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California Welcome Center – El Dorado Hills
Mountain Air, Warm Country Hospitality and the Harvest Atmosphere
An Outdoor Enthusiasts' Dream

You may have missed your opportunity to strike it rich during the California Gold Rush, but local landmarks, annual celebrations, and historic museums will take you back in time. You can still pan for gold on the rivers that run throughout this region, though fishing, rafting and kayaking are more popular these days. If you appreciate fine wine, made in small lots by passionate winemakers, come to Gold Country.


The millions of vacationers who travel highway 50 on their way to Lake Tahoe receive just a glimpse of the agricultural diversity. However, there is so much more than just the sights from this historic road. The beautiful Sierra Nevada mountain range welcomes farm trails, shopping, accommodations, wineries, arts and culture. Hundreds of farmers and ranchers produce an amazing abundance and variety of agricultural products. Many types of fruit trees bloom and add their rainbow of colors to the landscape.

To grasp California's true gold, you can escape to the Sierra foothills for outdoor recreation year round. Experience the magic at Lake Tahoe, surrounded by world famous ski-resorts with legendary snow in winter, with arts, music, and festivals in summer. Hoist a backpack and hike to a one of the many swimming holes. Four wheeling on the Rubicon or shopping in El Dorado Hills' Town Center, this region has everything to make your California visit unforgettable.

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Soak up history at the State Capitol building in Sacramento

Tour elegant rooms depicting various eras in California's past.

A walk through the lovely 19th-century State Capitol is a must on any visitor's list. Free tours of the building leave hourly, ushering you in to admire the salmon-pink Senate Gallery and the lush green Assembly Room. In the Assembly Room, look for the gargoyle jutting from the molding; do you think it's an accident that the tongue is sticking out at the speaker's podium? Permanent exhibits include rooms authentically furnished to capture the look of important points in California's history. In addition, special exhibits may cover other interesting topics, such as the 1906 quake.

Inside tip: Be sure to visit the building's remarkable basement, decorated with impressive murals.

One block south of the Capitol, check out the California Museum and the California Hall of Fame, conceived by First Lady Maria Shriver. The exhibit recognizes and commemorates legendary Californians—icons like pilot Chuck Yeager, farm workers' hero Cesar Chavez, astronaut Sally Ride, filmmaker George Lucas, former president Ronald Reagan, and athlete Rafer Johnson—who have influenced the state, the nation, and the world. Back outside, take a stroll through the adjacent 40-acre Capitol Park, where you can enjoy the shade (a blessing in summer) of trees from around the world.

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