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Riding Highways

There's a sweet nostalgia that comes along with piling into a car with loved ones simply to go for a drive—it's important to hang onto the leisure that comes with being on the open road. To celebrate the many views that can be seen from the seat of a car, *Montage Magazine* takes readers on five distinct automotive adventures across the country, reminding travelers that the journey is often just as enjoyable as the destination.



Coronado Beach is a picture-perfect road trip destination. | *California Travel and Tourism Commission/Andreas Hub*

Coastal Cruise

Laguna Beach, Calif., is the perfect starting point for a beachfront excursion. A drive on state Route 1, known as Pacific Coast Highway, is a must-do for visitors and

hooked at the marina. Nearby San Onofre State Beach is the next stop, travelers should take advantage of the walking trails along the bluffs. Depending on the tide, areas with rocky reefs or tide pools may be visible. Nearby grounds at San Mateo Creek also have a culturally significant history with regional Native Americans as the site of a past Acjachemen village dating back more than 8,000 years.



Watch the boats drift in and out of Dana Point Harbor.

The drive south continues with a visit to the San Diego Botanic Garden in Encinitas. Explore a jungle canopy and discover trees and flowers from all over the world. For the more curious visitors, the garden hosts bird-watching as well as diverse classes in nature and the arts—think culinary workshops and outdoor photography. Continue with stops at the coastal wetlands of San Elijo Lagoon, Torrey Pines State Reserve or La Jolla Cove.

mountaintop views

A short drive from Montage Deer Valley delivers the idyllic setting for an afternoon picnic: a pristine alpine lake surrounded by peaceful mountains at Guardsmans Pass Overlook. Whether you are a photographer, enjoy hiking or simply love a beautiful drive, this fall road trip in Park City offers it all, and it begins at your doorstep.

Day-trippers should check the weather and make sure to bring warm clothes. Conditions change quickly in the mountains at these elevations—more than 9,000 feet in some areas. Guests should also arrange a picnic in advance. Once preparations are taken care of, start the drive by going south on state Route 224.



On the drive to Guardsmans Pass Overlook, Mount Timpanogos can be seen in the distance.

You'll climb steeply through the silent lifts of Deer Valley and into the wilderness. Wild turkeys, moose and elk are all possible sightings along the way. Near the crest

narrows toward the top, go slowly and watch for descending drivers. Upon arrival, enjoy the views from the pass before starting the 1.2-mile, round-trip trek at the south end of the parking lot. Take the downward trail for a quick hike to Lake Lackawaxen. When you're ready, head back to the car to enjoy the breathtaking views on the short drive back to the comfort of your room.

Seaside to Highlands

Most people assume the Aloha State is better suited to long boards and catamarans than automobiles, but Hawaii is arguably one of the best states for a road trip: Distances are all relatively short, and the individual islands have some of the most interesting views.



On a single trip, drivers can tour the green cane fields and the idyllic coastline of Maui.

Nowhere is this more true than Maui. A laidback voyage is a combination of Route 37 and Route 31 through the lush highlands and along the secluded southern

boutiques and cafes make the trip down a great place to rest before continuing along Route 37, called Kula Highway.

The road meanders through the farms and gardens of upcountry Maui to the 18,000-acre Ulupalakua Ranch. Founded in the 1840s, this historic sugar plantation and cattle spread is home to the island's only winery, and you can sample their pineapple, raspberry and grape wines.

Just beyond the winery, the road segues into Route 31, Piilani Highway, which curves around the lower slopes of Haleakalā volcano. Be sure to stop at the historic Kaupo General Store, which opened in 1925, where you can pick up beverages and ice cream.



Visit quaint art galleries and trinket shops on a drive through Maui's small towns.

Pacific Ocean.

Another mile ahead is Oheo Gulch and the Kipahulu Visitor Center of Haleakalā National Park. You can easily spend half a day (or more) stretching your legs on a hike to Waimoku Falls or lounging in the Seven Sacred Pools before continuing to the scenic town of Hana.

Desert Oasis

From Los Angeles, road trippers set on an adventurous course through majestic mountains and arid landscape, only to end up two hours later in Palm Springs, the state's most sought-after desert city.

From Montage Beverly Hills, take Interstate 110 north for a stop in Pasadena, a beautiful city known for the Tournament of Roses Parade. The Rose Bowl is a historic landmark that's more than a stomping ground for college football. If timing is right, catch a concert, visit one of several festivals or spend hours at the ever-popular flea market.



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Traverse I-210 to I-10 with the breathtaking backdrop of the San Gabriel Mountains, before desert scenery comes alive on the horizon. For an exciting day of shopping, don't miss Desert Hills Premium Outlets, where you'll find luxury goods from famous fashion designers like Alexander McQueen, Carolina Herrera, Diane von Furstenberg and Helmut Lang. If you're traveling with children that need a little more excitement, make a visit to the Cabazon Dinosaurs (made famous by "Pee-wee's Big Adventure") just a mile away.



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From there, it's only about 20 minutes to Palm Springs, a midcentury modern city that served as a getaway for old Hollywood stars like Marilyn Monroe and Frank Sinatra. Grab a sandwich at Cheeky's, and continue to Palm Desert for The Living Desert zoo and gardens, to see wildlife from around the world. To round up your road trip, drive right onto state Route 74, known as the Pines to Palms Highway. The road's nickname is derived from the scenery going west to east, where forests transition to the lush oasis of the Coachella Valley Desert. The road zigzags with steep climbs and steady descents, all offering classic, California desert vistas.

Back in Time

During a stay at The Inn at Palmetto Bluff, a Montage Resort, hop in the car, roll the windows down and head to historic Beaufort, S.C. Expect to navigate tree-lined roads and a scenic bridge, which stretches across the wide expanse of the Harbor River.

Follow Route 170 east for 22 miles, then take a slight right onto US-21 Business. The road becomes charming downtown Beaufort.



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Find a seat in a horse-drawn carriage at nearby Southurn Rose Buggy Tours for a scenic ride through the Point, an antebellum neighborhood showcasing elegant mansions tucked between majestic, moss-draped oaks. Expert guides reveal the rich history of Beaufort and the cotton barons who built the city.

At midday, stroll over to Plums Restaurant for a bowl of hearty Lowcountry gumbo or a fried catfish po'boy. If the weather is nice, take in dramatic views of the Harbor River from the patio.



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Beaufort's retailers are filled with changes to find hidden gems. Browse art galleries, antique shops, bookstores and boutiques that dot the downtown walking districts. Before saying goodbye, find respite on one of the wooden swings that line the river and take in the panorama of marsh islands, waterways and the nearby swing bridge.

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