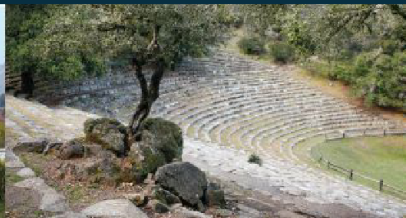
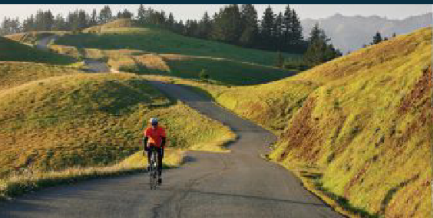


# MARIN COUNTY

## *OFFICIAL VISITORS GUIDE*

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*And Meeting Planners Guide*



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**Marin**  
CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

*Our Mission: To develop a sustainable visitor base to Marin County, enhance the local economies, and protect the natural resources through responsible promotion.*

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**LEGEND**

- Wilderness Area and Game Refuges
- Pt. Reyes National Seashore/Muir Woods National Monument
- Golden Gate National Recreation Area
- State and County Parks

**Marin**  
Just a little out there.

**A Land Like No Other.**

*Almost 85 percent of Marin's land has been protected from development. So, while it's just across the Golden Gate Bridge from San Francisco, it's a world away from any metropolis. Craggy coastlines, rolling mountains, towering redwoods, and breathtaking beauty around every bend. You really do have to see it for yourself.*



*There are places that simply feel different.  
Where a combination of uncommon things  
creates something truly unique.*

## **Take the path less traveled and discover Marin!**

Marin County is expansive and once here, we want to help you. Below are a handful of traffic tips that will help you on the roads. There is also a variety of transportation methods of getting around, from bus and ferry service, to destination shuttles and airport transfers.

### **LOCATION**

Marin County is located in Northern California, just across the Golden Gate Bridge, north of San Francisco and nestled between Sonoma County to the north, and Napa County to the north-east. The main north-south artery, Highway 101, allows access to San Francisco and Sonoma Counties, while Highway One provides access to the communities of West Marin/Point Reyes Seashore and our scenic Marin coast.

### **CLIMATE**

Marin enjoys a temperate, Mediterranean climate year round. Winters are moderate with temperatures averaging 55 degrees Fahrenheit, with the possibility of rain. Summers are warm and dry, with the strong possibility of morning and evening fog, especially in the Golden Gate area. The average summer temperature is 82 degrees Fahrenheit. A light coat or jacket is recommended for the summer evenings.

### **DEMOGRAPHICS**

Population: 252,409 at the 2010 Census  
Square miles in land area: 520 square miles  
Location: Latitude - 38.067, Longitude - 122.73  
165,000 acres of land support 200+ farms and ranches

## **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

### **Angel Island Ferry**

415.435.2131  
[www.angelislandferry.com](http://www.angelislandferry.com)

### **Tideline Water Taxi**

415.339.0196  
[www.tidelineSF.com](http://www.tidelineSF.com)

### **Marin Transit**

415.256.8832  
[www.marintransit.org](http://www.marintransit.org)

### **Muir Woods Shuttle**

[www.marintransit.org/  
routes/66](http://www.marintransit.org/routes/66)  
West Marin Stagecoach  
415.526.3239

### **Golden Gate Transit**

Bus and Ferry Service  
415.455.2000  
[www.goldengatetransit.org](http://www.goldengatetransit.org)

Spanish Customer Service  
415.257.4404

## **AIRPORT TRANSFERS**

### **Marin Airporter**

415.461.4222  
[www.marinairporter.com](http://www.marinairporter.com)

### **Pure Luxury Transportation**

800.626.5466  
[www.pureluxury.com](http://www.pureluxury.com)

