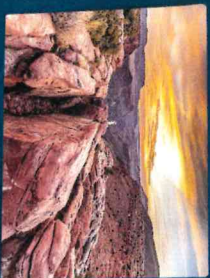




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Sunday Drive No. 2: Santa Barbara County

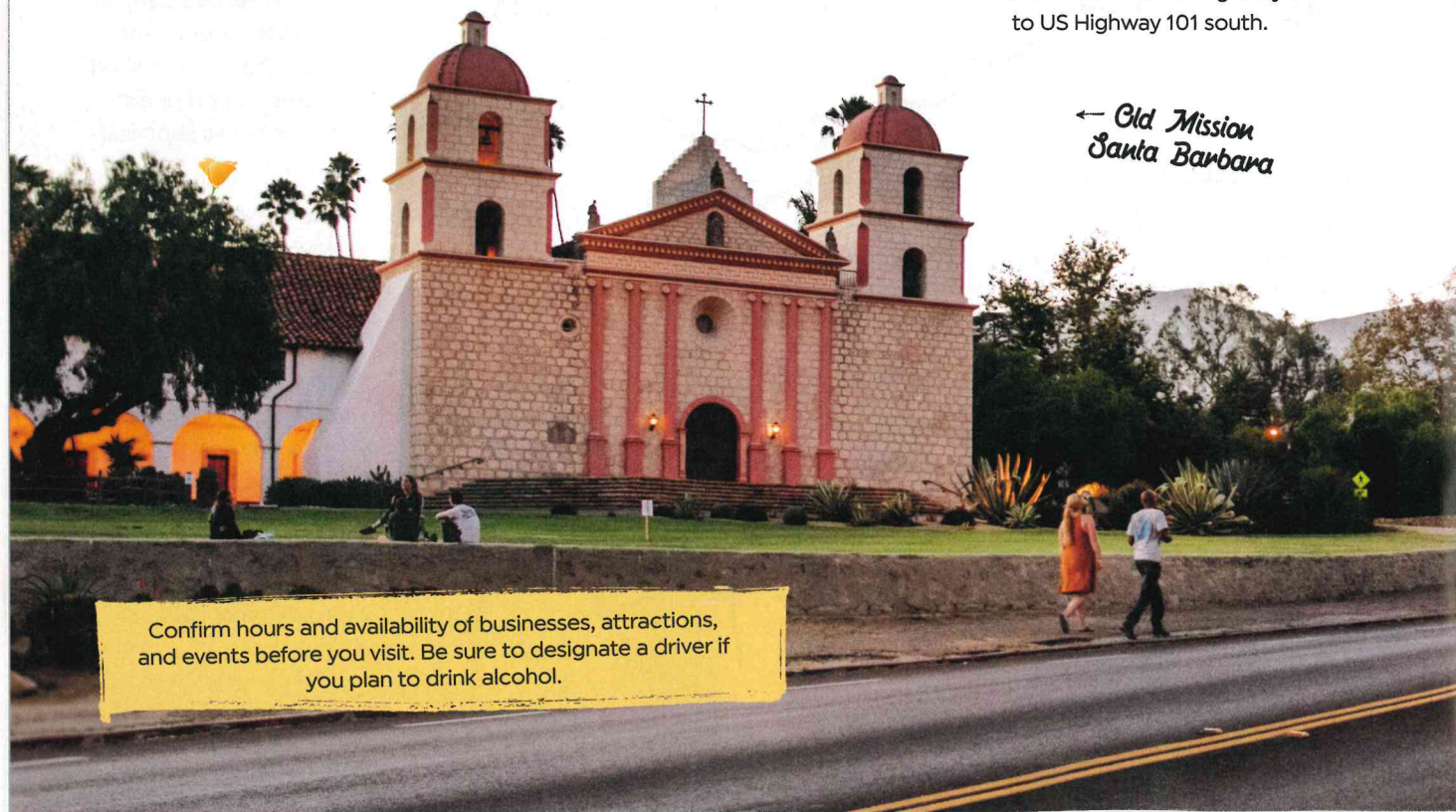
Mission to Mission

By Starshine Roshell

The Franciscans carefully spaced the California missions so travelers could walk from a mission to the next closest one in three days. Centuries later, you can drive to three of them in a single afternoon on the peaceful country roads of Santa Barbara County—and still find time to greet amazing animals, stroll nostalgic villages, and sip pinot to the strains of classic rock.

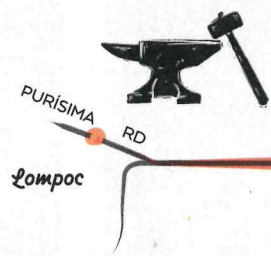


← La Purísima Mission



← Old Mission Santa Barbara

Confirm hours and availability of businesses, attractions, and events before you visit. Be sure to designate a driver if you plan to drink alcohol.



The Route

ABOUT 56 MILES ONE WAY

Beginning at Old Mission Santa Barbara, head north on Mission Canyon Road, taking Foothill Road/State Route 192 west to State Route 154 up and over San Marcos Pass. Continue past Lake Cachuma to Los Olivos, turning left at Grand Avenue. Bear right at Alamo Pintado Road, and follow that to Mission Drive/State Route 246. Head west past Mission Santa Inés, through Solvang and all the way to Lompoc, veering right at Purísima Road toward La Purísima Mission. Head back to Santa Barbara on the coastal route via Highway 1 to US Highway 101 south.



← Babcock Winery



← Ostrichland USA



Los Olivos is a one-horse Western town dotted with prairie-style Victorian buildings, art galleries, wine-tasting rooms, and antiques shops. Download the walking tour from losolivosca.com before you go, and grab fresh, hearty, inventive picnic fare at **Panino**.

Pull over at **Quicksilver Ranch** for a gander at the miniature horses roaming there—some no bigger than a Great Dane. Then stop at **Ostrichland USA** to feed the fluffy ostriches and emus, or just catch a glimpse of the marvelous creatures as you drive past. Admission: \$2-\$5; \$1 per feed bowl.

La Purísima Mission is the state's most extensively restored mission. Wander its nature trails, peek into its blacksmith shop, snap a photo at the romantic fountain, and befriend snorting penned beasts, from giant pigs to a magnificent long-horned bull. Parking, \$6.

Picnic Place

Bring your own lunch to the picnic tables at **Babcock Winery** in Lompoc or order from its menu, provided by the scrumptious Industrial Eats. Enjoy a glass of Ocean's Ghost Pinot Noir and check out the sprawling boutique of vintage rock 'n' roll memorabilia and other midcentury-modern treasures in the winery's Soulstruck Lounge.

More drives →