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Top 12 Resorts in Northern California: Readers' Choice Awards 2022

Condé Nast Traveler readers rate the top resorts in Northern California—home to iconic nature, and rooms worthy of the views.

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Silicon Valley may be the brain of the Bay Area, but [Napa Valley](#) is its soul. Home to three of the top five resorts on this year's Northern California list, the region has been pulling wine lovers and wellness seekers for decades. Longtime reader favorite Auberge Resorts Collection took the top spot with [Solage](#): The freshly renovated Calistoga retreat is still the chicest stay around, with its buzzy Solbar restaurant and a serious spa. For a more urban hit, [Alila Napa Valley](#), with a stunning 1907 Georgian-style mansion at its heart, is a quick walk from St. Helena's many restaurants. Newcomer [Four Seasons Resort and Residences Napa Valley](#), near downtown Calistoga, stands out for its on-property winery and dedicated kids' pool—a rare amenity for the area.

Of course, Northern California is an embarrassment of riches, and the Pacific Coast south of San Francisco offers wonders of its own. If you prefer waves to wine, head to [The Ritz-Carlton Half Moon Bay](#) for epic cliff-top views of the Pacific and access to the legendary big-wave-break Mavericks. Keep going south on Highway 1 and you'll find [The Lodge at Pebble Beach](#), which is a century old and overlooks arguably the most breathtaking golf course on Earth.

Here, the best resorts in Northern California—as voted by *Traveler* readers. View all of the [2022 Reader's Choice Awards winners here](#).



Ranking | Score
#1 | **95.35**

Solage, Auberge Resorts Collection

Calistoga, United States

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Ranking | Score
#2 | **95.16**

The Lodge at Pebble Beach

Pebble Beach, United States



Ranking | Score
#3 | **94.98**

Alila Napa Valley

Napa, United States

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Ranking | Score
#4 | **94.65**

Four Seasons Resort and Residences Napa Valley

Calistoga, United States

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Ranking | Score
#5 | **93.2**

The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay

Half Moon Bay, United States

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Ranking | Score
#6 | **91.14**

Bernardus Lodge & Spa

Carmel Valley, United States

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Ranking | Score
#7 | **91.11**

Ventana Big Sur, An Alila Resort

Big Sur, United States

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Ranking | Score

#8 | **91.08**

Timber Cove Resort

Jenner, United States

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Ranking | Score

#9 | **90.77**

Meadowood Napa Valley

St. Helena, United States

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Ranking | Score

#10 | **89.43**

Meritage Resort and Spa

Napa, United States

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Ranking | Score

#11 | **89.23**

Silverado Resort and Spa

Napa, United States

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Ranking | Score

#12 | **87.49**

Post Ranch Inn

Big Sur, United States

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