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Palo Alto is home to Nobel Prize winners, Silicon Valley CEOs, venture capital firms, Hewlett-Packard and one of the most renowned universities and medical centers in the world.

Though Palo Alto developed as a sleepy college town, the emergence of Stanford University in the 1970s as the nation’s leading high-technology research center paved the way for hundreds of startup businesses with connections to Stanford professors and their inventions. Thus, Palo Alto became known as the birthplace of Silicon Valley and attracted engineers and others from all over the world to pursue their dreams.

The Stanford campus itself is the biggest visitor attraction, and visitors could easily spend a day or longer exploring the beautiful campus.

But at a minimum any visit should also include a walk or drive through the tree-lined residential neighborhoods (among the costliest in the nation), a walk in the foothills or Baylands and some great shopping and eating in the handful of nearby business districts, including ones in Menlo Park and Mountain View.

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NATURE
Baylands Nature Preserve: Prime Pacific stopover for migrating birds | 1,940 acres of undisturbed marshlands | 15 miles of trails and picnic areas. Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto; Lucy Evans Baylands Nature Interpretive Center, 650-329-2506; Ranger Station, 650-617-3156; cityofpaloalto.org/baylands

SCIENCE
Menlo Park Science Center: U.S. Geological Survey center | self-tours, lectures, seminars on earthquake science. 345 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park; 650-329-4668; earthquake.usgs.gov/contactus/menlo/

HISTORY & ARCHITECTURE
Filoli: 654-acre historic country estate | 500 varieties of roses | docent-led tour, guided nature hikes. Open: Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Cost: $22, general admission. Advanced registration encouraged for docent-led tours. 86 Canada Road, Woodside; 650-364-8300 ext. 508; filoli.org


Hanna House: 1936 home patterned after the honeycomb of a bee | National Historic Landmark | designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. Open: reservations required. Cost: $10 per person (children under 12 not permitted), $5 for parking, 3160 Porter Drive, Suite 200, Palo Alto; 650-725-8352; hannahousetours.stanford.edu


KIDS
Junior Museum and Zoo: The facility is currently undergoing a $25-million renovation and expansion and is operating out of a temporary home at Cubberley Auditorium (4050 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto) until May 2020. Information: For hours and programs, call 650-329-2111, or go to bit.ly/MuseumAndZoo

MORE LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

The Hiller Aviation Museum: 601 Skyway Road, San Carlos; 650-654-0200; hiller.org

The Allied Arts Guild: 75 Arbor Road at Cambridge Avenue, Menlo Park; 650-322-2405; alliedartsguild.org

California’s Great America: A 100-acre amusement park adjacent to Levi’s Stadium, home of the San Francisco 49ers NFL football team. 4701 Great America Pkwy., Santa Clara; 408-988-1776; cagreatamerica.com

NOTABLE TECH LANDMARKS
Facebook Like sign: 1 Hacker Way, Menlo Park | Iconic sign outside of Facebook headquarters is accessible for photos. Campus parking lot is open to public on select Sundays during Facebook’s community festivals, which feature live music, food and other activities.

Google Android Garden: 1911 Landings Drive, Mountain View | A giant lollipop, cupcake, green Android robot and gingerbread man are among the statues scattered around the garden at Google’s headquarters. Each is based on the code names for versions of Google’s Android mobile operating system, which are named after desserts and sweet treats. Area is accessible for photos. Google Merchandise Store, 1981 Landings Drive, also is open to the public.


HP Garage (“Birthplace of Silicon Valley”): 367 Addison Ave., Palo Alto | This 1938 one-car garage is where college friends Bill Hewlett and Dave Packard developed their startup, Hewlett-Packard Company. Not open for public tours; feel free to observe and photograph the property from the street.

Original Apple Store: 451 University Ave., Palo Alto | Originally Swain’s House of Music where Grateful Dead frontman Jerry Garcia used to play for tips (music logo still embedded in sidewalk at store’s entrance), this building later became the site of the original Apple Store. Shoe Palace currently occupies the space, which includes a wall portrait of Steve Jobs that pays tribute to the Apple co-founder.

“The Lucky Office”: 165 University Ave., Palo Alto | This two-story office building has served as an incubator for several noted startups, including Google, Logitech and Paypal.

