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One Tank Wonders

Twenty Trips, Ten Cities, One Tank of Gas

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As gas prices soar this summer, everyone is feeling pain at the pump. Instead of forgoing the family summer vacation or sacrificing your much-needed time-out, savvy travelers are compromising by spending their vacations closer to home.

This summer, the premium on fuel may be sky-high, but the significance of refueling your spirit is invaluable.

Local one-tank wonders, round-trip adventures from major cities that can be reached on a tank of gas or less, cut down on fuel costs, eliminate outrageous airfares, yet still afford cost-conscious trekkers the opportunity to get far enough away from home to relax and recharge. Whether you've saved enough pennies for a day-trip, an overnight excursion or an extended getaway, here are several one-tank summer escapes from 10 U.S. cities that will help stretch your vacation dollars

From San Francisco

Half Moon Bay

Tucked between the Santa Cruz Mountains and the Pacific Ocean, [Half Moon Bay](#) is one of those relatively untouched stretches of California coast that is frequently overlooked. For a posh overnight stay, The [Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay](#) boasts the best of everything in plush environs perfect for a special celebration or an impromptu weekend of pampering. Less spendy, the Spanish-style [Half Moon Bay Lodge](#) is offering a "Stay and Play Golf Package," which includes a one-night stay, golfing for two at Half Moon Bay Golf Links with a choice of two 18-hole championship golf courses and complimentary golf cart usage. On July 12, Half Moon Bay showcases its bounty of fruits and vegetables at the "17th Annual Tour des Fleur," where the general public is given a special, once-a-year opportunity to tour the local nurseries/greenhouses, wineries and farms, many of which are not ordinarily open to the public. For the chowhounds, a tour of nearby [Harley Farms](#) is not to be missed, where you can learn how goat cheese is made and taste Harley Farms' delicious gourmet products. Check out the tide pools at Fitzgerald Reserve at [Moss Beach](#) or go bird-watching -- Half Moon Bay is home to over 20 percent of all North American bird species and its two refuges, Pescadero Marsh and Pillar Point Marsh, are the perfect place to see thousands of unique birds.