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## 5 Alternative Travel Destinations For 2014

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Paris, New York, and Beijing were among the most visited cities of 2013. And while there's no substitute for the classic travel destination, our bucket lists should also contain a few surprises. An old friend used to say, "When in Rome, do as the Romanians do." It's a good philosophy for vacationing, especially when avoiding crowds and maximizing your travel dollar. Here are five suggestions for shaking up your 2014 list.

### **Anderson Valley/Mendocino County**

While the wine countries of the world are drawing in more visitors than ever—consumption of the fermented grape has risen consistently over the last 20 years in the U.S. alone—most travelers tend to head for the headline destinations, such as Napa, Rioja, and Bordeaux. Lesser known wine-producing areas can offer a saner experience, even during high season, with more affordable lodging and meals, and expertly crafted wines that you might not have seen on your local shelves.

The Anderson Valley, in western Mendocino County, California, is green, serene, un-snobby territory, known mostly for its Pinot Noir, which has come into its own over the last several vintages. Pay a visit to [Twomey Cellars](#), of Silver Oak (Napa Cabernet Sauvignon) fame, to sample the elegant end of this AVA's style, and check out [Navarro Vineyards](#), in business since 1974, for a range of bottlings that epitomize the valley's accessible approach, including their cool-climate Chardonnay and fresh, balanced Pinot Noir, a bargain at \$19.50.

