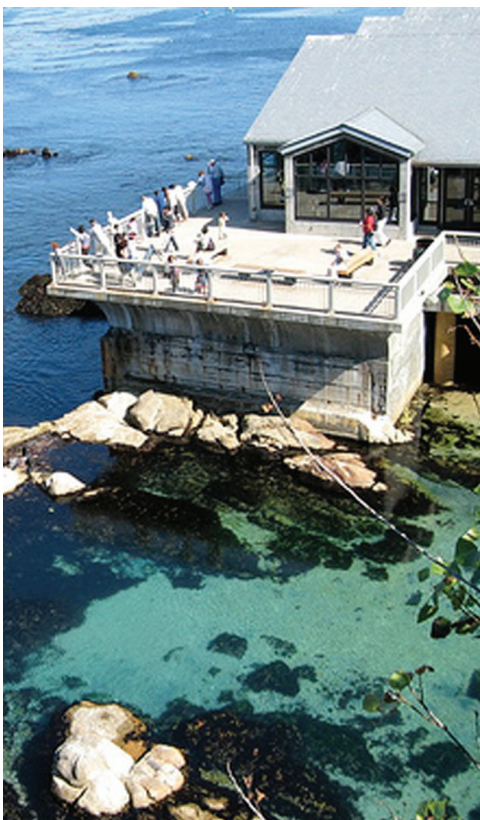


Monterey and Carmel

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Monterey Aquarium
- Cannery Row
- Fisherman's Wharf
- Pebble Beach
- Scenic Drives
- Historic Sites
- Beaches and Parks
- Carmel-by-the-Sea

ABOUT MONTEREY AND CARMEL

Although there's plenty to keep you busy in San Jose, its central location makes it the perfect home base for day trips to Monterey and Carmel. Just an hour and 15 minutes southwest of downtown, Monterey's beaches and attractions await, such as the shops and restaurants of Cannery Row and Fisherman's Wharf, the world-famous Monterey Bay Aquarium, and Pebble Beach golf courses. The city is rich with literary history, especially from former resident John Steinbeck. The National Steinbeck Center Museum in Salinas is a tribute to the life and work of this influential American novelist, bringing his stories to life, and giving visitors a full sensory experience as they walk in the author's footsteps. The combination of Monterey State Historic Park and the antique adobes restored by the Monterey History and Art Association make Monterey the most historic city in California, with 55 historic sites along Monterey's two-mile "Path of History," marked by yellow tiles set in the sidewalk—explores adobes, gardens and sites of interest.

Just south of the city is Carmel-by-the-Sea, a town as well known for its shopping, whimsically romantic homes and art galleries, as well as its world-famous former civil servant, the Honorable Mayor Clint Eastwood, who still makes an appearance from time to time. The area around Carmel-by-the-Sea, known simply as Carmel, has breathtaking scenery, wonderful parks and the historic Carmel Mission.

Monterey County is home to two of the most scenic drives in America. The first one, 17-Mile Drive, takes you past dream homes and some of the world's greatest golf courses, as well as miles of scenic coastline and the serene majesty of Del Monte Forest. The second one, featuring the hairpin turns along the oceanside cliffs of Big Sur, is the "road trip of a lifetime," declared an All-American Road by the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Scenic Byways program. Monterey County's hundreds of thousands of acres of parks range from the "mini-Yosemite" of Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park to the austere beauty of Pinnacles National Monument, the coastal beauty of Point Lobos State Reserve.