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OUT & ABOUT

A Tale of Two Valleys spotlights plenty of dynamic activities and attractions; here, we've rounded up additional draws in both destinations. —AL

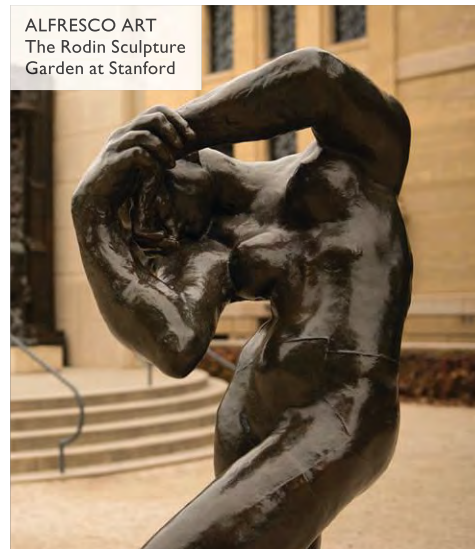
PALO ALTO

Pop over to the nearby Stanford campus for great art—and it's all free. **Cantor Arts Center** (328 Lomita Drive, 650.723.4177, museum.stanford.edu), with its renowned **Rodin Sculpture Garden**, neighbors the **Anderson Collection** (314 Lomita Drive, 650.721.6055, anderson.stanford.edu). Across the street from the latter, don't miss Andy Goldsworthy's outdoor sculpture **"Stone River."** Closer to The Epiphany Hotel is **Pace Palo Alto** (229 Hamilton Ave., 650.561.4076, pacegallery.com), which launches a two-month exhibition of sculptor Louise Nevelson's work Sept. 28. Also downtown, check out **The Stanford Theatre** (221 University Ave., 650.324.3700, stanfordtheatre.org), housed in a building that dates back to the 1920s; **HP Garage** (367 Addison Ave., hp.com/go/garage), the "birthplace of Silicon Valley," where Bill Hewlett and Dave Packard founded their namesake company; and, through mid-December, the Saturday morning **farmers market** (Gilman Street and Hamilton Avenue, 650.427.9253, pafarmersmarket.org).

CARMEL VALLEY

At the base of the Santa Lucia Preserve is **Refuge** (27300 Rancho San Carlos Road, 831.620.7360, refuge.com), a 2-acre outdoor spa whose specialty is hydrothermal therapy (hot and cold environments). For more fresh-air pursuits—from the strenuous (hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking) to the less so (photography, bird-watching, painting)—head to **Garland Ranch Regional Park** (700 W. Carmel Valley Road, mrrpd.org). Already well-known for its wine, Carmel Valley also boasts a bevy of artisanal olive oil producers; among them is **The Quail & Olive** (3 Pilot Road, 831.659.4288, quailandolive.com), which has a tasting room. In charming Carmel-by-the-Sea, architecture buffs may want to do a stroll-by of the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed **Della Walker House** (Scenic Drive and Ocean View Avenue) or book a tour of **Tor House** and **Hawk Tower** (26304 Ocean View Ave., 844.285.0244, torhouse.org), built by poet Robinson Jeffers in the early 1900s.

ALFRESCO ART
The Rodin Sculpture
Garden at Stanford



TWO FOR THE ROAD

A pair of posh hotels has teamed up to offer a quintessential Northern California excursion. —Anh-Minh Le

STYLISH STAYS
Clockwise from top left: A charming scene greets guests at Carmel Valley Ranch; a premium suite at The Epiphany Hotel in Palo Alto; the properties' A Tale of Two Valleys package includes the use of a BMW i8.

Consider it the best of both worlds: a stay in a modern urban setting, followed by an escape to a bucolic retreat. The Epiphany Hotel (jdvhoteles.com) in Palo Alto and, about 100 miles south, Carmel Valley Ranch (carmelvalleyranch.com) are currently offering a special joint package: Now through the end of the year, guests can unwind for an evening at each property—traveling between the popular destinations in an ubercool BMW i8. "California has some of the best driving roads, many of which happen to be between The Epiphany and Carmel Valley Ranch," observes Lorenz Maurer, general manager of The Epiphany.

Thomas Becker, general manager of Carmel Valley Ranch, adds that the timing is ideal right now for the jaunt that the two hotels envisioned. "This California road trip is perfect in the fall, as the harvest season brings endless vineyard, garden, lavender and honey experiences to The Ranch," he says. "Not to mention, Carmel Valley and the Bay Area enjoy some of the most beautiful weather this time of year, thanks to our true Indian summer." Along with accommodations and use of the i8, the A Tale of Two Valleys package (\$4,449 for two people) includes a walking guide of Palo Alto, personalized dining experiences, a spa treatment, concierge consultation on Carmel Valley wineries and more. For further details or to complete a booking, contact Seth McDaniels at The Epiphany Hotel (650.660.3311).

