

SAN JOSE

1 MINUTE/1 HOUR/1 DAY GETAWAY

Despite its mantra of “California casual,” this once-thriving agricultural center is definitely a city “on the move” and moving further. Now an important city of northern California, its present is marked with prosperity and its future can only become brighter.

1 MINUTE

Peralta Adobe/Fallon House
175 W. Saint John St. • 408-993-8300

Built in 1797, it's the only remaining structure of El Pueblo de San Jose de Guadalupe, the town's first non-mission settlement. Across the street is Fallon House, the 1855 home of San Jose mayor Thomas Fallon. Both are furnished with period pieces.

Mission San Jose
At Mission and Washington Blvds., Fremont • 510-657-1797

Founded in 1797, it was number 14 of the Alta California missions. Ohlone Indians once called it home, where they prayed and did duties like making clothes and sowing crops. It was destroyed by an 1868 earthquake and restored many years later with the same adobe bricks, marble columns and carved railings.

1 HOUR

Heritage Rose Garden
Taylor St. and Spring St. • 408-298-7657

For four acres, you can retreat in this oasis filled with 5,000 delicious-smelling rosebushes. Its unique bowl-shape allows for all-around views from the center. There are 3,000 rose varieties, plus the Historic Orchard with fruit trees. You can brown bag it and kick back at a picnic table for lunch.

San Jose Museum of Art
110 S. Market St. • 408-271-6840

The building itself is a unique work of art—half is from the 19th century, while the other half is modern. You can enjoy 1,400 pieces of contemporary art from the 20th and 21st centuries, like sculpture, paintings and photography, plus local artists' works. Perhaps the best part? It's free.

San Jose Flea Market
1590 Berryessa Rd., Berryessa • 408-453-1110

For eight miles, more than 2,000 sellers offer up jewelry, clothes, arts & crafts, furniture and countless more wares. Bring cash—you never know which sellers accept plastic. Once you walk up an appetite, restaurants, markets and snack shops have whatever you crave.

1 HOUR (CON'T)

Tech Museum of Innovation
201 S. Market St • 408-294-TECH

The Tech showcases not just how technology works, but how it shapes the ways we live, work and play. True to its Silicon Valley roots, it uses cutting-edge technology to deliver truly interactive exhibits. Participate in a virtual arm wrestle against museum visitors in New York or Alaska, create your own character and play in a 3-D online world, design a rollercoaster or construct your own webpage with pictures from your visit.

Guadalupe River Park
438 Coleman Ave. • 408-298-7657

A 150-acre natural haven in the heart of town, River Park offers refuge for a host of migratory and song birds. You'll find great 2-1/2 miles of trails for scenic walks and jogging, picture-perfect spots for a picnic lunch, a carousel, children's museum and a Monopoly game board 930 square feet in size. The Park also hosts festivals and concerts each year, so call ahead to find out who's in town.

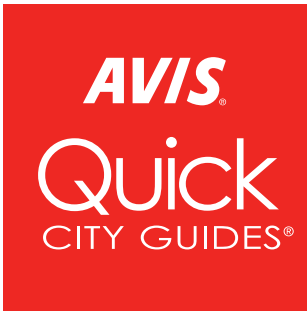
1 DAY

Coyote Creek Golf Club
One Coyote Creek Golf Dr. • 1-866-566-1450

Known as one of Silicon Valley's premiere golf courses, Coyote Creek hosts the annual senior PGA tournament and features two spectacular 18-hole Jack Nicklaus Signature Courses. But consider yourself warned: the courses here are so breathtaking it may be hard to keep your eye on the ball.

Willow Glen
CA-87 S. to Alma Ave. exit

Just 3 miles south of San Jose, Willow Glen is a charming neighborhood of lush, tree-lined streets and architecturally distinctive single-family homes. Explore Lincoln Avenue and discover sidewalk cafes, Italian delis, home design stores, clothing boutiques and independent bookstores and relax in the shade at Bramhall Park.



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GOURMET DINING AND LOCAL FAVORITES

GOURMET DINING

A.P. Stumps Chop House

There's both a contemporary main dining room, plus a more casual bistro. And the continually changing, New American menu offer up fine seafood and signature steaks and chops, like a 17-oz. bone-in rib eye.

163 W. Santa Clara St. • 408-292-9928

Arcadia

Along with its elegant accents, the comfort food served up by renowned chef Michael Mina makes you feel at home. You'll find starters of seared Hudson Valley foie gras, while entrées include steak and potatoes and a signature lobster pot pie.

301 S. Market St. (in the Marriott) • 408-278-4555

Le Papillon

It's fine French dining all the way, from the candlelight to the vintage wine cellar. There's a tasting menu and à la carte choices, where you may find fois gras terrine and black currant-glazed rack of lamb.

410 Saratoga Ave. • 408-296-3730

Emile's

This intimate, upscale Silicon Valley favorite has been serving up French delights with a Swiss twist since 1973. Expect blooming table displays along with seasonal dishes, like house-cured Gravlax, and Osetra caviar to start, with crab and lobster risotto and roasted duck breast as entrées. There's also a tasting menu for smaller portions.

545 S. Second St. • 408-289-1960

Manresa

Heralded by *Gourmet* and *Zagat*, this romantic and inviting restaurant offers an inspired blend of French, Catalanian and New American cuisines. Dishes are inspired by artisanally-farmed local ingredients, many coming from the restaurant's own garden, so the menu changes continuously. Try the 4-course prix fixe dinner or abandon yourself to the chef's tasting menu. Reservations strongly recommended.

320 Village Ln., Los Gatos • 408-354-4330

LOCAL FAVORITES

71 Saint Peter

It's touted as a Mediterranean grill, yet you'll see many dishes that are seemingly Italian. The atmosphere feels open and airy, where bustling business folk lunch over hefty salads and sandwiches. The dinner crowd can choose from delights like orange-glazed mahi mahi, penne with roasted chicken and a dry-spiced grilled lamb sirloin.

71 N. San Pedro St. • 408-971-8523

Il Fornaio

This chain known for its fresh-baked breads and pizzas is a carb-lover's dream. High-arched windows abound as you try to decide between antipasto and bruschetta appetizers, and lobster ravioli and bistecca alla fiorentina entrées.

302 S. Market St. (in the Sainte Claire) • 408-271-3366

Aqui Cal-Mex Grill

For a fun and affordable lunch, Aqui offers an eclectic mix of Mexican and California cuisines. Expect real, no-filler guacamole, and dishes that include a Thai chicken burrito or enchiladas filled with artichoke and spinach. Grab a table in the Southwest-inspired dining room, or dine al fresco on the patio. Just make sure you have an appetite when you go—portions here are generous.

1145 Lincoln Ave. • 408-995-0381

5679 Snell Ave. • 408-362-3456

E&O Trading Company

Sleek and simple décor provide a minimalist backdrop for the E&O Trading Company's inventive Southeast Asian fare. Relax with an exotic specialty cocktail and enjoy dishes inspired by the cuisines of Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia and East India. Entrées include Vietnamese lemongrass chicken, seared ahi tuna with soba noodles and Korean BBQ beef with kimchee.

96 South First St. • 408-938-4100

Paragon

Set within the stylish Hotel Montgomery, the Paragon is the South Bay's destination for American Brasserie fare at reasonable prices. Expect simple, robust cuisine, like yellowfin tuna tartare, a salad of duck confit with arugula and dried cherries or porcini-dusted halibut. There's an outdoor patio where you can relax on over-sized couches and ottomans under a grove of olive trees, and live jazz Friday and Saturday nights.

211 S. First St. • 408-282-8888