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Monterey  
& Carmel



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# MONTEREY AND CARMEL

**T**he seaside cities of Monterey and Carmel are recognized as having some of the most scenic coastlines in the world—and they are, unmistakably, two of California's most popular destinations. Both cities have a charming, historic atmosphere with distinct local flavor. Monterey Bay's Coastal Recreation Trail has hidden adventures at every turn, and Carmel's polished store fronts hold treasures from near and far. Both cities have lodging accommodations that range

from charming inns to luxurious hotels. Pedestrian friendly streets wind past shops, restaurants, and art museums that are housed in architecturally interesting buildings. Carmel stone brings a natural beauty to both cities. It's hard to decide which city to visit first, but with only a five-minute drive between them, you can Travel Next Door to both.





## MY Museum

Yep, it's called "MY Museum" and it's theirs alright—the kids, that is. Monterey County Youth Museum is all about fun, exploration, discovery, interactive experiences, and more fun! At its new location on Washington Street in downtown Monterey, with 8,500 square feet, this hands-on museum has activities and exhibits galore! The kids can experience My Day at the Beach, My ImagiTree, My Hospital, and My Creation Station just to name a few. MY Museum is located at 425 Washington Street in Monterey. It is open from 10 am to 5 pm Monday through Saturday and 12 pm to 5 pm on Sunday. It is closed on Wednesdays. Call 831.649.6444 for more information.



## Monterey Bay Aquarium

Visitors come from all over the world to experience the wonders of the Monterey Bay Aquarium. With a mission to conserve the world's oceans, this amazing facility has captured an ocean environment in each of its exhibits. From the Kelp Forest and Outer Bay to the Secret Lives of Sea Horses, one of the most unique eco-systems in the world is brought "to the surface" for all to see. Exhibits and activities are focused on education, enjoyment, and connecting with youth. There are honestly too many activities and exhibits that are ever-changing to mention—the Monterey Bay Aquarium is one of those places that words cannot describe. It is truly a visit to an underwater world. The Monterey Bay Aquarium is located at 886 Cannery Row. For more information call 831.648.4800 or visit [www.montereybayaquarium.org](http://www.montereybayaquarium.org).

