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CALIFORNIA WINE COUNTRY

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The idea of a California Wine Country destination wedding that gathers family and friends at an exquisite location is a dream that many brides share, but that few know how to bring to fruition. How can you plan the ultimate wine country wedding if you aren't located on the Golden Coast? Our Creative Director, Kaitlyn Smale, jetted off to Sonoma County, California to learn how easy it is with the help of Sonoma County Tourism and event planner Off the Beaten Path Signature Experiences. Dive into this first-hand experience of how you can achieve the California Wine Country wedding of your dreams.

EASY PLANNING FROM AFAR

How are you supposed to tour venues, attend tastings and coordinate with your florist all from thousands of miles away? Enter an all-inclusive event planner that will coordinate everything (yes, everything!) necessary for your wine country nuptials. With an expertise in planning celebrations in nature, Off the Beaten Path (OTBP) specializes in eco-friendly, quality driven and sustainable practices. All of this means a stress-free planning experience that allows you to focus on the most important thing—celebrating your love.



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Choosing the Venue

Picture yourself sipping cocktails under the stars at a meticulously gardened, private residence adorned with palm trees or eating an extravagant, five-course dinner in your very own romantic wine cave. These are just a few of the unique options Off the Beaten Path has to offer for your welcome party, rehearsal dinner, reception and farewell brunch! Off the Beaten Path will secure the perfect, trendy venue for your dream wedding. Many of their venues are private estates that are exclusive for OTBP brides. They also work with luxury venue management firm Distinct Locations to offer even more options. Can you say 'chic'?



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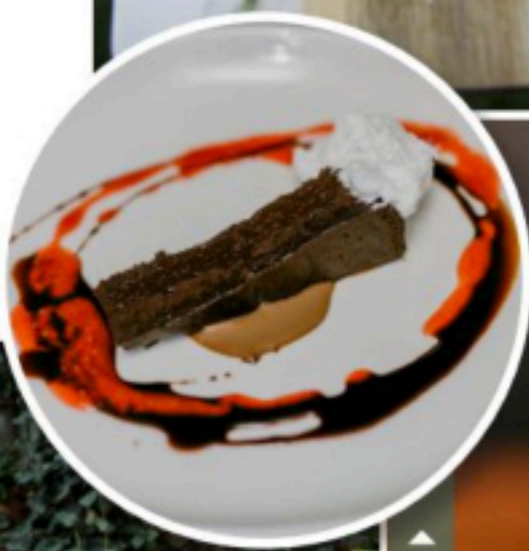
The Food & Drinks

A celebration in nature wouldn't be complete without a farm-to-table feast. All catering uses locally sourced products from respected names such as Beffa Springs Ranch and Cowgirl Creamery. You can enjoy assorted flatbreads, pear/peach mixed-greens salads, crab capellini, grilled pork tenderloin and flourless chocolate cake with raspberry coulis, to name a few. This delicious and visually appealing cuisine will impress guests at relaxed welcome parties or elegant receptions. Of course, you can't have a California Wine Country wedding without wine! Sip on selections from Petroni Vineyards, K Squared Cellars and Silver Trident Winery, all expertly paired with each meal. Expecting guests that aren't wine people (gasp!)? OTBP can provide seasonally-inspired beverages and personalized cocktails from distillers such as Alley 6 that are just as pretty as they are tasty!

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The Details

There is no need to stress over the details of your florals and tablescape décor. Your event planner can acquire fresh florals from local farms and coordinate rentals to ensure your event's vibe is exactly as you pictured it. Put the final touches on your event with custom stationery such as wooden menus with metal adornments which double as a unique party favor for your guests!

The Experience

Whether your style is plated meals or family-style dinners, the celebration will center around the gathering of family and friends. It's about the juxtaposition of luxury amidst nature, taking in the beauty of wine country and curating that California Wine Country destination wedding you've always dreamed about.



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