

**HOOVER DAM'S NEW BRIDGE:  
AN ICON RISES IN THE DESERT**

# Sunset

**LIVING IN THE WEST**

## Your best Thanksgiving

**Guilt-free  
sides**

**Party plans  
for indoors  
or out**

**Easy  
make-  
ahead  
menu**

**Feast!**  
Chile and spice  
grilled turkey is the  
centerpiece P. 64



**OUR 2010  
WINE  
AWARDS  
STEALS  
& DEALS**

**FALL TRAVEL  
BARGAINS  
FROM B.C.  
TO HAWAII**

NOVEMBER 2010



CENTER: BROWN CANNON III; TOP RIGHT: GARY CHABBE/ALAMY



# Wine country, after the crush

When the grape harvest winds down in late October, wine country goes dormant. But when the grapes come off the vine, it also triggers fall color, which makes November a downright spectacular time to visit.

## WESTERN SONOMA, CA

We love the fresh, luxurious rooms and friendly vibe at **Farmhouse Inn**, between the vineyards of Sonoma and the coastal redwoods. The restaurant is a can't-miss and the small spa newly redone. Refreshingly, instead of charging for every little thing, the place piles on extras like a big breakfast, a s'mores bar, and a bath-salts bar. [farmhouseinn.com](http://farmhouseinn.com) —L.T.

**High season:** \$325 **November deal:** \$206 (mention *Sunset*) **You save:** 37%

## WOODINVILLE, WA

A drizzly day is made for hiding out in the wine bar behind the fireplace in the lobby at **Willows Lodge**. Of course, you could also duck into some of the 60 or so wineries clustered about town. If the sun shows up, rent a bike at the lodge (\$5/hour) and head out on the Burke-Gilman Trail. [willowslodge.com](http://willowslodge.com) —SARA SCHNEIDER

**High season:** \$269 **November deal:** \$188 (mention *Sunset*) **You save:** 30%

## GLEN ELLEN, CA

**Gaige House's** top-end Zen suites run an eye-popping \$699 in season. Right now, though, they're half that. Our favorite part? A long soak in the tub carved from granite, and polished inside to a high, smooth shine. If you decide to leave your room (you may not), you'll have Sonoma's backroads pretty much to yourself. [gaige.com](http://gaige.com) —L.T.

**High season:** \$699 **November deal:** \$349 (book online using code "sunsetmag") **You save:** 50%

**BEST DEAL**  
Save  
50%



## 4 SMART BOOKING STRATEGIES

### Skip the planning.

Hotels are more willing to wheel and deal for tomorrow than they are for a month from now.

**Just show up.** A bird in the hand is a powerful motivator. But leave your suitcase in the trunk; you don't want to look too committed.

### Get Twitter feeds.

Hotels sometimes offload rooms at the last minute this way, or in emails from discount websites like **Jetsetter**.

**Call in sick.** Hotels not geared for business travel are often desperate midweek. ■



**GREAT FALL GETAWAYS**, from beaches to backroads: [sunset.com/fall-trips](http://sunset.com/fall-trips)