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It’s not just that the people of the American West are restless, the buildings themselves sometimes pack up and move when - for one reason or another - the neighborhood no longer suits them or the neighbors no longer want them or opportunity waits down the road.

California Historical Landmark
National Register #76000528
Hostess House Built 1918
27 University Avenue, Palo Alto

The Hostess House was designed by architect Julia Morgan in the Craftsman architectural style. It is the only intact building remaining from the two Army training camps (Camp Fremont and Camp Kearny) established in California during World War I.

The Hostess House was originally located in Camp Fremont, a thousand-acre mobilization camp built in Menlo Park after the United States entered WWI in 1917. Hostess Houses were built by the YWCA in forty continental Army training camps to serve as meeting places for women and children coming to military posts to visit friends, husbands, and relatives enlisted in the service.

With the end of WWI, Camp Fremont was dismantled except for two buildings; the Oasis Bar & Grill and the Hostess House. Palo Alto purchased the Hostess House and relocated it to University Avenue in 1919, where it became the nation’s first municipally funded Community Center.

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Attractions
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Fry’s Electronics: 340 Portage Ave., Palo Alto | This western-themed site is the oldest operating store in the company’s chain, which was founded as an electronics retail outlet in 1985 to provide a one-stop-shopping environment for Silicon Valley’s high-tech workers.

Buck’s of Woodside: 3062 Woodside Road, Woodside | This iconic restaurant has gained fame as “the” meeting place for venture capitalists and tech entrepreneurs. (Reportedly, Steve Jobs is one of the few Silicon Valley icons who never set foot the restaurant due to a falling out with the owner in the 1980s prior to its opening.)

Shockley Semiconductor Laboratory: 391 San Antonio Road, Mountain View | William Shockley’s laboratory was the first high-tech company to work on silicon-based semiconductor devices, which led to the development of Silicon Valley in 1956. The original building is no longer there, but sculptures of packaged semiconductors, including a transistor and a diode, are on display at the site to commemorate Shockley’s contributions to the tech world.

Fairchild Semiconductor: 844 E. Charleston Road, Palo Alto | This commercial building is where the group of defectors from William Shockley’s Semiconductor Laboratory known as the “Traitorous Eight” (led by Intel co-founder Robert Noyce) invented the microchip in 1957. The building is now home to an interior design studio but the building and the California State Landmark plaque outside the entrance are visible from the sidewalk.

Sand Hill Road: Menlo Park | Nearly every major tech company — Microsoft, Amazon, Facebook, Twitter — has been the beneficiary of early funding from venture capital firms on this arterial road that runs between El Camino Real and Interstate 280. For those who want to spend time on Sand Hill, the Michelin-starred Madera restaurant located at Rosewood Hotel (2825 Sand Hill Road) is open to the general public.

Stanford Research Park: 3160 Porter Drive, Palo Alto | Founded in 1951 as the first technology-oriented park, Stanford Research Park has housed many electronics pioneers and high-profile companies including Steve Jobs’ NeXT Computer and Xerox PARC. Today it is home to more than 150 companies, including Hewlett-Packard, Tesla Motors, VMware and Ford Motor Company. Visitors are free to wander the 700-acre park.
Arts & Entertainment

Theater, music and opera are alive and well in the Palo Alto area

Nearly every night of the week, the Midpeninsula offers a live performance. To find events happening during your stay, read about all the options below or visit paloaltoonline.com/calendar.

Dragon Productions: professional live theater | 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City. Playing the 2019 season: “The Revolutionists” (Jan. 18-Feb. 10); “Macbeth” (March 15- April 7); “Shoggoths on the Veldt” (May 10- June 2); “TheHOWandtheWHY” (July 12- Aug.4); “Hickorydickory” (Sept. 6-29); and “Anne of the Thousand Days” (Nov. 1-24). dragonproductions.net, call 650-493-2006.

Palo Alto Children’s Theatre: a theater company dating back to the 1930s that mounts productions by and for children | performs at Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. cityofpaloalto.org/childrenstheatre, 650-463-4970.

