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# Central Coast Gables, Grapes & Guesses

Featuring a Two-Night Stay at *Madonna Inn*, Surprise Destinations, Wine Tasting, *Coast Starlight Train*

October 11-13, 2026 – 3 Day Tour

## Tour Highlights

- ◆ Savor a relaxing two-night stay at the famed Madonna Inn where every room at this historic property is unique, and the whimsical spaces and elegant hideaways around every corner invites wonder and delight
- ◆ Settle in for a relaxing, five-hour rail journey with an included boxed lunch aboard Amtrak's premier *Coast Starlight* train, offering unparalleled views of California's spectacular coastline and fertile valleys from its observation car featuring floor-to-ceiling windows
- ◆ Enjoy a guided tour of the vineyard and barrel room along with wine tasting at an award-winning winery in the heart of Edna Valley, a rustic, off-the-beaten-path wine region
- ◆ Experience several surprises along the way including a guided tour and lunch at a unique destination, never before featured on a *Good Times Travel* tour
- ◆ Optional horseback trail ride utilizing the hillside paths behind the Madonna Inn offering stunning views of the local landscape



Madonna Inn

## Tour Inclusions

- ◆ 2 Nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- ◆ 5 Meals – 3 lunches, 2 breakfasts
- ◆ Services of a professional GTT tour director
- ◆ Admissions and sightseeing per the itinerary
- ◆ Transportation aboard a deluxe motorcoach and Amtrak's *Coast Starlight* Train
- ◆ Luggage handling throughout the tour



Coast Starlight Train



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## Tour Prices

Double Occupancy: \$999 per person  
 Single Occupancy (no roommate): Add \$450  
 Optional Horseback Ride: \$125 per person



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Surprise Destinations

## Make a Booking



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## Accommodations

- ◆ Nights 1-2 **Madonna Inn**  
San Luis Obispo, CA

## Departure Information

Join this tour from one of our convenient departure points available in these cities:

- ◆Fountain Valley ◆Laguna Hills ◆Long Beach
- Approximate Departure Time: 7-9 a.m.  
Approximate Return Time: 6-8 p.m.

## Payment Information

- ◆ Full payment due at time of booking
- ◆ Payment may be made by mailing a check to the above address or by making a credit card payment at [www.goodtimestravel.com](http://www.goodtimestravel.com)

## Cancellation/Travel Protection

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## Adjustments to the Itinerary

While we make every effort to operate our tours as advertised, should we be forced to adjust the itinerary prior to departure or while on tour, these changes will be communicated to you and only done when absolutely necessary.

## Tour Pace & Activity Level



Visit our website for further explanation of what each of these designations means to assist you in determining which tour is right for you based on your physical abilities and the pacing you prefer.

## Itinerary

*Experience the whimsical side of the Central Coast on this new three-day journey that blends the Coast Starlight train with surprise destinations and a two-night stay at the famed Madonna Inn. From hidden-gem destinations to the rustic elegance of harvest time in the Edna Valley, this tour is curated to reveal the charming secrets of the Central Coast and celebrate the bold, the beautiful, and the wonderfully unexpected.*

