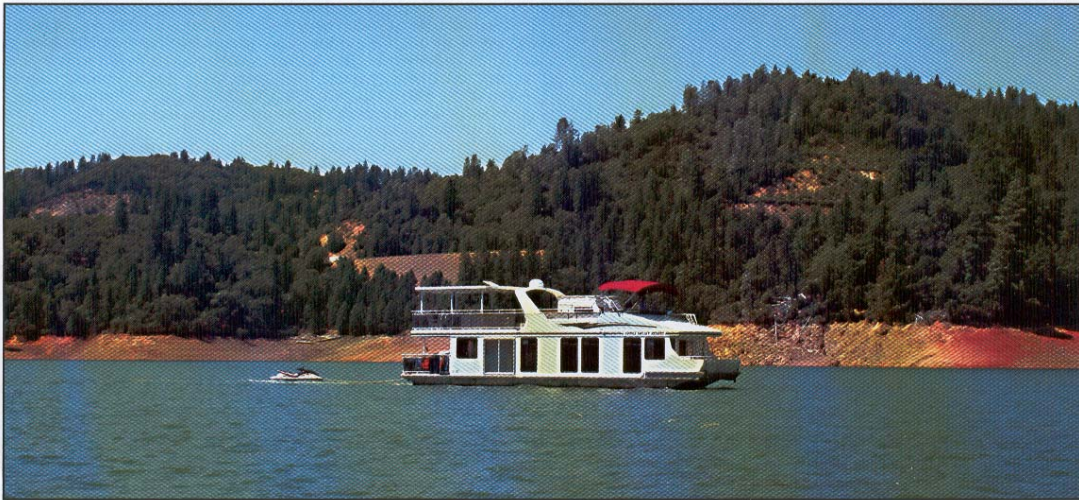


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Picking our top houseboating destinations is not an easy thing to do, as our favorites are changing each year as we expand our travels across America and Canada. What also makes this selection process so difficult is that there are so many great locations to houseboat it's easy to overlook some very special places. What to do? We went for uniqueness. Our top destinations were selected because they possess a quality of adventure that few others can match.

HOUSEBOATING DESTINATIONS



SHASTA LAKE, CALIFORNIA

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Shasta Lake is the largest man-made reservoir in California. When full, its 365 mile shoreline exceeds that of San Francisco Bay. Shasta is the second largest and tallest concrete dam in the United States. It was constructed between 1935 and 1945, and the lake was filled in 1948. There are literally hundreds of coves and bays located at Shasta Lake. Wooded flats, steep, rocky hillsides, secluded creeks, an occasional waterfall, and thousands of acres of mountainous country surround the lake.

The Shasta Lake experience changes hourly. In the morning fishermen roll out of bed early for a shot at the year-around fishing for bass, salmon, trout, and crappie, while watersports enthusiasts search out a secluded cove where they can ski, wakeboard or wakesurf on morning glass. Afternoon brings out the explorer in everyone. The vacationer can wander through caves with breathtaking rock formations, or explore an old mine or just stroll down the many Forest Service maintained trails. Others may choose to just cruise on the water looking for the many beautiful waterfalls, or enjoying nature at its best. Shasta is the home of several families of the Bald Eagle and the Osprey. Deer are frequently seen drinking from the cool waters as small animals scurry around the forest. Evening brings a barbecue and the soft noises of the night. The adventure turns to reminiscing about the day's events around a campfire or sitting on the deck of your houseboat watching the stars or a little night fishing before bed.