Palo Alto Players: works from Broadway, Off-Broadway and beyond | Lucie Stern Theater, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Playing this season: “Shakespeare in Love” (Jan. 19 - Feb. 3); “Flower Drum Song” (April 27 - May 12); “One Man, Two Guvnors” (June 15-30). paplayers.org, 650-329-0891.

Palo Alto JCC: talks, theater, dance, music, film | paloaltojcc.org, 650-223-8700.

Foothill College Theatre Arts Department | foothill.edu/theatre, 650-949-7360.

Portola Art Gallery at Allied Arts Guild | portolaartgallery.com

Shady Lane | shadylanegallery.com

Stanford Arts District | arts.stanford.edu/for-visitors/

Viewpoints Gallery | viewpointsgallery.com

MORE LOCAL VENUES

California Pops Orchestra | californiapopsorchestra.com, 650-856-8432.


Foothill College Theatre Arts Department | foothill.edu/theatre, 650-949-7360.

Fox Theatre: live music, theater | foxrwc.com, 831-649-1070.

Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts: talks, theater, dance, music, professional Bay Area companies | mvcpa.com, 650-903-6000.

Palo Alto JCC: talks, theater, dance, music, film | paloaltojcc.org, 650-223-8700.

Pear Theatre: new plays from the Pear Playwrights Guild | thepear.org, 650-254-1148.

Shoreline Amphitheatre: outdoor concert venue that hosts performances by major, world-touring acts | shoreline.amphitheatremountainview.com, 650-967-4040.

Stanford Music Department: concerts and recitals by student, faculty and guest artists | music.stanford.edu, 650-723-3811.

Other student theater groups at Stanford include Ram’s Head Theatrical Society (ramshead.stanford.edu); the Stanford Savoyards (web.stanford.edu/group/savoyards), which performs Gilbert and Sullivan operettas; and the Stanford Shakespeare Company (shakespeare.stanford.edu).

GALLERIES

Anderson Collection in Menlo Park | aacollection.com

Bryant Street Gallery | bryantstreet.com

EcoCenter | evols.org

The Foster | thefoster.org

Gallery 9 | gallery9losaltos.com

Gallery House | galleryhouse2.com

The Nature Gallery | nature-gallery.com

PACE Palo Alto | pacegallery.com

Palo Alto’s international blue-chip Pace Gallery. Photo by Adam Pardee.

Pacific Art League | pacificartleague.org

Palo Alto Art Center | cityofpaloalto.org/artcenter

Portola Art Gallery at Allied Arts Guild | portolaartgallery.com

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Palo Alto

Stanford Shopping Center: With more than 140 luxury stores and specialty boutiques, a mix of restaurants and cafes, sculpted gardens, cultural events and a European-style street market with locally grown produce, this 1.4-million-square-foot open-air center attracts visitors year round from near and far. The center recently underwent a multi-million dollar renovation that transformed its west end into a “lifestyle center” with gardens, grassy sitting areas, an outdoor fireplace and space for more than 25 new shops.

Downtown Palo Alto: Centered along University Avenue, this pedestrian-friendly district packs in two movie theaters — including one with a working Wurlitzer organ — multiple galleries, a bookstore, an eclectic mix of retail stores, restaurants and bars along a 10-block area that stretches between Alma and Tasso streets. This district is crowded on Friday and Saturday nights, when restaurant reservations are advised and parking can be difficult. Many downtown retailers are open in the evenings to cater to the bar and restaurant crowd.

California Avenue: Just south of the Stanford campus, this five-block district between El Camino Real and Park Boulevard is quieter than downtown and features boutiques and a large number of restaurants popular with local residents.

Town & Country Village: Located on El Camino Real across from Stanford Stadium, it’s hard to miss the distinctive red-tiled rooftops and rustic wood storefronts at this outdoor shopping center, which features more than 70 specialty shops, restaurants and services surrounding a network of pedestrian walkways.

Mountain View

San Antonio center: The corner of El Camino Real and San Antonio Road is home to two distinct shopping areas that were once part of a 56-acre outdoor mall built in the 1950s. San Antonio Shopping Center, located on the southermost portion of the property, is a traditional retail center with big-box stores. The Village at San Antonio Center, which runs along San Antonio Road, underwent major renovations over the past few years that have transformed the corner into a modern, mixed-use center with luxury apartments, office space, parks, plazas and about 30 boutiques and restaurants.

