your vows. Take your wedding to new heights along the slopes of Mount Diablo State Park. Looking for pastoral charm? Get married among the roses at The Gardens at Heather Farm or under a gazebo at Pleasant Hill Community Center. For smaller, more intimate affairs, Homewood Suites by Hilton and Hyatt House Pleasant Hill provide luxury and budget-friendly convenience for your special day.





How to Get Around

WHETHER YOU'RE TRAVELING BY PLANE, TRAIN, OR AUTOMOBILE, PLEASANT HILL'S CENTRAL LOCATION MAKES IT EASY TO EXPLORE THE BAY AREA.



BY CAR

Conveniently located next to **Interstate 680,** Pleasant Hill provides access to all major routes to top destinations in the Bay Area and beyond, including San Francisco, Wine Country, and even Lake Tahoe.



BY PLANE

Rack up those travel points, frequent flyers! Pleasant Hill is less than 40 miles away from two international airports and a local airport.

Buchanan Field Airport (CCR)

Just three miles from Downtown Pleasant Hill, the airport is serviced by JSX, which offers

private and affordable direct flights to and from Los Angeles and Orange County. Fly in firstclass luxury at coach prices.

Oakland International (OAK)

Overlooking the San Francisco Bay, Oakland International is just a half-hour drive or a one-hour BART ride from Pleasant Hill.

San Francisco International

(SFO) Servicing flights from around the world, the largest Bay Area airport provides a convenient connection via BART or a scenic drive across the Bay Bridge on your way to Pleasant Hill.





BY TRAIN

Hop aboard an **Amtrak** train for some old-fashioned traveling. With a station in neighboring Martinez, getting to Pleasant Hill is a short taxi, Uber, or Lyft ride away.

And now that you're here, what's the best way to get around? With 50 stations across the Bay Area—including stops in San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley, and the Silicon Valley—**BART** is the easiest way to discover everything that the region has to offer. Catch a ride at the **Pleasant Hill/Contra Costa Centre Station,**

only minutes from Downtown Pleasant Hill.

Learn more about traveling here at **staypleasanthill.com**.



Movies THE EAST BAY INTERNATIONAL JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

A favorite of movie buffs everywhere, this annual film festival showcases indie flicks from around the world celebrating Jewish culture. Usually hosted at the

Century 16 Theater in Downtown Pleasant Hill, this year's event will be held virtually. Visit eastbayjewish film.org for more

information.

Mark Your Calendar

IN THE BAY AREA, FUN TIMES CAN BE FOUND ALL YEAR ROUND.

usic festivals featuring performances by the industry's biggest stars. Foodie fairs offering boozy and culinary delights. Heart-pumping half-marathons racing past cheering crowds. Spectacular holiday events bringing joy during the winter months.

As the Bay Area begins to reopen, the region's most popular events are

starting to return, too. From concerts to cosplay, craft fairs to craft brews, car shows to carnivals, share in our community spirit as we celebrate coming together again.

Visit **staypleasanthill.com** for the latest info and health guidelines for events happening in the area. We can't wait to see you here.

Planned Events

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE CONCERTS, FESTIVALS, AND COMPETITIONS. CHECK

STAYPLEASANTHILL.COM FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON EVENTS IN THE AREA.



OAKLAND ARENA

- Rage Against the Machine with Run the Jewels
- · A.R. Rahman
- · Celine Dion
- · Mv Chemical Romance
- · The Weeknd
- · André Rieu

Festivals & Contests Blues and Brews Festival July 2021, Pleasant Hill Park



Pleasant Hill Chamber Golf Tournament Aug. 2021, Diablo Creek Golf Course

Art, Wine & Music FestivalOct. 2021, Downtown Pleasant Hill



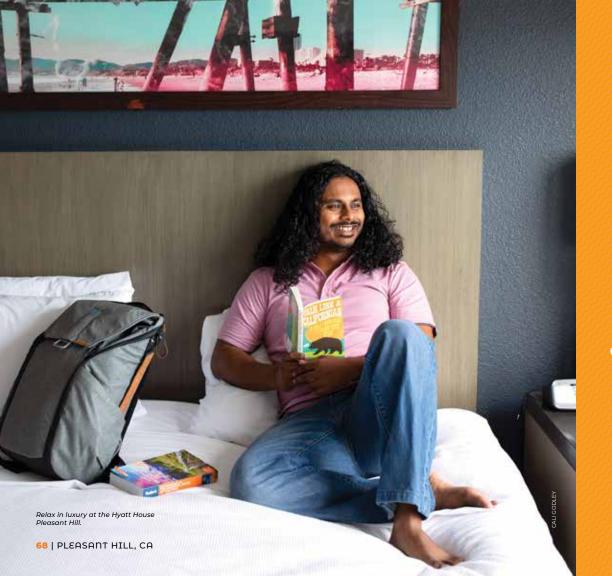
Rock out to these upcoming acts. Check venue websites for latest information.

CONCORD PAVILION

- Steely Dan with Steve Winwood
- · Chicago and Rick Springfield
- Santana and Earth,
 Wind & Fire
- · Maroon 5 and Meghan Trainor
- · Alanis Morissette
- · Backstreet Boys
- The Black Crowes
- · Megadeth and Lamb of God



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Stay in Weasant Hill

With luxury hotels and cozy retreats, Pleasant Hill has accommodations to fit every style and budget.

