

Sunset WEEKEND TRIPS

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Fall getaways
around
the West

GO

Road trips to
the coast,
mountains
or desert

STAY

Seaside inns,
quiet B&Bs,
city hotels

DO

Amazing
hikes,
cool shopping,
great food



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Bluebird Bed Bath and Boat, which offers lodging on a moored sailboat with a picnic breakfast. From \$150; bluebirdbbb.com.

BALBOA ISLAND, CA

(0.2 square mile; population 3,346)

THE VIBE An anomalous summertime playground right within tony Newport Harbor. Boats ply the Grand Canal, the landmark Ferris wheel spins at


the Fun Zone, and lines trail out of the ice cream parlors—especially Sugar N Spice, which is famous for its Balboa bars: vanilla ice cream dipped in chocolate and topped with, say, sprinkles or toffee. **FLOATING CITY** The density on the three manmade islands that constitute Balboa is said to be higher than that of San Francisco. **STAY** Two-bedroom cottages on the waterfront typically run about

\$3,000 per week. balboaislandvacations.com.

VANCOUVER ISLAND, B.C.
(12,355 square miles; population 751,698)

THE VIBE Dales, glens, and farm life rule the island's interior, while the 2,138 miles of the driftwood-strewn shoreline buzz with surfers and seaweed harvesters. Parts of its capital city, Victoria, will remind you of

Britain, yet it's only a 90-minute sail from Vancouver. **SEASIDE DRIVE** The 170-mile Pacific Marine Circle Route starts and ends in the capital city, covering the east, west, and southern coasts in between. **STAY** Magnolia Hotel, near Victoria's Inner Harbour, arranges cycling trips, such as the Castles, Hoods & Legends tour. From \$200 U.S.; magnoliabotel.com.
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