Castro Street: With dozens of dining choices and a mix of music venues, performance spaces, coffee shops, pubs and bookstores, the Castro Street area that runs eight blocks from El Camino Real to West Evelyn Avenue through downtown is a popular entertainment destination. Visitors can find everything from Thai-style rolled ice cream to a museum dedicated to locks.

Los Altos and Menlo Park

Downtown Los Altos: Don’t expect to find big-box retail stores in Los Altos’ six-block downtown triangle. This tree-lined district, known for its quaint small-town feel, features a mix of locally owned boutiques, restaurants, salons and other services.

Downtown Menlo Park: With numerous outdoor street cafes that stay open for late-night dining, Santa Cruz Avenue is a lively destination. The district includes a mix of boutiques, galleries and shops for everyday needs.

Outdoor Markets

Downtown Palo Alto: Location: Gilman and High streets Hours: Saturdays, 8 a.m. to noon Market size: 50+ farmers and vendors Year-round? No, runs May–December pafarmersmarket.org

California Avenue: Location: California Avenue at El Camino Real, Palo Alto Hours: Sundays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Market size: 100+ farmers and vendors Year-round? Yes (closed Christmas and New Years days) uvfm.org/paloalto-sundays

Mountain View: Location: Mountain View Caltrain Station, 600 West Evelyn Ave. Hours: Sundays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Market size: 80+ farmers and vendors Year-round? Yes bit.ly/1VthjIO

Downtown Los Altos: Location: 2nd and State streets Hours: Thursdays, 4-8 p.m. Market size: 45+ farmers and vendors Year-round? No, runs May–September. bit.ly/1NrAytO

Menlo Park Farmers Market: Location: Parking lot on Chestnut Street between Santa Cruz and Menlo avenues Hours: Sundays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Market size: 40 in the summer; 25-30 in winter Year-round? Yes bit.ly/1RXBQSD
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CAMPUS TOURS
Free 70-minute, student-led walking tours of campus, daily at 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. from the Stanford Visitor Center, 295 Galvez St. 650-723-2560, visit.stanford.edu. (The university also offers 60-minute tours of the campus via golf carts.)

If you are short on time, the formal and most dramatic entrance is from Palm Drive, which approaches the Oval, the Main Quad and Memorial Church from the east and downtown Palo Alto. The Quad is the academic center of the university, with the classrooms and offices of various departments located around the perimeter.

LANDMARKS
Stanford Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall: Dedicated in 1903 | oldest non-denominational church on the West Coast | Visitors are welcome to view its famous mosaics, stained-glass windows, intricate carvings and five pipe organs. Open weekdays 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Ecumenical worship featuring choral and organ music is held each Sunday at 10 a.m. and open to the public.

Hoover Tower Serra and Galvez streets: For a great view of Palo Alto, take the elevator up to the top of the 285-foot bell tower. The Hoover Institution (hoover.org), named for Stanford alumnus and U.S. President Herbert Hoover, who founded the archive collection, offers free historical exhibits throughout the year in the Herbert Hoover Memorial Exhibit Pavilion adjacent to the tower. Open daily 10 a.m.—4 p.m. | $4 general admission

ART AND ARCHITECTURE
Arts District, Palm Drive: A collection of visual arts spaces and performance venues including: Cantor Arts Center, which offers free admission. It is open Wednesday through Monday, 11 a.m.—5 p.m. and Thursdays, 11 a.m.—8 p.m.; Rodin Sculpture Garden; the Anderson Collection, a recent addition housing modern and contemporary American art; McMurtry Building, which features the Coulter Art Gallery. 650-723-4177, arts.stanford.edu/map/

Stanford Papua New Guinea Sculpture Garden, Santa Teresa Street near Roble Hall: Contains more than 20 towering tribal totems carved from tree trunks and stones by visiting Papua New Guinea sculptors. Free tours at 2 p.m. on the third Sunday of every month. No reservations.

Hanna House: designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, based on a hexagonal module. See “Must-see Attractions” for more details.

