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## Roll Into Santa Cruz's Secret Summer



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While Labor Day marks the end of summer for many, those in the know have a secret about the start of fall--it's one of the best times to visit quirky, fun Santa Cruz.

Situated on the northern end of the Monterey Bay, Santa Cruz offers a host of fun fall activities like enjoying the old-time charm and thrilling rides at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk, hitting the links at the area's fine golf courses, sampling award-winning wines, learning to surf or simply lazing in the sun and enjoying the gorgeous views. And, as the locals may be reluctant to discuss too much, there is no better time to enjoy Santa Cruz's laid-back beach town vibe.

Summer temperatures linger into September and October in Santa Cruz, but the crowds that swamped the beaches for the last several months have mostly gone home. That means empty stretches of sand and less competition for spots at the area's campgrounds.

While Santa Cruz isn't exactly unknown, we think you'll have fun during the Central Coast City's secret summer!

Before you enjoy what Santa Cruz has to offer, come enjoy our [16th Annual Northern California Fall RV Show and Sale](#) which will return to the [Alameda County Fairgrounds](#) Sept. 24 through Oct. 3. Outfit your rig with the latest and greatest, then head out for some fun in the sun!

Happy RVing!

Shawn Nohr  
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### **Tips for a Fun Trip in Santa Cruz**

1) The [Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk](#) has been entertaining people for more than 100 years. Check out the Giant Dipper, one of the oldest wooden roller coasters in the country, ride the bumper cars and have a corn dog while enjoying the amusement park's seaside setting.

2) If golfing is more your thing, Santa Cruz has several options, but one of our favorites is [Seascape Golf Club](#) with its fun course and beautiful setting.

3) The Santa Cruz Mountains are turning out to be quite the incubator for good wines and wineries. There are a [host of them to visit](#), but one of our favorites is [Bonny Doon Vineyards](#). The style of the place is eclectic, the wines are delicious and the food tastes great. You have to see and taste it to believe it!

4) Speaking of quirky, check out the world famous [Mystery Spot](#). Balls roll uphill, people stand at unnatural angles and the laws of nature seem warped. Is it a gravitational anomaly or a clever hoax? We don't know, but it's fun. Decide for yourself.

5) Finally, ask any local, Santa Cruz is surf city. Always wanted to hit the waves? [These guys](#) will have you hanging ten in no time.

## Spots to Stay

There are a lot of places to hook up and hang out in Santa Cruz. Check out your options [here](#).

Like boats? Stay at the [Santa Cruz harbor](#).

[Seacliff State Beach](#) offers places to stay near the sand, or head for the hills and stay in the [redwoods](#).

## Show Details

**When:** Sept. 24-Oct. 3: Mon-Fri 11am-7pm; Sat 10am-8pm; Sun 10am-6pm

**Where:** Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave., Pleasanton, CA

**Cost:** Adults \$7; seniors (62+) \$6; children 15 and under FREE. Senior Wednesdays--2 for 1

**Information:** Call 925-931-1890 or visit [www.rvshow.net](http://www.rvshow.net)

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