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Maybe you've been to California or live here. You may be a conflicting holidaymaker who would rather see things that others miss. Or maybe you're looking for a particular place to see or do something in California. No matter what your motivation, there are many things to see and do in the Golden State no matter where you go. We've put together 20 of our favorite activities, from napa Valley vineyards to star-studded Hollywood. How many of these sites have you checked out of your list? 01 of 21 Terry Richards / Getty Images Lombard Street, in San Francisco, which leads from Embarcadero to Telegraph Hill, is famous for its single-block street in the Russian Hill district, between Hyde street and Leavenworth Streets. The winding path has eight hairpin bends designed to lower the natural 27 percent degree of the hill, too steep for most vehicles. The block runs only 600 feet, but it can take quite a lot of time to go down every bend, so be patient. You may also have to wait for a ride – around 250 cars per hour drive on the hill. 02 of 21 Glowimages / Getty Images The San Francisco Cable Car System is the oldest and last manually operated cable car system still in operation. Founded in 1873, only three of the original 18 routes remain. With two routes from downtown near Union Square to Fisherman's Wharf and a third route along California Street. Although still occasionally used by commuters and other locals, most of the seven million annual passengers are tourists. 03 of 21 Jon-Pierre Kelani / EyeEm / Getty Images Located in Telegraph Hill, this 210-foot tower offers some of the most classic views of San Francisco. From above you can see the bay of San Francisco and the island of Alcatraz. The Art Deco tower was built in 1923 and paid by Lillie Hitchcock Coit to beautify the city. The interior features 27 murals created mainly by local students of the California School of Fine Arts. Entrance to the tower costs USD 6 per adult, unless you are a local, where the price will fall to USD 4 from 2018. 04 of 21 Matteo Colombo / Getty Images The oldest Chinatown neighborhood in North America, San Francisco's Chinatown, is home to one of the largest Chinese populations outside Asia. The municipality is not only one of the most densely populated in the city, but also offers more tourists than the Golden Gate Bridge. If you are one of these many visitors, you will no doubt want to visit the various gastronomic possibilities in the neighborhood – fantastic walks are offered. Be sure to explore all of the many alleys in the area as they are rich in history and breathtaking Details are. Continue to 5 of 21 below. 05 of 21 Karsten May / Getty Images Walk or cycle down this historic bridge that connects San Fransico with the rest of Northern California to get not only panoramic views of the city, but also the expansive parking spaces on both sides of the The Golden Gate National Recreation Area also offers hiking and water sports along the coast. 06 of 21 romniechua / Getty Images The Ferry Building is located in the busy Embarcadero on Market Street and is a dream for food lovers in San Francisco. With everything from Blue Bottle Coffee, Humphry Slocombe and Cowgirl Creamery for fast local bits, the marketplace also offers a full farmers market to stock up on locally grown produce and fruit. Dine in the evening at the upscale Michelin-recommended restaurant The Slanted Door. 07 of 21 TripSavvy / Taylor McIntyre This scenic stretch of highway is located directly on the Pacific Ocean, between Carmel and San Simeon. Big Sur offers dramatic, breathtaking views of the coast and sea, as well as the stunning architecture of Bixby Creek and Rocky Creek Bridges. 08 of 21 Wildroze / Getty Images Once known as the Star Playground, Palm Springs retains much of the charm of the era. Located in the Sonoran Desert in Southern California, it is known for its hot springs, trendy hotels and spas. It is also famous for its many excellent examples of mid-century architecture. In addition to the infamous music festival, the nearby Coachella Valley is ideal for mountain biking and hiking. Continue to 9 of 21 below. 09 of 21 Mathew Spolin / Getty Images One of the world's most famous wine regions , Napa Valley is known across the country for its Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay, although it can be much more than that. While you may not get a table at The French Laundry (although you can still visit their gardens), Napa is home to many other upscale restaurants such as the Michelin-starred meadowood restaurant, as well as more casual options such as New York's Gran Electrica transplant and Sky & Vine Rooftop Bar, which offers stunning views of the valley. 