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ALMOND Blossom CRUISE

ROUTE 1

~ 2.5 hours

This is what “cruise” was made for. Hop in your car, roll down the windows, and let our country roads charm you.



ROUTE 2

~ 3 hours

The longest route, but let’s be honest—you’ll be so busy enjoying the views, you won’t even notice the time.



ROUTE 3

~ 1 hour

This route gets straight to the blossoms without wasting time. It’s proof you don’t need hours to get that “wow” moment.



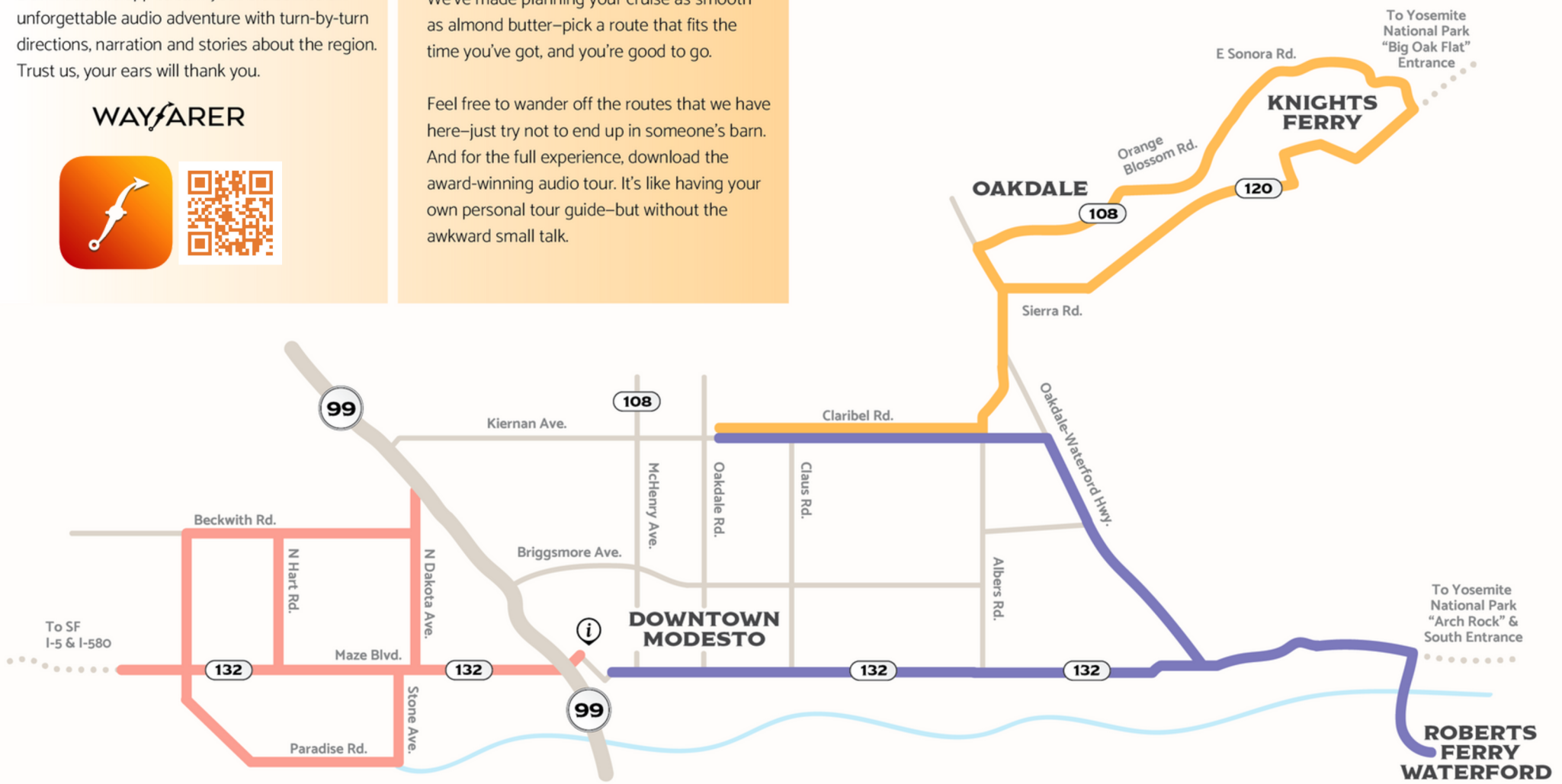
Download the app to turn your cruise into an unforgettable audio adventure with turn-by-turn directions, narration and stories about the region. Trust us, your ears will thank you.

