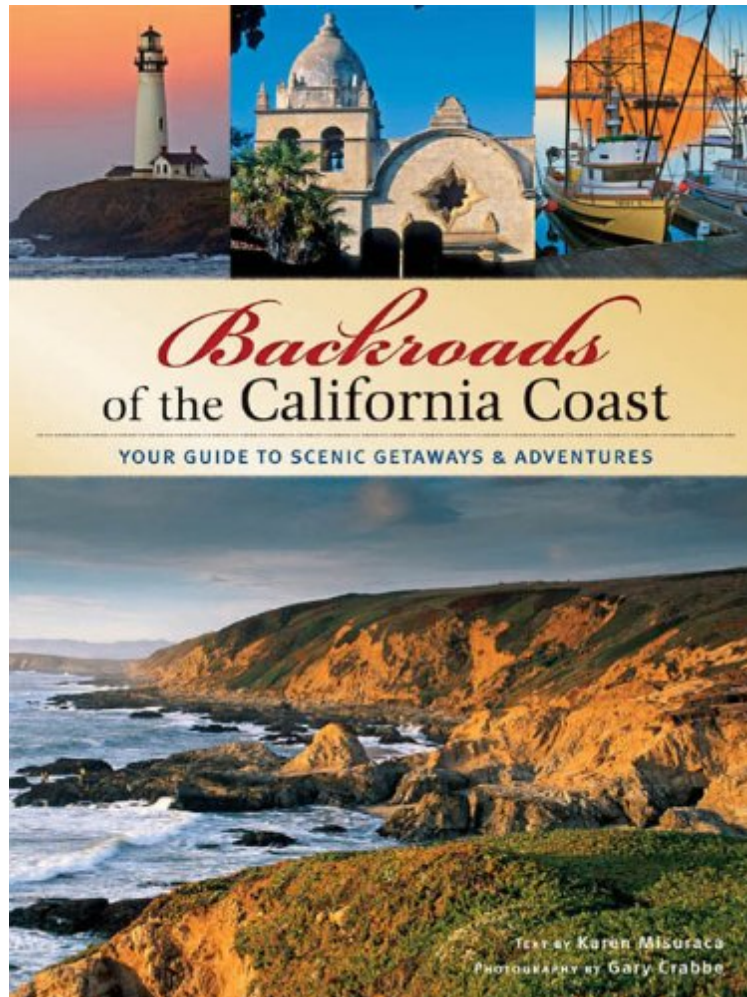


## Backroads of the California Coast: Your Guide to Scenic Getaways Adventures (Backroads of ...)

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**Karen Misuraca : Backroads of the California Coast: Your Guide to Scenic Getaways Adventures (Backroads of ...)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Backroads of the California Coast: Your Guide to Scenic Getaways Adventures (Backroads of ...):

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Great book, more of an overview of areas than a detailed look. By mabbts I purchased this book to help explore the California coast. There is a section on the Palos Verdes Peninsula--I travel that route on my daily commute so I was hoping to find out about details about the area. But there are only a few things highlighted from each area. So it wasn't much for someone who is local. On the other hand, I know many people who have been to Los Angeles, even some who have lived here, that had no idea about the beautiful coastline between the beach cities and the Port. So, the book would definitely highlight a little known backroad right in Los Angeles. (I

use it for my commute because there is no traffic which makes it faster than the freeways!)The photos are beautiful and I am glad I purchased this book.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Wet your Appetite for the California CoastBy Richard WongGary Crabbe is a fantastic photographer who has a great eye for lighting and capturing the essence of a place. I usually just skim through text in photo books as sort of like how commercials are to TV shows but the text here by the author makes good use of the space by telling us enough to be interested in the places, a road trip if you will, but doesn't bog down the flow with superfluous details. The size of the book is perfect as well as it could easily fit in your travel bag or in your car.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Nice reference material.By LauraVery nice book to have in the car during recent road trip through California. I left my copy at a hotel on my final night in CA, so someone else would benefit from it. Very nice reference material, and pin points some places of interest.

From sprawling beaches to dramatic cliffs, the landscapes carved out by the mighty Pacific Ocean have been a destination for adventure and discovery since the earliest Spanish explorers arrived in the 1600s. While here and there the coastal wilderness has given way to Californians' largest and most cosmopolitan cities, the backroads and mountain lanes afford countless opportunities to experience the quiet of nature or explore the history of centuries-old communities. Visit sleepy fishing villages and historic landmarks of the Old West; hike through lush wilderness and fish in clear mountain streams; or catch some waves at one of the many pristine beaches along Californians' glorious coastline. With glorious color photography and detailed descriptions, maps, and directions, *Backroads of the California Coast* offers two dozen fascinating and scenic journeys through some of the nation's most glorious landscapes.

From the Back Cover*Backroads of the California Coast* takes you past the Golden State's crowded theme parks and popular beach destinations to quiet, historic, and scenic getaways, the kind of places that first drew visitors to this land of sprawling sunny beaches and dramatic mist-filled rocky cliffs and coves. In twenty-four driving tours off the well-trodden Highway 1 and Highway 101, the grandeur of the place where the Pacific Ocean begins is celebrated—showcasing everything from the 1940s glamour of Catalina Island on the south coast to the central coast's picturesque winelands and the north coast's romantic fishermen's villages. The pinnacle for those heading west since the 1600s, the California coastline also is still home to historic Spanish ranchos and missions, relics of the state's mining past, as well as cool, magnificent redwood forests, lush mountain valleys, hidden coves where sea lions play, and well-preserved estuaries perfect for bird-watching. All are highlighted within these pages with glorious photography and an informative text, luring you to explore some of the most stunning landscapes in the country.