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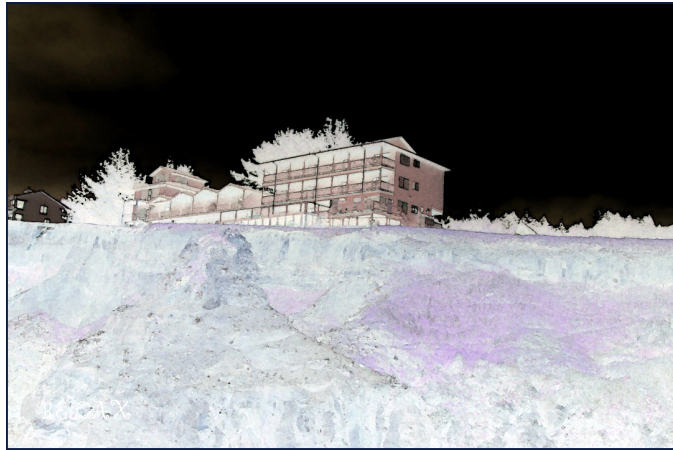
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Napa Now.....

Shelter Cove, CA -- Inn of The Lost Coast. If you are looking for an out of the way peaceful place to visit, Shelter Cove is a must see. This small portion of Northern California's coast was one of the last places to be mapped in California. Its unique topography made it difficult to access. It is a small portion of coastline that is surrounded by 4000 foot mountains. It was a fishing port due to easier access by boat. A single paved road in and out is it's only access by car. There is also a small airstrip. If you happen to have a four-wheel drive vehicle, there are beautiful unpaved forest roads to gain entry from the north and south. The southern road is more difficult, especially in early spring. I had to pull a few downed trees out of my way. But the drive and the views were worth it. The Inn of the Lost Coast is a peaceful, dog friendly inn perched upon a high cliff overlooking the Pacific Ocean. If the temperature is nice, you can sleep with the windows open and hear the mesmerizing sounds of crashing waves lulling you to sleep.



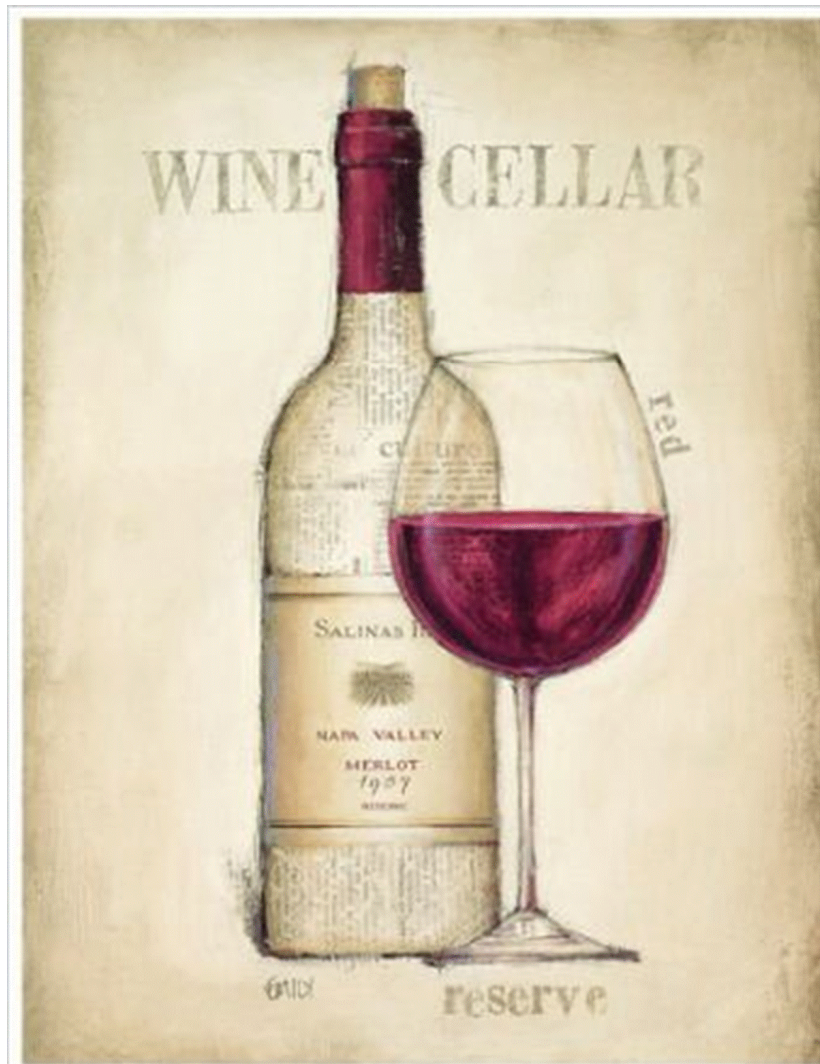
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There is a nearby beach called Black Sand Beach, that has an incredible view and fine black sand from erosion of the local rocks that parallels some of the toe-tickling fine sands of Fire Island, NY. If you are making the drive up from San Francisco Airport, you are a small detour from driving through some of the best wine country the United States has to offer. Napa and Sonoma Valleys are east of highway 101 on your drive up. It is a significant detour, but if you have the time, its worth it. Even closer, just north of Napa and Sonoma, is Alexander Valley. Alexander Valley is just east of 101. You will see signs for it on 101. Stay tuned for another travel article "Places to go in Northern California's wine Country;. For more information on the Inn of the Lost Coast, please visit: www.innofthelostcoast.com .Stay tuned for more Travel Tidbits from www.thenewyorkoptimist.com

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1.

Amsterdam, Netherlands

Amsterdam has so much to offer but is small enough for you to discover in one trip. Saying that though Amsterdam might very well become one of your favorites and returning will be a must. One of its many benefits is that you can bike or walk to a great selection of attractions. Explore the Anne Frank or Van Gogh museums, cross the canals or see the windmills. Another benefit? The locals all seemed to be relaxed, which allows you to slow down and savor every minute you spend here. Read more about the 'Venice of the North' with our [Amsterdam travel guide](#).



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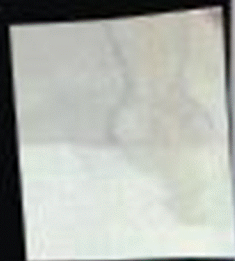
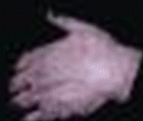
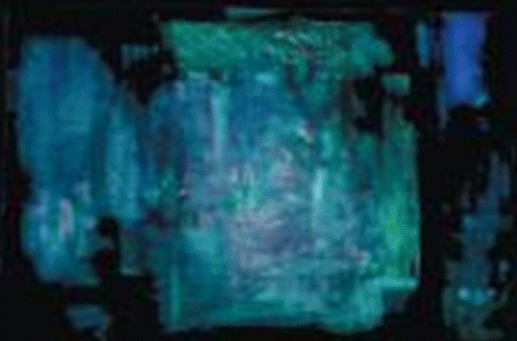
Bangkok, Thailand

Welcome to a city where time-honored traditions are experienced alongside futuristic achievements. Bangkok always seems to be on the go and yet respecting the past is part of the daily routine. After you have explored the outdoor markets, Chinatown, the Emerald Buddha and beautiful palaces you can head back to your luxurious [hotel](#). Although Bangkok preserves its history well it can also offer you the best of today's luxuries. And often for a more reasonable price than in North America. Learn more about Bangkok [here](#).



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