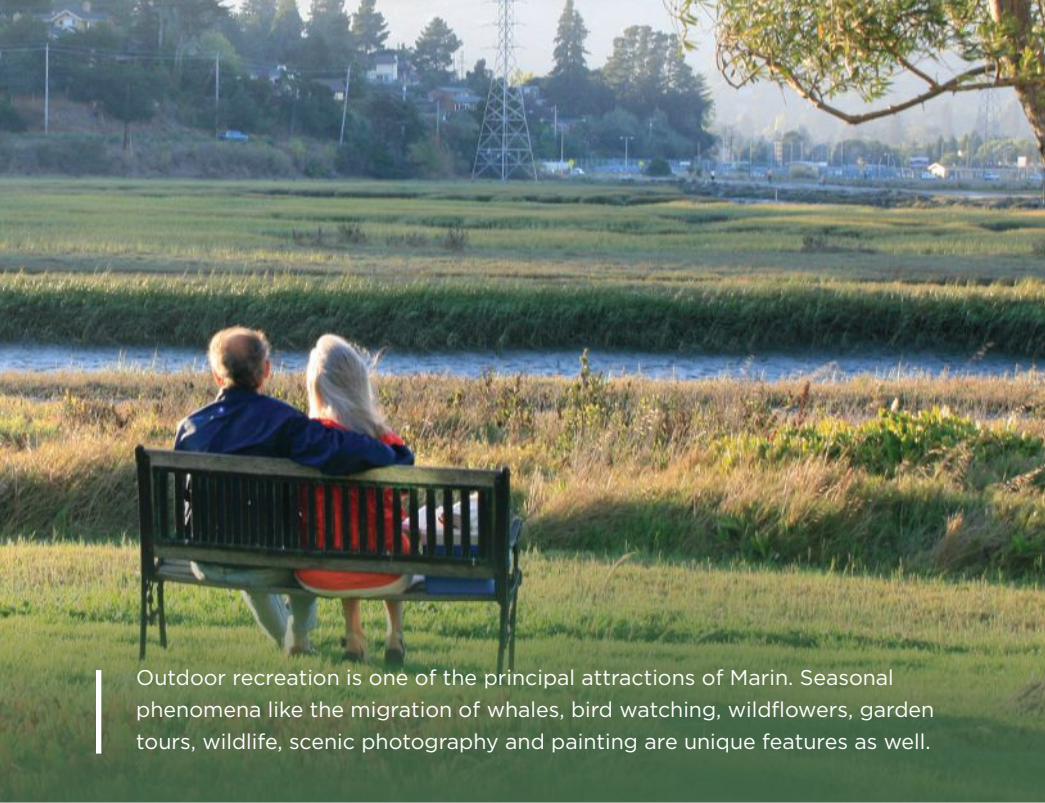
### **Airports**

San Francisco International  
[www.flysfo.com](http://www.flysfo.com)

Oakland International  
[www.flyoakland.com](http://www.flyoakland.com)

### **For Golden Gate Transit Info**

**Call toll-free: dial 511  
and say "Golden Gate  
Transit" then "Operator"**



Outdoor recreation is one of the principal attractions of Marin. Seasonal phenomena like the migration of whales, bird watching, wildflowers, garden tours, wildlife, scenic photography and painting are unique features as well.

## MARIN EVENTS

### January and February

*Whale Migration Watching*  
*Elephant Seal Breeding*

### March

*Fairfax Brewfest*  
*Egret & Blue Heron Nesting*

### April

*Point Reyes Birding Festival*  
*Opening Day on the Bay*

### May

*May Madness Car Parade*  
*Larkspur Flower & Food Festival*

### June

*Fairfax Art & Music Festival*  
*Novato Art & Wine Festival*  
*Marin Art Festival*  
*San Anselmo Art & Wine*  
*Mill Valley Wine & Food*

### July

*Marin County Fair*  
*Twin Cities Parade - 4th of July*  
*Kule Loklo Big Time Festival*

### August

*San Rafael Food & Wine Faire*  
*Tule Elk Viewing in Pt. Reyes*  
*Annual Sand Sculpture Contest*

### September

*Greenbrae Mini Maker Faire*  
*Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival*  
*Taste of Downtown San Rafael*  
*Sausalito Artists @ Work*

### October

*Mill Valley Film Festival*  
*Trick or Treat on Fourth St.*  
*Biketoberfest*

### November

*Parade of Lights & Winter*  
*Wonderland*

### December

*Lighted Boat Parade*  
*Marin County Antique Show*

## FARM TOURS AND FARMERS MARKETS

[agriculturalinstitute.org](http://agriculturalinstitute.org)  
[drakesbayoyster.com](http://drakesbayoyster.com)  
[heidrunmeadery.com](http://heidrunmeadery.com)  
[malt.org](http://malt.org)  
[marinfrenchcheese.com](http://marinfrenchcheese.com)  
[marinorganic.org](http://marinorganic.org)  
[sanrafaelmarket.org](http://sanrafaelmarket.org)  
[theforkatpointreyes.com](http://theforkatpointreyes.com)

## NATIONAL PARKS

Muir Woods National Monument  
Point Reyes National Seashore

## STATE PARKS

Angel Island  
China Camp  
Mt. Tamalpais  
Olompali  
Samuel P. Taylor  
Tomales Bay

## GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

Forts Baker and Cronkhite  
Marin Headlands  
Muir Beach  
Rodeo Beach  
Stinson Beach  
Tennessee Valley Beach

## GOLF

San Geronimo Golf Course  
Peacock Gap Golf Club

## SHOPPING

Bon Air Center  
Northgate Mall San Rafael  
The Village at Corte Madera  
Town Center Corte Madera  
Vintage Oaks Novato

### Travel Tip:

Enjoy more of our beautiful county by traveling during off-peak times. It is highly recommended that you utilize public transportation when available to access Marin's most popular attractions.



