



“SURF CITY” SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA

Couples & Romance 3-day Itinerary Ideas

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Couples searching for a romantic getaway can look no further than Santa Cruz County, where every beach provides the ultimate setting for a glorious sunset and opportunities abound to reenergize and relax.

GETTING HERE: Arrive at San Francisco International Airport (SFO) and drive approximately 70 miles/113 km south to Santa Cruz County (recommended: drive via Scenic Highway 1 – Pacific Coast Highway)

DAY ONE

Arrange for a special gift of champagne or flowers upon arrival at a bed and breakfast or cozy inn.

Stroll antique shops in Soquel Village, which feature everything from heirloom jewelry to early American furniture.

Seaside, opt for a couple’s surfing lesson or a sunset kayak paddle on Monterey Bay.

Visit a tasting room, where an intimate experience awaits. The winemaker who makes wine during the week regularly pours wine in the tasting room on the weekends, enabling visitors to have a one-on-one experience with local winemakers.

Pack a picnic and find a spot on a beach blanket at Manresa State Beach in south county, where the crowds are fewer and the sunsets glorious.

Overnight in Santa Cruz County



DAY TWO

Sleep in and start the day with brunch and a view of Monterey Bay.

Enjoy the romance of the Monterey Bay with a sailing excursion.

Take a self-guided wine tasting tour through Corralitos, which is draped with vineyards.

Visit the north coast and stroll the beach in search of colorful sea glass washed ashore.

Treat yourselves to an elegant dinner at a cozy romantic bistro in Downtown Santa Cruz.

Have some extra energy? A myriad of entertainment choices await at local nightclubs, where you can dance the night away or sit back and listen to the smooth sounds of jazz.

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DAY THREE

Rent beach cruisers and bike up scenic West Cliff Drive to Natural Bridges State Beach and relax on the sand.



Indulge in a spa treatment at one of the many spas throughout the county. Opt for a couples massage, hot stone therapy

or take in a soak for two in a hot tub, where the ultimate elixir is relaxation.

Get inspired from amazing art at a number of galleries throughout the county, or take in the self-guided public art tour of Downtown Santa Cruz.

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