SPORTS
Stanford’s intercollegiate athletic program has been consistently rated the best in the nation, and visitors will find a multitude of sports happening on any given weekend. Stanford Athletics venues are all located on the eastern side of the campus, a short walk from Town & Country Village at the corner of El Camino Real and Embarcadero Road. For up-to-date information, visit gostanford.com or paloaltoonline.com/sports, or call 800-STANFORD.

If you can’t take in a game, the free Athletics & Recreational Opportunities tour provides a close-up view of a majority of complexes, playing fields and recreational facilities, including the new state-of-the-art “Home of Champions” athletics facility. Tours are available most Mondays and Fridays from the Ford Center, 365 Galvez St. visit.stanford.edu.

PARKING
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Best Steak Restaurant — Sundance The Steakhouse

Sundance The Steakhouse has been in business for more than four decades and has the steak to show for it. This steak-lover’s retreat serves specially aged prime-graded steak, to-die-for slow-roasted prime rib and the freshest catches from the sea, like New England sea scallops, Scottish salmon, Australian lobster and Chilean sea bass. Sundance’s motto says it all: “Fearless in our fish, bold in our beef.” The quality demands for high prices, but it will be a meal you’ll rave about for the ages. 1921 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, (650) 321-6798; sundancethesteakhouse.com
Recreation

Trails, golf courses and tennis courts keep visitors busy

WALK, RUN AND EXPLORE

The Stanford “Dish” loop offers almost 4 miles of paved path that winds through the Stanford foothills with tremendous views of the university, Palo Alto and entire Peninsula.

The Baylands Nature Preserve offers miles of flat walking trails that allow visitors to explore the area’s extensive wildlife habitat.

The Pearson-Arastradero Preserve, in the foothills beyond Stanford near 1530 Arastradero Road, has a network of easy trails ideal for one- to two-hour hikes and a small unstaffed visitor’s center with exhibits.

Walkers with an interest in history and architecture will enjoy one of several historical walks around Palo Alto’s neighborhoods. Palo Alto Stanford Heritage (pastheritage.org) offers walking tours and digital brochures for self-guided ones.

GOLF

Baylands Golf Links, located at 1875 Embarcadero Road, is a newly reconfigured municipal course that reopened in May 2018 following a $12-million-plus renovation that integrated 55 acres of native plants and adjacent wetlands into the 18-hole course. 650-856-0881, baylandsgolflinks.com.

Those with a Stanford connection (alumni or parents) can play at the Stanford Golf Course. It’s located at 198 Junipero Serra Blvd., Stanford. At this venue, visitors will find a beautiful and long course operated by the university. 650-724-0944 (golf shop), 650-498-4461 (driving range), golfcourse.stanford.edu.

At Mountain View’s Shoreline Links, located at 2940 N. Shoreline Blvd., golfers can play on the 750-acre course that offers 18 holes and acres of water hazards. 650-903-4653, shorelinelinks.com.

SWING THE RACKET

Palo Alto offers many public tennis courts. Those closest to hotels are the courts at Palo Alto High School (enter from 25 Churchill Ave.) and at Rinconada Park (located at 777 Embarcadero Road). Both are lit at night. There are many courts on the Stanford campus, but you are expected to have a university affiliation.

BIKE AROUND TOWN

The area prides itself on accommodating and encouraging bike riding. The most popular rides use Alpine, Arastradero, Portola and Sand Hill roads to create loops of different lengths. Skilled riders wanting to cycle several hours or all day ride up to Skyline Boulevard and down to the coast and back. In Mountain View, try biking around Shoreline Lake, located in the Baylands just south of Palo Alto.

 SPLASH THE DAY AWAY

Both Palo Alto and Menlo Park offer lap swimming through their municipal pools — Rinconada Pool (cityofpaloalto.org/aquatics) and Burgess Memorial Pool (menloswim.com). But if you’re up for stand-up paddleboarding, windsurfing or renting pedalboats, rowboats, canoes or kayaks, Shoreline Lake (shorelinelake.com) is the place to go.