## Explore the Best of Marin

***Some people think you have to be in the shadow of tall buildings to truly shop. But you'll be amazed what you can find in the warmth of the sun.***

Each community in Marin offers shoppers something unique to suit every taste and desire. Boutique finds, one-of-a-kind crafts, handmade gifts, and home furnishings can be found in community shops across Marin. Plus art galleries and studios feature the work of local artists that can't be found anywhere else in the world.

In addition to local shops, Marin County is home to some of the biggest names in retail. Just about any store you can find in San Francisco, Chicago, or New York, you can find in Marin. The difference is the shopping experience. Most of Marin shopping centers fill your day with sunshine and fresh air along with great deals and amazing finds.

### **Fine food, fresh from the source.**

From cozy and casual to elegant and refined, Marin County is home to more than 500 restaurants. What makes them truly special is access to California's freshest seasonal ingredients.

Fifty percent of Marin County is farmland, growing everything from fruits and vegetables to olives and wine grapes. Marin dairy farms supply fresh milk, butter, and artisan cheeses. And the culinary palette of the Bay Area challenges every chef to create dishes that are among the best you'll ever have.

Your Marin County dining experience may bring you to a mountain-side lodge providing dramatic views, a rustic ranch with live music and dancing, a bayside café with views of sailboats and the Golden Gate Bridge, a modern Italian villa, or a historic country inn. Fine wines, of course, are the order of the day, with the best of California's wine country at our doorstep.

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*Marin is one famous bridge away from a world-class city. It's the Oceanside cradle of internationally renowned vineyards. But there's more to it than proximity. Geographically, philosophically, and by almost any measure imaginable—Marin County is "just a little out there..."*



### **Plenty to do. Or not do.**

Marin County is an outdoor recreation wonderland, with weather that allows for mountain biking, hiking, kayaking, and sailing all year long. Plus there are more relaxed activities like whale watching, garden tours, scenic plein air painting, photography and more.

### **Choose your destination**

Marin is filled with wonderful outdoor spaces that you can just stumble upon. But the Marin Convention & Visitor Bureau can help you find the perfect place for the perfect activity. You can mountain bike high atop Mount Tamalpais or deep in a redwood grove. You can sunbathe at Stinson Beach or walk the foggy, craggy coastline of Point Reyes National Seashore.

### **Protected lands**

Nearly half of Marin land is permanently preserved as open space, watershed, or parkland. So that means you have a wide variety of outdoor choices all around you. Some are world-renowned destinations like Muir Woods and Point Reyes. Others are remote gems where you might not encounter another human being.

### **From your home base in Marin**

The beauty of Marin County is fully realized and self-contained. But there's another beauty worth noting: It's central location. From your home base of Marin County, you can explore other things that the Bay Area has to offer without ever losing a day to an overly-long commute.

### **Let us help plan your visit**

Start the day with a tour of legendary Muir Woods National Monument, a remnant of the ancient coastal redwood forests that blanketed many Northern California coastal valleys before the 1800s. From there, travel north on coastal Highway 1 and visit the Point Reyes National Seashore. In the quaint town of Point Reyes Station, tour a creamery and observe cheese making in action as the creamery makes 3,000 pounds of handmade cheese each week.

Marin County is also the birthplace of mountain biking. Bike famous Mt. Tamalpais and have your breath taken away both by the stunning ocean views and steep climbs through tall trees and mountain air.



## Sleep next to nature. Or in the lap of luxury.

*The lodging in Marin is as diverse as the land. Camp under the stars. Sequester yourself in a beachside bungalow. Stay with a trusted favorite hotel. Or discover the heights of indulgence at a no-compromise resort. However you want to rest your head, Marin can make it feel like home.*

