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Why You Should Go to Napa Valley This Winter

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These are the hotels, events, and museums that will make you want to plan a trip to Napa Valley this season.

The harvest between August and October of every year is peak season to visit California's **Napa Valley** wine country. But if you go in the winter (also known as Cabernet Season, because that's when the region's famed cabernet sauvignons are released), you will find fewer crowds, better rates at hotels, and much more beyond the wineries to explore. And while there's no word on exactly when Thomas Keller will open **La Calenda**, his upcoming restaurant in Yountville serving Oaxacan fare, there are several other new culinary experiences that are sure to delight in the meantime.



Check in to The Francis House

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, The Francis House was originally built in 1886 as a family home for a local merchant, James H. Francis. As of September 2018, the landmark building is now a five-room inn with a stone fire pit outdoors, plus a heated pool and an infrared sauna and salt room. *1403 Myrtle Street, Calistoga, thefranchouse.com*