### Day 1 – Coastal Train Ride, Welcome to the *Madonna Inn* (Sunday, October 11)

From our departure points this morning we'll travel aboard a deluxe motorcoach to downtown Los Angeles' Union Station. *All aboard* Amtrak's renowned **Coast Starlight train** for a spectacular, **five-hour rail journey** along California's dramatic coastline and through its fertile valleys. We'll travel along Point Conception and through Vandenberg Space Force Base, offering views of launch complexes and pristine, undeveloped coastline only visible by train. Enjoy an included boxed lunch onboard, with additional snacks and drinks available for purchase in the snack bar. Relax in your reclining seat or check out the view from the **Observation Car** (all group seats and observation car seats are located on the upper level of the train with stairs required), featuring floor-to-ceiling panoramic windows providing unparalleled views. Upon arrival in **San Luis Obispo**, we'll reboard our motorcoach and continue the short distance to the world-renowned **Madonna Inn**. This flamboyant landmark known for its exuberant, maximalist design is a masterclass in "more is more" design, blending 1950s glamour, Alpine kitsch, and rugged Western charm into one of California's most unique hospitality experiences. Everything here is a deliberate delight – from the custom-patterned carpets to the signature pink sugar. The most famous aspect of the inn is that no two of its 110 rooms are alike with each having its own specific name and a completely unique decor scheme. Essentially, it's a collection of 110 distinct art installations you can sleep in! You might find yourself in "Paris Violets," featuring bright yellow walls and violet carpets paired with replicas of old Parisian street lamps and "lighted" paintings of the Eiffel Tower. "The Old Mill" is fairytale-inspired with a working waterwheel and whimsical hand-painted murals. "Mount Vernon" is a stately, patriotic tribute to early American history, featuring crisp red, white, and blue decor, elegant floral wallpaper, and traditional furnishings that evoke the classic charm of a colonial manor. The evening is yours to explore the property including the boutique shops and the Terrace Pool, featuring a 45-foot waterfall, two hot tubs, and sweeping valley vistas. Enjoy dinner on your own at one of its two restaurants. Alex Madonna's Gold Rush Steak House is the hotel's crown jewel and features enormous pink leather booths, elaborate gold chandeliers, and a massive rock-waterfall. The Copper Café is a more casual, diner-style spot with intricate wood carvings and copper-topped tables. Cap off the night with music and dancing on the Madonna Inn dance floor – from live Big Band music, to swing, salsa, and piano music, every night of the week features a unique entertainment experience. *While your room will feature modern amenities like wi-fi, flat screen television and a refrigerator, as an historic property, the Madonna Inn does not have an elevator. While we've reserved a number of ground level rooms, we also have rooms on the second and third level which can only be accessed via stairs. The inn rooms are located in detached, hillside wings behind the main building where the restaurants are located, and guests must walk along a scenic, winding outdoor pathway between the two.* (Lunch)

### Day 2 – Surprises & Wine Tasting (Monday, October 12)

Following an included breakfast at the inn, we'll set out to explore the San Luis Obispo Valley, a region where timeless Central Coast charm is tucked into every rolling hillside. Our morning features a guided tour and catered lunch at a unique destination – a hidden gem never featured on a *Good Times Travel* tour. This afternoon we'll transition to the rustic elegance of the **Edna Valley**, California's southernmost cool-climate wine region. We'll visit an intimate, family-owned estate celebrated for its exceptional Alsatian-style wines. A behind-the-scenes tour of the vineyard and barrel room, followed by a curated **wine tasting** during the vibrant harvest season, will provide a memorable experience. We'll return to the Madonna Inn late this afternoon. Enjoy a relaxed dinner on your own at the inn or take advantage of optional motorcoach transportation to historic downtown San Luis Obispo with time at leisure to discover local flavors at an array of celebrated restaurants. (Breakfast, Lunch)

### Day 3 – Surprises, Journey Home (Tuesday, October 13)

After an included breakfast, enjoy a relaxed morning, allowing ample time to soak in the property's whimsical atmosphere. For a truly unforgettable experience, take advantage of an optional **Madonna Inn Trail Ride** led by experienced wranglers on gentle horses. This 1-hour trail ride by horseback utilizes the hillside paths behind the Madonna Inn, offering stunning views of the local landscape. This optional experience is available (based on availability) for an additional \$125 per person (inclusive of taxes, fees and customary gratuity) and is payable at the time of booking. *All riders must be in good physical condition with a maximum weight limit of 230 pounds fully dressed.* Late this morning we'll begin our southward journey with two additional "surprise" stops for an included lunch, and a sweet treat. We'll return to our drop-off points this evening with many fond memories of the hidden gems and vibrant character discovered on this charming Central Coast getaway. (Breakfast, Lunch)