DRIVE TO THE COAST

Palo Alto is located between the bay and foothills, and the Pacific Ocean and the beach are only a 45-minute drive away. If you want to mix together shopping, eating and beach walking, your best bet is to head for Half Moon Bay.
Find some fun in Palo Alto

Palo Alto Online’s Community Calendar puts you one click away from discovering something new to do today, tonight or tomorrow…

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Midpeninsula

Attractions, Shopping and Hotels

Attractions
1. Baylands Nature Preserve
2. Computer History Museum
3. Gamble Garden
4. Hanna House
5. Hoover Tower
6. HP Garage
7. Junior Museum & Zoo (temporary location)
8. Menlo Science Center

Shopping
1. California Avenue
2. Charleston Plaza and Rengstorff Center
3. Charleston Shopping Center
4. Downtown Los Altos
5. Downtown Menlo Park
6. Downtown Mountain View
7. Downtown Palo Alto
8. Edgewood Plaza
9. Midtown Shopping Center
10. San Antonio Shopping Center
11. Stanford Shopping Center
12. Town & Country Village

Major Hotels
1. Courtyard by Marriott
2. Crowne Plaza Cabana
3. Dinah’s Garden Hotel
4. Four Seasons Hotel
5. Garden Court Hotel
6. Hilton Garden Inn
7. Homewood Suites by Hilton Palo Alto
8. Hotel Nia
9. Nobu Hotel Epiphany Palo Alto
10. Residence Inn by Marriott — Palo Alto Los Altos
11. Residence Inn by Marriott — Palo Alto Menlo Park
12. Residence Inn by Marriott — Palo Alto Mountain View
13. Rosewood Sand Hill
14. Sheraton Palo Alto
15. Stanford Park Hotel
16. The Westin Palo Alto

Caltrain station
Visitors center

Map of Midpeninsula with attractions, shopping, and hotels marked.
Palo Alto is an extremely safe community, and other than taking obvious precautions when out at night, visitors should feel comfortable freely exploring the city. Use common sense and extra care when using the pedestrian tunnels at the train stations, and avoid walking alone at night.

Medical care is available either at the Urgent Care department at the Palo Alto Medical Foundation (795 El Camino Real; adults, 650-321-4121/pediatric, 650-853-6558; pamf.org) or the emergency room at Stanford Hospital (900 Quarry Road Extension; 650-723-5111; stanfordhealthcare.org).

For after-hours prescriptions, Walgreens at 121 E. El Camino Real, Mountain View, is open 24/7. 650-961-7555.

Palo Alto and Stanford are served by a transportation network that includes the regional Caltrain system (800-660-4287; for hearing impaired, 650-508-6448 (TTY); caltrain.com), which operates frequent trains between San Francisco and San Jose; the free Palo Alto Shuttle (650-329-2441; cityofpaloalto.org/shuttle); the free Stanford Marguerite shuttle bus service (650-724-9339; marguerite.stanford.edu); the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority bus system (408-321-2300, vta.org); and an extensive network of pedestrian and bike paths. Local taxis (Yellow Checker Cab Co., 408-777-7777 or 650-999-9999) and rides through services such as Lyft and Uber are also available.

While most visitors drive, it is feasible to land at either San Francisco or San Jose airports, connect to nearby Caltrain stations in Millbrae and Santa Clara (via BART at SFO and VTA bus, Route 10, at SJC) and arrive at the downtown Palo Alto train station. From there, the Marguerite shuttle provides service to locations on the Stanford campus and select stops in Palo Alto. Private airport shuttles regularly operate from both airports.

During weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., parking in downtown Palo Alto and California Avenue lots is free for two hours (and parking garages for three hours). There is no enforcement on weekends. Day permits for downtown and California Avenue are available for $25. It can be difficult to find parking in the evening, especially on Friday and Saturday. For more information, visit paloalto.parkingguide.com. For Stanford parking information, see page 15.
Wine Tasting

Exploring the Peninsula’s vineyards and wineries

The Santa Cruz Mountains — which rise 3,786 feet above the San Francisco Bay at their highest point and stretch the entire length of the Peninsula — are home to hundreds of intimate artisan wineries and private vineyards. The region’s higher elevations, cooler temperatures and frequent fog provide the perfect micro-climate for growing pinot noir and Chardonnay grapes. If you have at least a few hours, it’s worth taking a scenic drive (tinyurl.com/ScenicWineDrive) along the winding mountain roads to visit some of these wineries and take in the panoramic view of Silicon Valley.