WAYFARER



We’ve made planning your cruise as smooth as almond butter—pick a route that fits the time you’ve got, and you’re good to go.

Feel free to wander off the routes that we have here—just try not to end up in someone’s barn. And for the full experience, download the award-winning audio tour. It’s like having your own personal tour guide—but without the awkward small talk.



*MAP NOT TO SCALE

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BEFORE YOU CRUISE

You're about to cruise through the heart of almond country, where nature and hard work come together. These orchards are more than beautiful—they're buzzing with life and vital to our livelihood. As you explore, remember these quick tips to stay safe and respectful.

The Almond Blossom Cruise is as easy as 1, 2, 3—let's hit the road!

1

Bee nice. They're working

Bees are busy pollinating blossoms to grow almonds. Admire them from afar—it's social distancing but for bees

2

Stay Cool, Stay on Route

Between the trees? That's drip irrigation—it keeps the orchards thriving, so please don't step on or touch it. Oh, and don't wander too far; ranchers and their watchdogs call these orchards home, and trust us, you don't want to find out who barks louder.

3

Blossoms aren't keepsakes

Those pretty blossoms become almonds. Please keep your hands off, Picasso—they're not souvenirs.

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150 N. 3rd Ave, 95361
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ABOUT ALMONDS

Every almond starts as a blossom, and February to March is their time to shine in white and pink glory. During this time, beekeepers bring bees—nature's unpaid interns—to bring their pollination magic to these orchards.

Foraging for nectar and pollen, they also score their first snack of the year. Fun fact: no bees, no almonds. So, maybe give them a nod of thanks next time you enjoy some almond butter.

ALMOND GROWTH

From spring's thaw to summer's sizzle, almond kernels grow up fast. By June, they're fully mature, rocking a hard shell wrapped in a fuzzy hull. With the heat cranked up, farmers carefully irrigate to ensure every drop of water counts.

The green almonds (yes, those are a thing) get snacked on early for fancy culinary uses. By July, the hulls split, the shells dry, and the almonds get ready to party in the sun.



CALIFORNIA ALMONDS

California isn't just about beaches and Hollywood—it's the almond capital of the world, producing 80% of the world's supply. From Bakersfield to Bangkok, almonds are loved in over 90 countries. Fun twist? Americans eat 30% of the crop right here at home.

Almond farming isn't just a hobby. Most orchards produce for a maximum of 25 years, yielding their first crop three years after planting. So yeah, every almond is basically the result of a very long-term relationship.

ALMOND HARVEST

When the weather heats up, it's go-time. Farmers carefully irrigate to prep the orchards, ensuring efficiency every step of the way. Once harvested, almonds head to a huller/sheller to strip off their hulls, shells, and anything else tagging along.

Then it's off to a processor, where they're sorted, sized, and stored in perfect order until they're shipped out or turned into almond-y magic right here in Modesto.

SHAKE THAT TREE

Yes, farmers actually shake trees to harvest almonds. But don't worry, the shells and hulls keep the almonds safe during this vigorous routine. After falling gracefully to the ground, they dry naturally in the California sun for 7-10 days. Then, a "sweeper" gathers them into neat rows, and a harvester vacuums them up like it's got OCD.

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