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## **Solvang Fact Sheet & Backgrounder**

*Solvang was rated by [Expedia Travel as one of the “Top-Rated Vacation Destinations in North America” in 2017](#); and USA TODAY named [Solvang one of the 10best Historic Small Towns for authentic culture in 2016](#).*

### **Location**

Nestled in the heart of the Santa Barbara County’s wine country with the Santa Ynez Mountains as a backdrop, Solvang is a federally designated Preserve America Community situated on State Highway 246, 132 miles (211 km) north of Los Angeles and 297 miles (475 km) south of San Francisco.

### **Transportation**

Visitors can arrive by vehicle via scenic US Highway 101 or State Route 154 (San Marcos Pass from Santa Barbara) or via air service at Santa Barbara (SBA) or Santa Maria (SMX) or Los Angeles International (LAX) Airports. Amtrak train service is available six times daily via transfers on Amtrak Thruway buses from Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo. All parking is FREE throughout Solvang. Six Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations are located throughout downtown.

### **City Size & Population**

2.2 square miles/3 square km. Population: 5,245 (2010 US Census). Solvang was founded by Danish-Americans in 1911 and became a legally chartered California city in 1985.

### **Time Zone**

Pacific Standard, 8 hours behind Greenwich Mean Time (GMT-8), Daylight Savings Time November-March (GMT-7).

### **Climate**

Named for its sunny weather, Solvang in Danish means “sunny fields” and averages 340 days of annual sunshine. Average annual temperatures are from 76 F/32 C to 54 F/12 C degrees. Dress is casual and comfortable. Early mornings and evenings are generally sweater/jacket time—even in the summer!

### **Lodging & Meeting Facilities**

Solvang offers 18 properties, ranging from deluxe to value rated, including quaint inns, historic B&Bs and a full-service guest ranch resort. Group conference and meeting facilities offer a diversity of sites, accommodating two to 250 guests. Lodging reservation information and booking service 24/7: 1-888-795-7922 or [www.SolvangUSA.com](http://www.SolvangUSA.com)

### **Dining & Wine Tasting**

Savor a diverse array of Danish, American, international and wine country cuisine from gourmet to cafes. More than 35 restaurants and 5 authentic Danish bakeries and a chocolatier are woven into the village. There are over 24 tasting rooms and wine bars in Solvang within easy walking distance and over 125 wineries in the surrounding Santa Ynez Valley.

### **Shopping**

A shopper’s paradise, Solvang offers more than 150 retail shops throughout the village offering Old World antiques, Danish imports, collectibles, arts and crafts, Native American treasures, books, porcelain figures, shoes, clothing, jewelry, regional wines, homemade candy, souvenirs, artwork and gourmet foods and beverages.

### **Cultural Attractions**

Solvang offers a variety of museums, art galleries and cultural venues including: Elverhoj Museum of History & Art; Hans Christian Andersen Museum; Wildling Museum of Art & Nature; the 1804 National Historic Landmark Old Mission Santa Ines and the 700-seat outdoor Solvang Festival Theater (host to PCPA--Pacific Conservatory Theatre in summer).

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