VINEYARDS NEAR PALO ALTO

PORTOLA VINEYARDS | 850 Los Trancos Road, Portola Valley, 650-332-4959; portolavineyards.com

Since 2005, the Lehmann family has been producing handcrafted vintages at their micro-winery known for its pinot noirs. Tours and tastings are available for groups of five or more and must be arranged in advance.

Distance from Palo Alto: 7.8 miles/18 minutes

THOMAS FOGARTY WINERY & VINEYARDS | 19501 Skyline Blvd., Woodside, 650-851-6777; fogartywinery.com

Founded by former Stanford professor and cardiovascular surgeon Thomas Fogarty, the 325-acre winery provides a sweeping view of the San Francisco Bay from Skyline Ridge just above Palo Alto. The winery is known for its Chardonnay and pinot noir wines. The tasting room is open from noon to 4 p.m., Mondays; and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesdays - Sundays.

Distance from Palo Alto: 19.3 miles/38 minutes

IF YOU’RE SHORT ON TIME...

WOODSIDE VINEYARDS (winery/tasting room) | 205 Constitution Drive, Menlo Park, 650-851-3144; woodsidevineyards.com

Winery operations and tasting room (Auto Vino) are located in a warehouse that includes a collection of rare and exotic cars | Tasting hours: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays.

LA HONDA WINERY (winery/tasting room) | 2645 Fair Oaks Ave., Redwood City, 650-366-4104; lahondawinery.com

Urban winery in a light-industrial area just north of Palo Alto | Tasting room typically is open the third Saturday of each month, excluding harvest season in September and October.
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Farm-to-table Dining

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High-tech may have replaced many of the orchards that once defined the Peninsula and the surrounding area, but there are still a number of family-owned ranches, specialty farms and experimental orchards around to provide lots of opportunities to experience farm-fresh apricots, nuts, avocados and other local specialties year round in the fields where they are grown or in restaurants focused on farm-to-table dining.

RESTAURANTS: SEASONAL MENUS AND FARM DINNERS

MORSEY’S FARMHOUSE 134 Main St., Los Altos | 650-860-6060 | morsesys.com
Every dish at Morsey’s Farmhouse in Los Altos is made with products from Kal and Yulia Morsey’s 50-acre dairy just outside of Sacramento. The husband-and-wife team have built the entire restaurant menu around the milk produced from their herd of about 400 water buffalo. The restaurant is one of few in the United States anchored largely on water buffalo-based products. Diners can find everything from gelato, buffalo-milk quiche and buffalo cheesecake to salads and sandwiches made with the restaurant’s mozzarella, burrata and award-winning ricotta.

PORTOLA KITCHEN 3130 Alpine Road, Portola Valley | 650-851-6453 | portolakitchen.com
Almost everything on the rustic-Italian menu at Portola Kitchen is made from scratch using locally sourced ingredients, including fresh-picked produce delivered daily from the family-owned Webb and Jelich ranches, both located a short drive down the road. And although the restaurant is located in a strip mall, diners are likely to feel as if they are next to the orchards where their food was grown. The outdoor dining patio is just steps from Bianchini’s Market, which features a large selection of locally grown produce displayed in rows of outdoor bins across from the dining tables.

VINA ENOTeca 700 Welch Road, Palo Alto | 650-646-3477 | vinaenoteca.com
Housed in the rustic Stanford Barn that served as a working winery in the late 1800s, Vina Enoteca regularly draws on produce grown about a mile away at Stanford University’s O’Donohue Family Stanford Educational Farm for its Italian-California menu. Restaurant owner Rocco Scordella checks out what’s available on the farm before coming up with dishes at his restaurant. Scordella is in talks with Stanford to build a new 7-acre garden that would provide additional fresh ingredients for his restaurant.

MADERA 2825 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park | 650-561-1540 | maderasandhill.com
Madera brings seasonal ingredients along with the farmers who grow them into its Michelin-star kitchen once a month for a five-course farm dinner. A farmer and the executive chef join guests at the communal dining table during each dinner to discuss the creation and ingredients of each dish. The dinner series also includes a flight of wine pairings customized by the sommelier team. Dinners are offered during one seating at 6:30 p.m., spring through fall.