10 of 21 Adam Hester / Getty Images Home to the world-famous Monterey Aquarium, the small town of Monterey is a perfect coastal town to spend a relaxing weekend, or even just through between Los Angeles and San Fransico. Dine in one of the many waterfront seafood restaurants and stroll through the historic streets of the classic houses in the area. Music lovers will want to see the Monterey Festival Grounds, where Jimi Hendrix and The Who wowed American audiences for the first time. 11 of 21 Geoff Livingston / Getty Images The former prison on the island of Alcatraz now sees more tourists through its halls than inmates. Since it became a landmark in 1976, the island has been a popular tourist destination. Take a cruise to the island to listen to the award-winning Doing Time: The Alcatraz Cellhouse Tour, or visit a slightly different creepy experience at night. 12 of 21 Chavalit / EyeEm / Getty Images The famous Yosemite National Park is located in a glacier-carved valley with towering granite monoliths, cliffs and waterfalls that surround it. The park is located in the Nevada Mountains and perhaps best known as the stumbling place for the famous landscape photographer Ansel Adams. Whether it's your first or your 20th visit, it's one of the most beautiful national parks in America. Continue to 13 of 21 below. 13 of 21 Westend61 / Getty Images In addition to being one of the state's most charming small-town towns, Carmel-by-the-Sea is also a starting point for 17-Mile Drive, a scenic route that includes sprawling villas and golf courses, as well as attractions such as Lone Cypress and Bird Rock. 14 of 21 Christopher Kimmel / Aurora Photos / Getty Images California's Redwood National Park, Del Norte Coast, Jedediah Smith and Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park make up nearly 140,000 acres of parkland, 45 percent of which contain California's remaining redwood trees. These trees can be up to 1,800 years old and can stand nearly 400 feet tall and 30 feet in diameter. 15 of 21 TripSavvy / Kathleen Messmer One of the most important zoos in the country, the San Diego Zoo hosts more than 3,700 animals from nearly 700 species. The zoo's conservation efforts are among the best in the world, and all animals live in habitats that are very similar to their natural environment. It is one of only four zoos in the U.S. where wild pandas live. (The adjacent San Diego Zoo Safari Park is also a must.) 16 of 21 Mel Bouzad / Getty Images Spend an afternoon strolling along Hollywood Boulevard and tracking the star of your favorite star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. At Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Hollywood and Highland, many actors from Hollywood's Golden Age have literally cemented their legacy on the sidewalks. Continue to 17 of 21 below. 17 of 21 Patrick Leitz / Getty Images One of California's oldest and most beautiful cities, a visit to Santa Barbara is a must. Known for its white stucco and red-brick roofs, the city was a Hollywood hotspot in the early 1900s, when it was the set for more than 1,200 films. Unsurprisingly, it became a hotspot for Mary Pickford, Charlie Chaplin and others. Today you can shop, dine or just stroll through the idyllic streets. It is about two hours north of Los Angeles. 18 of 21 Frederick M. Brown / Getty Images The original Disney Resort, Anaheim's Disneyland, opened its doors in 1955. The park has undergone numerous expansions and upgrades since the last few days and is still one of the most visited theme parks in the world, second only to its sibling Magic Kingdom. The California park is smaller than Disneyworld, its Florida counterpart, which makes it much easier to move. 19 of 21 Lisa Bronitt / Getty Images All major studios in Hollywood, from Warner Bros. to Paramount to Universal, are all guided studio tours with prominent films and TV shows. The Universal Studios Backlot Tour is one of the most famous. It includes 13 city blocks with the tram, which will take you up close and personal with many classic film moments, such as and King Kong. 20 of 21 bmse / Getty Images This small bag from Orange County is home to Huntington Beach, also known as Surf City USA. Every year, the US Open of Surfing takes place in Huntington Beach. It is also home to the International Surf Museum. Don't you want to make the waves? Spend your time on the long Huntington Beach Pier, a great place to catch the sunset. Continue to 21 of 21 below. 21 of 21 Experience the outdoor lifestyle at Lake Tahoe by setting up a lakeside campsite and then jumping straight into kayaking, swimming, hiking and jet skiing. If you don't want to go as rustic as tent camping, there are several campsites with motorhome connections. But if that's not enough, there are many high-end hotels in the Lake Tahoe area, complete with nightlife. Nightlife.