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## **Solvang Story Ideas**

### **New 2018 “Take Amtrak to Solvang” Offer Nets Savings & Specials #SolvangCarFree**

Just two hours up the coast from Los Angeles, Solvang is served via Amtrak Thruway Bus service connecting to trains from Santa Barbara as well as San Luis Obispo six times daily (3 northbound, 3 southbound). The Amtrak bus stop in the heart of the village at Solvang Park is within easy strolling distance to 16 hotels, 35 restaurants, 24 wine-tasting rooms, 150 boutique shops, 5 authentic Danish bakeries, 6 museums and more activities. Show a current Amtrak train/bus ticket to Solvang at participating businesses to enjoy rewards for taking a vacation from your car. Then, download the new [Solvang Heritage Walking Tour App](#) for more Solvang Car Free fun combined with warm, Scandinavian hospitality with no passport required! Info at [www.SolvangUSA.com/getting-to-solvang/car-free-solvang/](http://www.SolvangUSA.com/getting-to-solvang/car-free-solvang/)

### **Discover Culinary Diversity in Solvang “California’s Denmark”**

Numerous new restaurants have opened in Solvang within the last year including [Hill Haven Provisions](#), [Petros Kafe](#), [Leonardo's Ristorante](#), and [Toscana Enoteca](#). What’s on Solvang restaurant menus these days besides Scandinavian fare? Consider hand-made pasta “Bolognese” with ragu of washimi short rib, wild boar & tomato ([Cecco Ristorante](#)); sous vide & butter roasted filet of beef with truffle puree ([First & Oak at The Mirabelle Inn](#)) by Chef Steven Snook--protégé of Gordon Ramsey; octopus sashimi with squid ink vinaigrette ([The Gathering Table at Ballard Inn](#)) or a seafood hotpot ([Mad & Vin at The Landsby](#)). Savor new olive emporiums: long-time popular [The Olive House](#) was joined by [Solvang Olive Press](#) and [Solvang Olive Company](#). Delicious details at [www.SolvangUSA.com/dining](http://www.SolvangUSA.com/dining)

### **Cheers! World Class Wines & Beers at 24 Tasting Rooms in Downtown Solvang**

Solvang is in the center of Santa Barbara County’s acclaimed wine region--known especially for outstanding chardonnay, pinot noir and syrah, yet also producing superior riesling, sauvignon blanc, cabernet sauvignon, viognier and many other varietals from 125+ wineries. In downtown Solvang, tempt your palate at 24 wine tasting rooms and wine bars as well as craft brew pubs all within easy walking distance including new arrivals: [D. Volk Wines](#), [Feliz Noches](#), [Section](#) and [CrossHatch](#), plus a winetails “tiki bar” at [Sort This Out Cellars](#). Slide into [Valley Brewers Backroom](#) “speakeasy” for fresh craft pulls. *Fun Fact*: Most scenes in the 2004 Academy Award-winning wine trip movie *Sideways* were filmed around Solvang. For a current “tasting map”, visit [www.SolvangUSA.com](http://www.SolvangUSA.com)

*The Solvang Conference & Visitors Bureau is a not-for-profit organization formed in 1986 to promote the City of Solvang, its Northern European culture, cuisine, arts and attractions of the village known as “California’s Denmark.”*

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