Our city is the best spot to make your home base thanks to our central location and easy access to airports, freeways, and BART.

FIND YOUR PERFECT STAY. ...

Residence Inn by Marriott

Designed for extended stays, the inn's modern suites include living and dining areas and fully equipped kitchens, plus a complimentary grocery shopping service that delivers fresh ingredients straight to your room. The fitness center is available 24/7, and you can play a game of basketball, volleyball, or paddle tennis with the kids at the inn's Sport Court®. Free hot breakfast and Wi-Fi and an outdoor pool round out the amenities.

700 Ellinwood Way, (925) 689-1010

AMENITIES











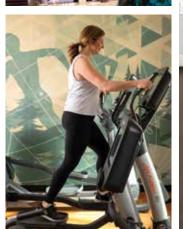


Hyatt House Pleasant Hill

From business travelers and solo adventurers to families on vacation, Hyatt House has the right room for you, with suites featuring full kitchens (plus grocery shopping services) and separate living and sleeping spaces. Enjoy free breakfast at the Omelet Bar, get your heart pumping in the outdoor swimming pool and 24-hour fitness center, and wind down with a drink or two at the H Bar.

2611 Contra Costa Blvd., (925) 934-3343







AMENITIES























Homewood Suites by Hilton

This hotel puts the "home" in Homewood Suites. Wake up to a free hot breakfast, work out in the fitness center, cool off in the outdoor pool, and enjoy some family time at one of the BBQ pits. Expansive studio and one-bedroom suites include fully equipped kitchens and living areas and comes with free parking, ideal for longer stays. 650 Ellinwood Way, (925) 483-6788

AMENITIES

















Sonesta Select Pleasant Hill

Luxury meets convenience at Sonesta Select. In town for business? Work in the hotel's spacious suites and business center, then treat yourself to a well-deserved cocktail at the onsite restaurant and bar. If you're here with the family, the hotel is also a quick walk across the street from downtown Pleasant Hill. Planning a meeting? Sonesta offers 640 square-feet of flexible-format meeting rooms. 2250 Contra Costa Blvd., (925) 691-1444

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Extended Stay America

Whether you book a room for a day, a week, or a month, Extended Stay is dedicated to making you feel at home, with fully equipped kitchens, complimentary grab-andgo breakfast, and free Wi-Fi. Take a break with a relaxing dip in the hotel's hot tub. 3220 Buskirk Ave., (925) 945-6788

AMENITIES

















Pleasant Hill Inn

Stay on a budget in newly remodeled suites. The inn offers complimentary continental breakfast and free Wi-Fi, and the indoor heated pool is great for an early morning workout or winding down after a long day of adventuring. 1432 Contra Costa Blvd., (925) 689-3600







INDOOR POOL



Phill's Favorites

Phill the Dog knows a good deal when he spots one. Visit

staypleasant hill.com/ lodging to find exclusive discounts our pup has sniffed up.

MEET HERE HOST YOUR EVENT IN PLEASANT HILL.

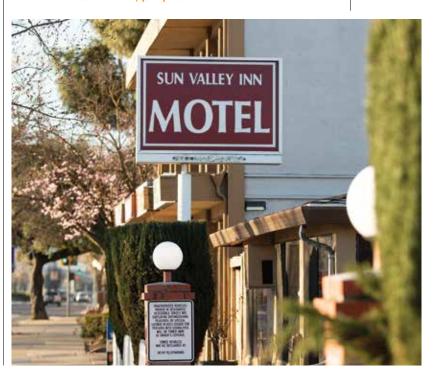
Reduce the hassle of event planning and meet where you're staying. with select hotels offering packages for weddings, conferences, and more. Visit staypleasant hill.com to find

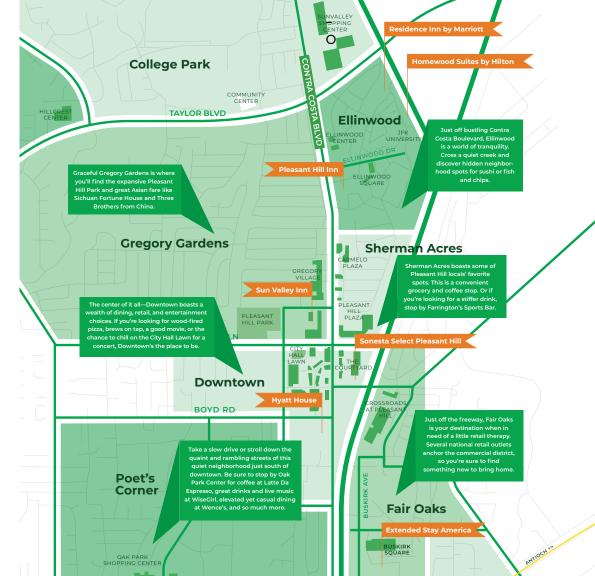
Sun Valley Inn

Don't need the frills of a luxury suite? Offering rooms at under \$100 a night, Sun Valley Inn provides the best of the basics with large spaces, comfy beds, and free Wi-Fi. It is also conveniently located in downtown Pleasant Hill, with dozens of restaurants and shops within walking distance.

2245 Contra Costa Blvd., (925) 687-0171







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