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5 REASONS TO VISIT SANTA BARBARA

If your experience of Santa Barbara only extends to vague pastel-hued memories of the '80s daytime soap, it's time to put this California city back on the map. A must-see stop on the breathtaking stretch of coast between Los Angeles and San Francisco, Santa Barbara's Spanish colonial buildings, Mediterranean climate and laid-back appeal has made it a popular spot for locals and tourists alike. Then there's the plethora of LA-weary celebs who have traded big-city smog for fresh salty air - Oprah Winfrey, Tom Cruise and Ellen DeGeneres are just some of the stars who have moved here. Full of history and charm, Santa Barbara dazzles all who drop by. ★

Take in the Spanish Colonial Revival architecture and marvel at the view atop the **COUNTY COURTHOUSE**; santabarbaraca.com.



Head to the famed **GRANADA THEATRE** to check out the beautiful restoration and the best of the city's cultural offerings; granadasb.org.

Treat yourself at the grand **FOUR SEASONS RESORT** The Biltmore, or just pop in for Sunday brunch where you'll likely get a serve of celeb spotting with your pancakes; fourseasons.com/santabarbara.



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Try the catch of the day at the historic **STEARNS WHARF**. We recommend the Maine lobster or California king crab; stearnswharf.org.

Dig into local wines and farm-to-table produce at cool eatery **THE LARK** in the heart of the food- and wine-loving Funk Zone; thelarksb.com.