### **Corte Madera**

#### ***America's Best Value Inn***

1595 Casa Buena Drive  
415.924.3570 • [www.americasbestvalueinn.com](http://www.americasbestvalueinn.com)

#### ***Best Western PLUS Corte Madera Inn***

56 Madera Boulevard  
415.924.1502 • [www.cortemaderainn.com](http://www.cortemaderainn.com)

#### ***Budget Inn***

706 Meadowsweet Drive  
415.924.3680 • [www.budgetinn.com](http://www.budgetinn.com)

#### ***Marin Suites Hotel***

45 Tamal Vista Boulevard  
415.924.3608 • [www.marinsuites.com](http://www.marinsuites.com)

### **Larkspur**

#### ***Courtyard by Marriott***

2500 Larkspur Landing Circle  
415.925.1800 • [www.courtyard.com/sfoll](http://www.courtyard.com/sfoll)

### **Mill Valley**

#### ***Acqua Hotel***

555 Redwood Highway  
415.380.0400 • [www.marinhotels.com](http://www.marinhotels.com)

#### ***America's Best Value Inn***

155 Shoreline Highway  
415.332.1732 • [www.americasbestvalueinn.com](http://www.americasbestvalueinn.com)

#### ***Holiday Inn Express Mill Valley***

160 Shoreline Highway  
415.332.5700 • [www.hiexpress.com](http://www.hiexpress.com)

#### ***Mill Valley Inn***

165 Throckmorton Avenue  
415.389.6608 • [www.marinhotels.com](http://www.marinhotels.com)

#### ***Mountain Home Inn***

810 Panoramic Highway  
415.381.9000 • [www.mtnhomeinn.com](http://www.mtnhomeinn.com)

#### ***Tamalpais Motel***

680 Redwood Highway  
415.381.4775 • [www.tamalpaismotel.com](http://www.tamalpaismotel.com)

#### ***Travelodge Mill Valley***

707 Redwood Highway  
415.383.0340 • [www.travelodge.com](http://www.travelodge.com)

### **Novato**

#### ***Best Western PLUS Novato Oaks Inn***

215 Alameda del Prado  
415.883.4400 • [www.novatooaksinn.com](http://www.novatooaksinn.com)

#### ***Courtyard by Marriott Novato***

1400 No. Hamilton Pkwy  
415.883.8950 • [www.courtyard.com/sfnov](http://www.courtyard.com/sfnov)

#### ***Days Inn***

8141 Redwood Boulevard  
415.897.7111 • [www.daysinn.com](http://www.daysinn.com)

#### ***EconoLodge Inn & Suites***

275 Alameda del Prado  
415.883.2406 • [www.econolodge.com](http://www.econolodge.com)

#### ***Inn Marin***

250 Entrada Drive  
415.883.5952 • [www.innmarin.com](http://www.innmarin.com)

#### ***Novato Travelodge***

7600 Redwood Boulevard  
415.892.7500 • [www.travelodge.com](http://www.travelodge.com)





## **San Rafael**

### ***Marin Lodge***

1735 Lincoln Avenue  
415.453.9188 • [www.marinlodge.com](http://www.marinlodge.com)

### ***Days Inn***

737 East Francisco Boulevard  
415.453.3450 • [www.daysinn.com](http://www.daysinn.com)

### ***Extended Stay Deluxe***

1775 East Francisco Boulevard  
415.451.1887 • [www.extendedstaydeluxe.com](http://www.extendedstaydeluxe.com)

### ***Embassy Suites***

1101 McInnis Parkway  
415.499.9222 • [www.sanrafael.embassysuites.com](http://www.sanrafael.embassysuites.com)

### ***Four Points by Sheraton***

1010 Northgate Drive  
415.479.8800 • [www.fourpoints.com/sanrafael](http://www.fourpoints.com/sanrafael)

### ***Gerstle Park Inn***

34 Grove Street  
415.721.7611 • [www.gerstlepark.com](http://www.gerstlepark.com)

### ***North Bay Inn***

855 East Francisco Boulevard  
415.456.8620 • [www.northbayinn.com](http://www.northbayinn.com)

### ***Panama Hotel***

4 Bayview Street  
415.457.3993 • [www.panamahotel.com](http://www.panamahotel.com)

### ***Travelodge San Rafael***

865 East Francisco Boulevard  
415.454.9470 • [www.travelodge.com](http://www.travelodge.com)

### ***Villa Inn***

1600 Lincoln Avenue  
415.456.4975 • [www.villainn.com](http://www.villainn.com)

## **West Marin/Point Reyes Seashore**

### ***Marin Visitors Center***

9940 Highway One, Olema  
888-925-2061 • [www.visitmarin.org](http://www.visitmarin.org)

