

THINGS TO DO IN MONTEREY COUNTY

Adventures by the Sea

Enjoy amazing outdoor recreational opportunities on your own or with a guide. Adventures by the Sea, rents bicycles, Pedigo electric bikes, kayaks, stand-up paddleboards & more. Prices vary depending on activity. Summer Hours: Daily (9:00AM-5:00PM) & Winter Hours: Daily (9:00AM-5:00PM).

<http://www.adventuresbythesea.com/>. **Reservations Required.**

Ag Venture Tours

Ag Venture Tours specializes in wine tasting, sightseeing and agricultural education tours of the Monterey Peninsula & Beyond. Full & half day tours available, ranging from \$80/person - \$165/person (up to 12 guests). <http://agventuretours.com/>.

Big Sur

Referred to by many as “the greatest meeting of land and sea”, this scenic stretch of Highway One south of Carmel is world renowned for its rugged and natural beauty. Whether you plan to hike or just enjoy the view from one of the delicious restaurants perched above the Pacific, Big Sur is a must see!

<http://www.bigsurcalifornia.org/>

Cannery Row

This historical street was made famous by John Steinbeck’s novel that embraced the cannery culture. Nowadays, Cannery Row is home to elegant hotels, delicious restaurants, fun filled shopping, and lively entertainment. There is fun for all ages, including the Monterey Bay Aquarium, mirror maze, and mini golf. For the adults, there are a variety of bars, dancing, and nightlife. <http://canneryrow.com/>

Carmel Food Tours

Take a leisurely stroll through the heart of Carmel-by-the-Sea, taste a specially-selected variety of foods and wine from local restaurants and boutique shops, and become acquainted with the unique history and culture of this magical city. All food and drink servings are included in your ticket price of \$79 for the Classic Food Tour which operates Thursday – Saturday at 11AM (3 hours). The Gimme-a-breakfast Tour is offered on Fridays & Saturdays at 8:30AM (2.5 hours) for \$69. <http://www.carmelfoodtour.com>

Carmel Walks

Enjoy a two hour guided walk through the charming town of Carmel-by-the-Sea. Stroll through hidden courtyards, landmarks, pathways, gardens, and cottages. Learn about the quirky history in this small artistic town by the sea. Pets are welcome to join, too! Large groups can be accommodated with advanced notice. <http://carmelwalks.com/>

Elkhorn Slough Safari (Moss Landing, allow for a 30 minute drive)

Elkhorn Slough is one of California's largest wetlands and part of a National Estuarine Reserve located in central Monterey Bay. The wildlife rich reserve winds inland many miles and provides an important feeding and resting place for wildlife. Each season is unique and you may be greeted in nature's dynamic <http://elkhornslough.com/>

Farmer’s Markets

Enjoy the local bounty of the Monterey peninsula.

Friday: Certified Farmers’ Market is from 10:00am-2:00pm at Del Monte Shopping Center located at 1410 Del Monte Center, Monterey.

Fisherman's Wharf

Try the different seafood restaurants and enjoy the beautiful views from Fisherman's wharf. You'll also discover exciting souvenir/gift shops, candy stores, and a variety of whale watching or fishing trips!

<http://www.montereywharf.com/>

Learn to Surf

Since 1986, this is *the* Original Surf School of the Monterey Peninsula. Noah Greenberg and his trained, professional staff provide instruction, professional grade surfboards & wetsuits in some of the most beautiful and ideal scenic locations on the Monterey Peninsula. Private one-on-one lessons are \$200 per person. Daily group rates are \$100 per person, anyone can join the group it is a 1:4 -1:6 Instructor to student ratio. Each lesson includes a customized soft-top surfboard and wetsuit to your height, weight and experience. Call for availability 831.915.4065 or visit

<http://carmelsurflessons.com/#contact-3> for more information.

Monterey Bay Coastal Recreation Trail

Enjoy a nice walk or bike ride along the scenic coastal recreation trail. There are many points of interest and history along the way, including the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Cannery Row, and Lover's Point.

<http://www.seemonterey.com/things-to-do/parks/coastal-trail/>

Monterey Path of History

Learn more about the history of Monterey (Alta California's first Capital) and tour some of the best preserved 19th century adobes in California. Enjoy a self-guided walk or the short 45-minute tour beginning at the Pacific House Museum (20 Custom House Plaza). Tours offered Thursday – Sunday & Holidays that fall on Monday at 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. Tours are \$5 for adults, children 12-and-under are free. http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=951

Monterey Zoo (in Salinas, allow for a 45 minute drive)

Lions and tigers and bears.. oh my... and so much more. Monterey Zoo is dedicated to providing professionally & humanely trained wild/exotic & domestic birds and animals for film, television, live productions, education and more. <https://montereyzoo.org/>

Whale Watching

Whale watching is a year-round activity on the Monterey Peninsula. Whether it's blue whales, grey whales, humpbacks, dolphins or orcas; you are sure to be amazed with the bounty of aquatic life. Princess Monterey Whale Watching tours leave regularly from 7:00AM-3:30PM (2 ½ -3 hours in length). Rates: Adults (12 & up) \$45; Children 5 -11 \$35 (No Children under 5 permitted). Upper deck access tickets available for additional fee. www.montereywhalewatching.com

Point Lobos

Visit this beautiful California State Park and enjoy the variety of walking trails along the ocean and throughout the forest. Point Lobos is also a destination for artists and divers to appreciate the beauty both above and below the water. Whaler's cove is another point of interest, which houses the Whalers Cabin Museum. Here, you can explore the history of whaling on the Central Coast.

<http://www.pointlobos.org/>