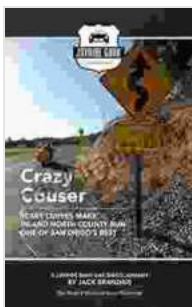


# Scary Curves Make Inland North County Run One of San Diego's Best Joyrides

When most San Diegans think about going for a drive, they envision coastal cruising, with the Pacific Ocean sparkling beside them and the wind blowing their hair. But for those who crave curves, the best road trip in the county is actually inland.



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The route from Ramona through Santa Ysabel, Julian and Wynola is only 31 miles long, but it packs in more than 100 turns, making it a true driver's paradise. And the scenery is just as impressive as the road itself, with rolling hills, towering mountains and lush forests.

To get started, take Highway 78 east from Ramona. The road will wind its way through the San Diego Country Estates, a sprawling community of

homes nestled among the hills. As you climb higher, the views become more and more impressive. To your left, you'll see the Volcan Mountains, a rugged range that's home to a variety of wildlife. To your right, you'll see the Santa Ysabel Valley, a fertile agricultural region known for its vineyards and orchards.

After about 10 miles, you'll reach the town of Santa Ysabel. This charming community is home to a number of historic buildings, including the Santa Ysabel Mission, which was founded in 1818. If you're looking for a place to stop for lunch, there are several restaurants in town, including the Santa Ysabel Cafe and the Wynola Pizza and Bistro.

From Santa Ysabel, the road continues to climb, winding its way through the Santa Ysabel Mountains. The curves become tighter and more frequent, and the scenery becomes even more dramatic. To your left, you'll see the Volcan Mountain Wilderness Area, a vast expanse of rugged terrain that's home to a variety of wildlife. To your right, you'll see Lake Henshaw, a scenic reservoir that's popular for fishing and boating.

After about 15 miles, you'll reach the town of Julian. This historic gold mining town is known for its apple pie, which is made with apples grown in the surrounding orchards. There are several places in town where you can buy apple pie, including the Julian Pie Company and the Apple Alley Bakery.

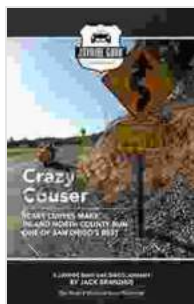
From Julian, the road continues to climb, winding its way up to Palomar Mountain. At the top of the mountain, you'll find the Palomar Observatory, which is home to the Hale Telescope, one of the largest telescopes in the world. If you're interested in astronomy, you can take a tour of the

observatory and learn about the stars and planets. You can also enjoy the views from the observation deck, which offers panoramic vistas of the surrounding mountains and valleys.

After visiting the observatory, you can continue on Highway 78 to Wynola, a small community nestled among the hills. Wynola is home to a number of wineries, including the Menghini Winery and the Wynola Vineyards. If you're looking for a place to relax and enjoy a glass of wine, there are several tasting rooms in town.

From Wynola, you can take Highway S2 back to Ramona. This road is just as curvy as Highway 78, but it offers a different perspective of the surrounding mountains and valleys. Along the way, you'll pass by the Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, which is home to a variety of hiking trails and picnic areas.

The drive from Ramona through Santa Ysabel, Julian and Wynola is a true joyride. The road is full of curves, the scenery is stunning, and there are plenty of places to stop and explore along the way. If you're looking for a day trip that's both fun and scenic, this is the perfect route for you.



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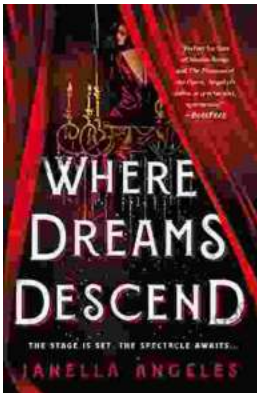
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