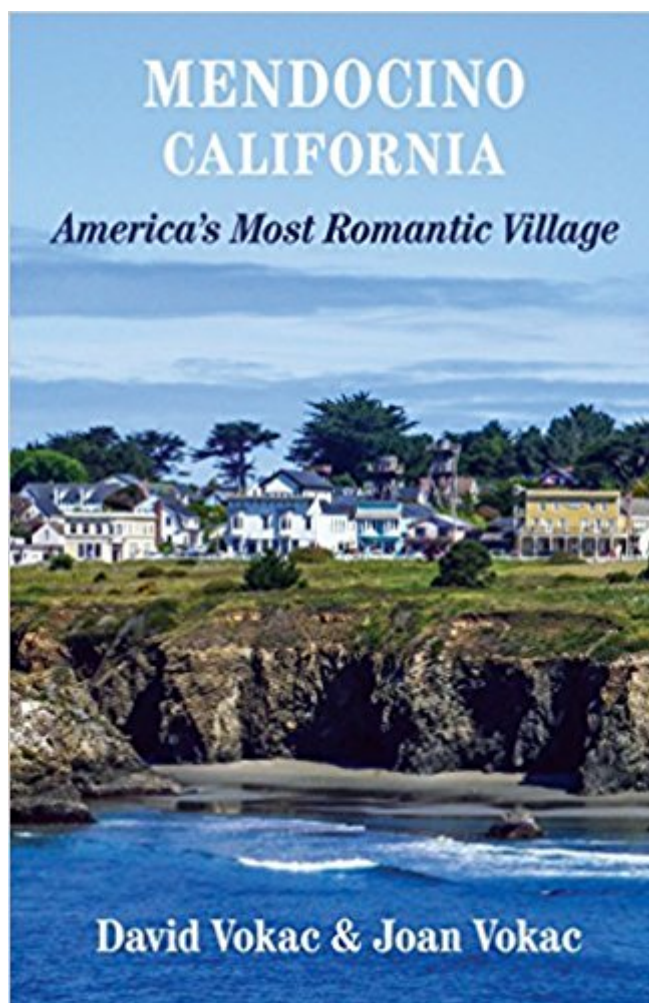


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# Mendocino, California: Travel Guide To America's Most Romantic Village



## Synopsis

Mendocino is a dreamy destination for couples in love, an exuberant base camp for hikers, bikers and boaters, and an ideal getaway for urban escapists. The village's claim to fame is romance, and it encourages that extremely well. Mendocino boasts one of the most beautiful strollable coastlines in America and one of the most unspoiled downtowns anywhere. It hosts an impressive collection of sophisticated art galleries, gourmet restaurants, and fanciful bed-and-breakfast inns. Major attractions a few miles to the north include an idyllic botanical garden and a scenic train ride through magnificent redwood boondocks. Hiking verdant coastal bluffs and sandy beaches and boating through wilderness backcountry are popular pastimes. So are exploring exceptional wineries inland south of town. This guide to the "village of romance" includes 67 detailed listings of all of the best attractions, restaurants and lodgings at prices ranging from luxurious to moderate. A handy weather profile that graphically displays when you can expect clear warm weather is another unique feature of this handy easy-to-pack guidebook for everyone seeking a getaway worth leaving your cell phone behind for.

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## Customer Reviews

David Vokac has been dubbed the Guru of Great Towns. Since 1985 he has crisscrossed America searching for ideal towns combining scenic grandeur, exhilarating outdoor recreation options, and strong regional culture. He believes that in small town America, the true diversity of this nation is captured best. In idyllic getaways, visitors opt for outdoor activities like swimming, boating, hiking, or fishing, and enjoyment of manmade attractions like museums, parks, monuments, and specialty shops. David was inspired to focus his books on Great Towns by his youth in Cody, Wyoming where

he rode horses, ran rivers, and fished in Yellowstone Lake while enjoying a first-rate education in a top-notch school system in the town founded by Buffalo Bill. His subsequent education including a Master of Arts in geography and area development led to professional work in community and park development which honed his interests and skills at finding desirable locales. Following two complete editions of the landmark guidebook about the 100 Great Towns of America, David continues to return to these favored venues and seek more of them to keep travelers updated on getaways and boondock features in this great country of ours, the United States of America. Joan Vokac, after serving 35 years as a land use planner for the unincorporated villages of San Diego County, now joins husband David in seeking the most exciting getaway towns in the nation. She delights in discovering new towns combining physical grandeur with distinctive local culture. Whether spending a day gliding down a waterslide or hiking a trail, she enjoys returning to a gourmet meal and friendly lodging in one of America's Great Towns. In addition to being an avid researcher and co-author of the most recent Great Towns guidebooks, she is webmaster of [greattowns.com](http://greattowns.com) and has become an occasional trainer due to her expertise gained from converting the Great Towns information into contemporary media.

The cover photo says it all!! Mendocino is a beautiful village on the Northern coast of California; and it has been perfectly summarized in the Vokac's Mendocino travel guide. I have to admit, I've long been a fan of the Vokac's travel guides, and this latest edition does not disappoint!! We like to plan things out ahead of time so that we don't have to worry about the details once we are on vacation. In preparation for this trip, we purchased both the ebook and the paperback. The ebook was used for convenience (who doesn't have their iphone with them all the time?) and the paperback was nice to have in our hands to thumb through when internet service wasn't available or we just wanted to have something larger to look at. In either format, the book was comprehensive and beautifully illustrated. We were able to know ahead of time which bed and breakfast inns we wanted to stay at, what activities we wanted to do, and where we wanted to eat, allowing us the peace of mind to just enjoy our time on vacation. It went so smoothly, we now can't wait to return and try another round of venues!! Thank you David and Joan Vokac, you've hit another home run!!!

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