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Search of the American incunabula

A small town of about 1,000 populations with a row of Victorian houses still remains, is Mendocino. I want to immerse myself by feeling the air of an old good time at which is harmonized with nature.

The water tanks made in local native redwood is a symbol of this town.

Groundwater was once collected on the tank and it prepared for the summer.

They are still studded in a town and some are remodeled to be galleries or stores.

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The scene never change, feels at ease with the local warmth.

After driving through the Golden Gate Bridge to the north for 250km for 4 hours, we arrived at the small town on a peninsula, Mendocino. In the mid 19th century, this town was discovered by the person who saved the stranded supply cargo and named after him. Mendocino was prospered as a town of forestry by cutting an abundance primeval redwood forest and shipped them to San Francisco where worried over lack of lumbers.

Entered in the 20th century, the lumber industry fell into a decline and the town also lost vigor. However, escaping from the rapid modernization, rows of Victorian houses were left behind as it was. The artists such as painters and the sculptors started to settle gradually, and until it continues up to now, it formed a small but rich artist colony.

The Victorian style houses have been designated as historical building and been protected.

Strolling along the center of a town, there are galleries, an art center, and a library with traditional exteriors and you can find Hotels, B&B, and several unique hand-made gift shops. The main street of the town is only a few hundred meters yet it often used as the Hollywood movie location. Among them, Elia Kazan's "East of Eden" (1955) is very famous and many important scenes were taken here. The hotel room where James Dean stayed remains still now and the guidebooks which introduced the shooting scenes with steel pictures have been published. A book store on the same street sells literary books to best sellers abundantly. In a local corner, a photograph book by a local photographer tells very valuable historical record that there were many outdoor live music concerts influenced by the Woodstock Music Festival in the 70s.

Turned to the sea, Mendocino coast is well known for the one of the leading wheel watching spots in the west coast. The annual whale watching festival has 30 years of history, and a school of Gray Whales can be seen with the naked eye in the best season of December to April.

Also, drive up an inland along the ravine fall into ocean, arrives at the winery which is capturing the spotlight in recent years. Some says that the redwood forest which was cleared and turned into the apple orchard in the beginning of the 20 century has transformed into the production of the high quality grapes. Mr. Zach Rasmuson of the winery proudly says, “A cool fog carried from the sea has produced the optimal conditions for the cultivation of Pinot Noir. It has the first-class quality and confidence to which it is comparable to the European wines”.

The State of California is larger than Japan. By touring small towns we sense the world is overflows with positive energy and still more filled with a multiplicity which differs from touring big cities.

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1. **Out of this World**: The shop handles the telescopes and the binoculars that are indispensable to Whale watching. The exterior of the building which once was a bank remains the old way and it was also used for the location of a movie “East of Eden”. 45100 Main Street, Mendocino, CA 95460 <http://www.discountbinoculars.com>
 2. Driving along HW128 passing through the Redwood forest is refreshing.
 3. **Goldeneye Winery**: The winery where situated in the Anderson Valley in Mendocino county and the Pinot Noir is particularly grown. The Name Goldeneye derives from the waterfowl in this area. 9200 Highway 128, Philo, CA 95463 <http://www.goldeneyewinery.com>
 4. Mr. Zack, General Manager of Goldeneye winery chose to be in the wine business after studied the philosophy in the college.
 5. This whole area used to be known as the apple orchards and the building which used to make the smoke tips for apples is now turned into the guest house.
 6. **Mendocino Hotel**: It situated in the middle of the main street of the town. It was built in 1878 and it was remodeled taking advantage of the structure of a building. It is unified with the furniture of the Victoria tone. 45080 Main Street, Mendocino, CA 95460 <http://www.mendocinohotel.com>
 7. A town of Mendocino is on the base rock which projected to the sea.
 8. The lighthouse on the Point Cabrillo. Town of Mendocino was unfolded by the people who rescued the stranded supply cargo in this area in 1950.
- 9 & 10. Volunteers and the place where Whale Festival was held in March. In spring, a school of whales goes northward to Alaska can be seen.