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A Girlfriends' Getaway in Napa Valley

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If you've ever attempted to pull off a getaway with friends, you've likely faced the challenge of catering to a variety of interests. There's your college roommate who can't wait to get to the spa and your sister who wants to hop on a mountain bike; one friend wants to hit the local boutiques while another would rather browse at art galleries.

Don't despair that there is no possible way to satisfy everyone. Instead, turn to the [Napa Valley](#). For active travelers, there are great biking and hiking trails. Anyone looking for spa treatments will be in heaven in Calistoga, with its legendary mud baths and springs. Shoppers will want to leave room in their luggage for olive oil soaps, artisanal foods, and one-of-a-kind gifts. Oenophiles will enjoy the area's most famous product, and everyone will be happy to swap stories at day's end over a meal highlighting the bounty grown right here in Napa Valley.

On our suggested four-day itinerary, you'll find it's easy enough to ramp up the number of sporty, wine, shopping, spa and other activities depending on your specific gang's interests.

Napa Valley came together as a community when wildfires struck in fall 2017. The area is welcoming welcome travelers—whose visits mean more now than ever. To help inspire your next trip, read on for our suggested itinerary.

DAY 3

Wine Pairings

There are somewhere around 400 wineries in the Napa Valley; you aren't going to be able to hit more than a few. Here are ones that may be best suited to your group.

[Raymond Vineyards](#), in St. Helena, is known for its off-beat whimsical atmosphere with a red velvet tent and unusual art installations. On a visit here you can blend your own signature wine in the tasting room and take home a case, complete with its own custom label. You could also choose to order a case of their new Honoris wine, a new blend that honors the first responders in the Napa Valley wild fires, with all proceeds going to wine country relief.