

LODGING

*Orchard Hill Farms
Vine Street Inn
Zenaida Cellars*

DINING

*Black Cat Bistro
Bistro Laurent
Cass House
Hoppe's Bistro & Wine Bar
Joe's Other Place
Pony Club
Thomas Hill Organics*

PASO ROBLES SUGGESTED ITINERARIES

QUAINT & COZY

If you are looking for something smaller and more intimate, well you're in luck. Paso Robles, and the rest of the Central Coast, has retained most of its small town charm and you'll find it in some of the following recommendations:

LODGING

We'd have to recommend staying at one of the nearby Bed & Breakfasts who all offer hosts that are there to please you. From the downtown convenience of the Vine Street Inn (20% discount for Wine Line guests) to the loft above the winery at Zenaida Cellars, to the romantic seclusion of Orchard Hill Farms you will not be disappointed. You can find a number of the best Bed & Breakfasts at PasoRoblesGetaways.com

DINING

While we aren't chock full of little coffee houses or sidewalk cafés, we do have some great small town cooking that boasts big city flavor. For breakfast, try Joe's Other Place (730 S Main St., 805 434 5637) in nearby Templeton, it's a greasy spoon sort of place and a 10 minute drive, but you'll soon see why people make the drive religiously every weekend. For lunch, not much beats the patio of Bistro Laurent. Laurent, the owner, is like so many other highly regarded chefs around here – they are all transplants from gourmet restaurants in Los Angeles. In addition to great meals like their fresh tuna nicoise salad, they have an excellent wine selection. Dinner is perhaps where Paso shines the best. We have numerous gourmet restaurants, but the coziest is most likely to be the new Thomas Hill Organics (yes, another L.A. transplant). An intimate courtyard patio with fresh organic foods sets this gem apart from the competition. After dinner, if you are looking for a nightcap, check out the Pony Club located inside the regal Hotel Cheval. There is a cozy fireplace inside and a great people watching patio outside, with an occasional guitar player.

MISCELLANEOUS

A few other suggestions for the quaint and cozy would be to visit any of the area's farmer's markets. Templeton's market on Saturdays and San Luis Obispo's on Thursday night's are Sunset Magazine material. In addition, you might enjoy a drive down to the beach town of Cayucos (a one lane town with a few historic buildings from the early 1900's), or a little further up the coast to Cambria. You can easily spend a day in the little shops, at the beach, or just grab a great meal at a number of excellent restaurants like Hoppe's or Cass House in Cayucos or Black Cat Bistro in Cayucos.

