Ski Resorts
off-peak prices | By AJISSON B. CLARK

light the road in.
Skiers take a ride to Smugglers' Notch, VT, in a gondola that
images the view from a mountain top.

Snowboarders take off from the lift at Smugglers' Notch, VT.

CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN, WA
When the snow records, wildflowers bloom on the slopes, and the
mountain bike trails are open. Snowshoe tours are available. For
more information, visit Crystal Mountain's website.

CALIFORNIA WINE COUNTRY
EXPLORE Winery Park at the Francis Ford Coppola Winery in
Geyserville is perfect for relaxing. Climb on the estate's expansive
pool, play bocce, or recline on a chaise lounge. On the
south end of Sonoma Valley, experience farm life during a 90-minute tour of
McEvoy Ranch. Visit calves in the nursery, witness the
milking parlor in action, and sample organic butter. With
endless activities, Santa Rosa's Charles M. Schulz Museum pays
homage to the creator of the "Peanuts" comic strip.

EAT On the coast, in Roddica
Day, the Tides Wharf Restaurant specializes in seafood. Peer
out the window and watch as fishermen unload their daily
catch. Then enjoy crab cakes made with Dungeness crab
fresh off those very boats. In downtown Sonoma, visit
Basque Boulangerie Café on the square for kid-friendly meals such as
grilled cheese and PB&J.

STAY Wake up to the putter call of flamingos at Safari
West, a privately owned animal park in the hills east of Santa
Rosa. All 30 luxury safari tents have private outdoor patios
that overlook a spacious giraffe habitat. — Matt Villano

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