FARMS: TOURS AND TASTINGS

HARLEY FARMS 205 North St., Pescadero | 650-879-0480 | harleyfarms.com
Visitors can dine by candlelight in the hayloft at Harley Farms surrounded by nine acres of pastures where ingredients in the meal are produced. The restored 1910 dairy farm, which is now home to 200 alpine goats, hosts tours followed by farm dinners on select Fridays and Saturdays year round, providing visitors the opportunity to see where and how the farm’s award-winning chevre, fromage blanc, ricotta and feta goat cheeses are made. Tours include a behind-the-scenes peek at the dairy’s cheese making, with stops at the edible flower garden, loafing barn and milking parlor. The four-course farm dinners are prepared from locally grown food by the farm cook. Farm dinners are open to diners ages 18 and older and sell out early.

O’DONOHUE FAMILY STANFORD EDUCATIONAL FARM 175 Electioneer Road, Stanford | farm.stanford.edu
Stanford University’s six-acre academic farm is open year round for public tours, seasonal tastings and other special harvest events. Overseen by the School of Earth, Energy & Environmental Science, the campus farm contains more than 200 varieties of vegetables, flowers, herbs, field crops and fruit and provides 15,000 pounds of produce a year for the university’s student-dining halls. Students come to the farm to test new ideas about the biological, social and environmental aspects of farming. Tours begin at the Huffington Barn every Tuesday at 12:15 p.m.

WEBB RANCH 2720 Alpine Road, Portola Valley | webbranchinc.com
Established in 1922, this six-acre, family-owned ranch provides organic and pesticide-free fruits and vegetables directly from the farm to grocery stores, farmers markets and select restaurants year round. Visitors can explore the ranch’s orchards and stables and pick their own boysenberries, blackberries and raspberries by the bucket from spring to fall. The ranch sells some seasonal produce on site and also is open for special Halloween and Christmas events.
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2018 READERS’ CHOICE
Choosing where to dine along the Midpeninsula isn’t an easy decision. With restaurants serving everything from comfort food to cutting-edge cuisine, the region has become a dining hot spot for restaurateurs hoping to capture the gastronomic zeitgeist. Here are some favorite eateries locals voted the best in their cities for Embarcadero Media’s annual reader’s choice contest, Best Of.

Embarcadero Media food blogger Elena Kadvany keeps local readers up-to-date on all of the restaurant goings on. Read on for the very latest food-related happenings, and stay current by reading Kadvany’s blog, Peninsula Foodist, at paloaltoonline.com/blogs.

**BEST PLACE TO SPLURGE ...**

Evvia Estiatorio 420 Emerson St., Palo Alto, 650-326-0983; evvia.net

Combines fine dining with comfort as an open kitchen with a wood-burning oven turns out traditional Greek fare.

**BEST DINING WITH KIDS ...**

Palo Alto Creamery Fountain & Grill 566 Emerson St., Palo Alto, 650-323-3131; paloaltocreamery.com

When locals return to town, the Creamery — family owned for more than 85 years — is often on a short list of places to visit first, just to get a quick fix of their famous milkshakes, available in just about every flavor imaginable.

**BEST MEAL UNDER $20 ...**

Asian Box Town & Country Village #21, 855 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, 650-391-9305; asianbox.com

Inspired by Vietnamese street food, Asian Box offers diners comforting staples like pho and curry chicken, as well as more eclectic options such as caramel catfish and garlic-and-soy-glazed beef. Pick up one of their “signature boxes” or customize your own by choosing a base, a protein, some toppings and a sauce.

**BEST NEW RESTAURANT ...**

Protégé 250 California Ave., Palo Alto, 650-494-4181; protegepaloalto.com

Co-owners Dennis Kelly and Anthony Secviar, a former sommelier and chef, respectively, at the three-Michelin-star The French Laundry in Yountville, opened this neighborhood restaurant that serves high-caliber but approachable food, from pillowy ricotta dumplings and brick chicken to a playful dessert cart piled high with pastry chef Eddie Lopez’s chocolate chip cookies and pies.

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