



# *Historic Santa Cruz walking tours*



*T*he atmosphere of a coastal resort city is made up of such pleasurable elements as sandy beaches with frolicking youngsters, people strolling along the shoreline enjoying the good sea air, and an element of unhurried contentment that a seaside playland comes by so naturally. This is the atmosphere of Bath, England; Nice, France; Bastaad, Sweden; and of Santa Cruz, California.

Not the least of this charm comes from the aura of stately beauty and elegance instilled in the Santa Cruz area by the many old Victorian homes found there. Most of these are built of redwood and date from the latter part of the 19th century. They contain such ornate trimmings as an elephanthide-lined dining room, pressed leather hallways, oak staircases, fireplaces of redwood burl and onyx, gold-plated lighting fixtures.

One of the most striking styles of Victorian architecture is Queen Anne, developed of course in England and brought to Santa Cruz in the 1880's. It employs fish scale shingles, conical towers and candle-snuffer roofs — characteristics that are easily found in a walking tour of the city.

To help the visitor discover these treasures, the Santa Cruz Historic Preservation Commission has developed a brochure of self-conducted walking tours of the city with a short history of 37 landmarks on the mapped routes. There are four tours outlined—you can walk each of them in a half hour or less and see some magnificent specimens of Victoriana along the way. You can pick up a free copy of **HISTORIC SANTA CRUZ WALKING TOURS** at the Convention and Visitors Bureau, Church and Center Streets. It is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Or send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Convention and Visitors Bureau, Post Office Box 921, Santa Cruz, CA. 95061. ◇





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*These charming houses share the same style of bracket in their gables. They are located at 619 to 621 Washington Street.*



*This house is called Cliff Crest and is an excellent example of 1887 Queen Anne influence. It is located at 407 Cliff Street.*



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*This 1880 Eastlake style home was designed by Gusbert Bogart Vroom DeLamater. It is located at 412 Ocean View Avenue.*