### ***Alta Olema Bed & Breakfast***

9876 Sir Francis Drake, Olema  
415.663.1500 • [www.altaolema.com](http://www.altaolema.com)

### ***Bear Valley Inn***

88 Bear Valley Road, Olema  
415.663.1777 • [www.bearvinn.com](http://www.bearvinn.com)

### ***Inn at Roundstone Farm***

9940 Sir Francis Drake, Olema  
415.663.1020 • [www.roundstonefarm.com](http://www.roundstonefarm.com)

### ***Nick's Cove Restaurant, Oyster Bar & Cottages***

23240 Highway One, Marshall  
415.663.1033 • [www.nickscove.com](http://www.nickscove.com)

### ***Point Reyes Seashore Lodge***

10021 Highway One, Olema  
415.663.9000 • [www.pointreyesseashore.com](http://www.pointreyesseashore.com)

### ***Tomales Bay Resort***

12938 Sir Francis Drake, Inverness  
415.669.1389 • [www.tomalesbayresort.com](http://www.tomalesbayresort.com)

# Where would you like to hold your next meeting or event?

Whether it's a full-service luxury hotel or facility to accommodate business meetings and conferences, Marin is an affordable alternative to its San Francisco neighbor.

Bn: Banquet    Th: Theater    Cl: Classroom    Re: Reception    U: U-Shape    O: Outside

City / Property	Guestrooms	Event Space	Bn	Th	Cl	Cn	Re	U	O
<b>Corte Madera</b>									
Best Western PLUS Corte Madera Inn	110	6	120	200	100	65	200	35	150
Marin Suites Hotel	100	2	30	30	25	25	-	-	-
<b>Larkspur</b>									
Courtyard by Marriott, Larkspur	146	3	-	40	24	22	45	27	-
American Legion Hall	-	3	100	214	60	30	214	30	-
<b>Fairfax</b>									
Steakhouse Grill at Deer Park Villa	-	3	220	100	100	30	300	120	300
<b>Mill Valley</b>									
Acqua Hotel	49	3	120	140	80	60	200	40	120
Holiday Inn Express Mill Valley	100	5	100	100	70	50	150	50	
Mill Valley Inn	25	1	-	20	-	12	40	-	-
Mountain Home Inn	10	3	70	-	-	-	100	-	100
Pizza D'Angelo Ristorante	-	-	100	40	20	35	130	-	50
<b>Novato</b>									
Best Western PLUS Novato Oaks Inn	107	4	75	150	65	40	150	40	-
Courtyard by Marriot, Novato	136	2	30	50	24	30	50	24	-
Days Inn, Novato	56	3	150	150	125	35	150	40	-
Ghiringhelli Pizzeria Grill & Bar	-	-	95	70	100	70	95	35	45
Hopmonk Tavern	-	2	125	-	60	40	160	30	175
Inn Marin	68	4	120	150	75	40	200	35	45
Trek Winery	-	3	250	-	-	22	100	-	100
<b>Ross</b>									
Main Art & Garden Center	N/A	9	400	250	200	50	350	30	400
<b>San Anselmo</b>									
San Francisco Theological Seminary	Dorm 70 ppl	4	110	70	40	25	170	20	170





City / Property	Guestrooms	Event Space	Bn	Th	Cl	Cn	Re	U	O
<b>San Rafael</b>									
Ace Conference Room	-	1	60	100	60	60	100	-	-
CA Film Institute — Smith Rafael Film Center	-	-	-	339	-	80	80	-	-
Embassy Suites, San Rafael	235	13	520	500	350	36	642	45	100
Falkirk Culture Center	-	2	70	60	30	14	100	-	125
Four Points by Sheraton, San Rafael	235	9	250	300	186	15	300	65	85
Gerstle Park Inn	12	1	-	-	-	20	-	-	-
Marin Center	-	4	600	315	150	400	800	50	-
Marin Center Veterans Memorial Auditorium	-	1	-	1911	-	-	-	-	-
Marin County Fairgrounds	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6000
Panama Hotel & Restaurant	10	2	60	-	-	-	150	-	75
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Marin	-	5	200	250	75	40	250	40	200
<b>Sausalito</b>									
Marine Mammal Center	-	1	-	-	-	14	-	-	-
NatureBridge Conference Center	Dorm 200 ppl	5	100	120	100	35	-	35	-
<b>Tiburon</b>									
Bay Conference Center	Dorm 10 ppl	2	-	140	96	35	-	35	-
<b>West Marin</b>									
Dance Palace	-	3	120	200	100	30	300	30	250
Marin French Cheese Company	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	100
Nick's Cove Restaurant & Cottage	12	3	60	60	40	25	60	25	70
Point Reyes Seashore Lodge	25	3	150	40	40	40	150	20	150
San Geronimo Golf Course	-	4	220	275	150	20	300	50	300
The Fork at Point Reyes	-	1	40	40	40	40	60	30	100
Tomaes Bay Resort	35	1	45	45	35	35	45	30	150





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