

Top Outdoor Activities And Tasty Restaurants In Monterey, California!

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From the scenic 17-Mile Drive to the world famous Monterey Bay Aquarium, there is no shortage of things to do and sights to see in Monterey. Located just two hours by car from San Francisco, this beautiful coastal city boasts natural beauty along the Big Sur coastline on Highway One, as well as unique specialty shops, wine tasting rooms, and art galleries in the historic Cannery Row. Because Monterey is blessed with beautiful weather (it averages high 50s/low 60s in the coldest months of the year!), winter is the perfect season to visit - so get out of your bed, put away those blankets, and enjoy the great outdoors (...and delicious restaurants!) of Monterey!

TOP PLACE TO STAY

Portola Hotel & Spa



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Absorb the energy of the vibrant Monterey as you get cozy in a guest room at Portola Hotel & Spa. This premier waterfront hotel - located in historic downtown Monterey - offers the ultimate comfort and convenience to its guests.



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The resort features on-site spa, outdoor pool, and fitness center, as well as a pub house and a restaurant serving American cuisine. Enjoy an amazing, panoramic view of the ocean right from your nautical-themed room. The ideal location of the resort is in close proximity to shops, fine dining, and coastal trails and beaches.

TOP OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Sea Car Tours



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Ditch those boring ol' tour buses and hop on the adorable, yellow scooter car for the best way to explore Monterey! Sea Car Tours offers a fun cruise along Monterey's most beautiful destinations in the convertible Sea Car, which steers like a scooter, but provides the comfort of a car. You can opt for a one, two, or three hour narrated tour (GPS-driven!) that includes visits to places like Fisherman's Wharf, Cannery Row, and Lover's Point. Each Sea Car sits up to two people.

Princess Monterey Whale Watching



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A city that bustles with rich marine life, Monterey is the place to fulfill your dream of watching the majestic giants of ocean. Princess Monterey Whale Watching offers fully narrated whale watching and nature tours year-round. Enjoy the opportunity to view the marine life of the Monterey Bay, including gray whale, dolphins, and sea otters, while relaxing in the modern amenities of Princess Monterey's large vessel that includes indoor heated cabins and snack bar.

Rent a Bike!

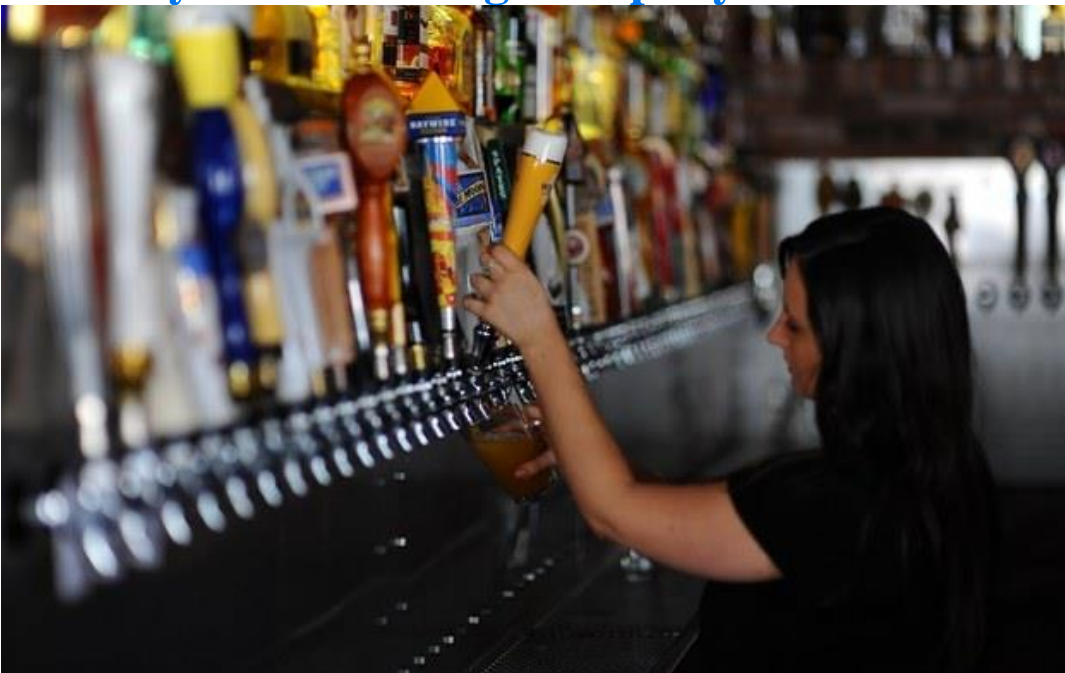


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Whether you are an experienced cyclist who wants to explore the rugged, off-road trail or a beginner who seeks a gentle ride on a paved coastal trail, you can rent a two-wheeler to journey through the terrains of Monterey Bay. Easily hop on and off to bask (and take pictures!) in the natural beauty of the path. Enjoy the freedom and flexibility of being on a bike to venture out to wherever you want at your own pace.

TOP RESTAURANTS TO VISIT

[Cannery Row Brewing Company](#)



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As the name of the restaurant suggests, Cannery Row Brewing Company has one of the largest selection of draft beers. But this family-friendly gastro-pub on Cannery Row, which was featured on Food Network's Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives for its "high-end bar grub," cooks up tasty bar food and appetizers.



Try the Calamari, which are lightly battered and comes with a side of sweet Thai chile sauce that is perfect for dipping the crispy calamari and pepperoncini. Order the Cheddar Bacon Biscuits to share. These warm, crusty biscuits are infused with sharp cheddar and smokey bacon for additional layers of flavors. Finally, a bowl of the rich Clam Chowder made with manila clams, double-cut bacon, and yukon gold potato, is perfect for warming up your soul!

Schooners Coastal Kitchen & Bar



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Dine with a view at this elegant, waterfront restaurant that highlights fresh, sustainable seafood in its diverse menu. Located at the Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa, Schooners Coastal Kitchen & Bar is an ideal location to celebrate the fine cuisine of the coastal region. You can watch your food being prepared in the open kitchen or enjoy the sunset in the oceanfront, heated outdoor patio.



Start your meal with the signature Angry Prawns, a delectable mélange of plump prawns sautéed in chili, garlic, and lemon, and served with cubes of grapefruit that adds a unique citrus flavor to the dish. The Seared Ahi Kelp Noodle Pad Thai is a healthy twist to the classic pad thai. Underneath four pieces of seared tuna, you will find low calories kelp noodle sautéed with bok choy, red bell pepper, carrots, and mushrooms in miso soy broth.