

Simply Irresistible: Santa Barbara to Monterey, California



Vineyards in Edna Valley

EDITOR'S PICKS:

Our way of sharing with you those special things we call "Best of the Road®"

■ PASEO NUEVO

Shopping at its best can be found along the winding pedestrian walks at this outdoor mall anchored by major retailers and Santa Barbara's main thoroughfare, State Street.

651 Paseo Nuevo, Santa Barbara, CA 93101
(805) 963-2202, www.santabarbaramall.com

■ CLAIRMONT LAVENDER FARM

Walk through rows of lavender plants on this five-acre farm and then watch as 100-percent organic lavender oil is made using a copper still.

2480 Roblar St., Los Olivos, CA 93441
(805) 688-7505, www.clairmontfarms.com

■ tangent

Grab a chair early at this tasting room or you'll miss prime sunset seating. Open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

5828 Orcutt Rd., San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
(805) 269-8200, www.tangentwines.com

■ 17-MILE DRIVE

This private toll road curves between the Pacific Ocean and multi-million-dollar estates and world-famous golf courses. Open sunrise to sunset.

CA 1 at Pebble Beach, Pacific Grove, CA 93953
(831) 624-3811, www.pebblebeach.com

■ FROM SCRATCH

A fire in a stone fireplace foils the coastal morning chill for patrons wishing to dine inside; later in the day, an arbor protects outside diners from the warm California sun.

3626 The Barnyard Shopping Village, Carmel, CA 93923
(831) 625-2448, www.thebarnyard.com

MORE GREAT STOPS

MURAL TOUR OF LOMPOC

Thirty-two major murals grace the sides of buildings in the downtown area.

Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce
111 South I St., Lompoc 93436
(805) 736-4567
www.lompoc.com

SEA HARVEST FISH MARKET AND RESTAURANT

No frills and no view, but terrific fish on the menu and in the case.

598 Foam St.
Monterey, CA 93940
(831) 646-0547
No website available

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS HOTEL AND SUITES

This inn offers fully accessible rooms with lots of extras, like pillows with cases embroidered with the description of "soft" or "firm."

2455 Riverside Dr.
Paso Robles, CA 93446
(805) 238-6500
www.hixpaso.com

TOURISM INFORMATION

California Travel & Tourism Commission
www.visitcalifornia.com

Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce
www.lompoc.com

Monterey County Convention & Visitors Bureau
www.montereyinfo.org

Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce
www.pasorobleschamber.com

FRANCISCAN INN

Warm cookies greet guests in the afternoon at this lovely Spanish-Mediterranean inn, just one block from the Pacific Ocean.

109 Bath St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
(805) 963-8845
www.franciscaninn.com

MUZIO'S GROCERY AND DELI

Picnic baskets are made to order using imported and gourmet foodstuffs.

870 Monterey St.
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
(805) 543-0800
No website available

INGLEBORG'S DANISH CHOCOLATES

Hand-made Danish chocolates and imported salted licorice delight visitors.

1679 Copenhagen Dr.
Solvang, CA 93463
(805) 688-5612
www.ingeborgs.com

HEARST SAN SIMEON STATE HISTORICAL MONUMENT

Tours of the former estate of American publisher William Randolph Hearst include a half-mile walk and between 150 and 400 steps.

750 Hearst Castle Rd.
San Simeon, CA 93452
(805) 927-2020
www.hearstcastle.com

A TASTE OF MONTEREY WINE VISITORS CENTER

Regional wine tasting facility offers a waterfront view of Monterey Bay.

700 Cannery Row
Monterey, CA 93940
(831) 646-5446
www.tastemonterey.com

HYATT REGENCY MONTEREY

Centrally located on the peninsula, this resort is home to the Del Monte Golf Course, one of the top five courses in the United States.

One Old Golf Course Rd.
Monterey, CA 93940
(831) 372-1234
www.hyattregencymonterey.com

MONARCH GROVE AT PISMO STATE BEACH

Monarch butterflies fill the trees in this grove, one of the largest overwintering sites for the butterflies in the U.S.

Grand Ave. and CA 1
Oceano, CA 93445
(805) 473-7220
www.slostateparks.com/pismo_beach

TOLOSA WINERY

Self-guided tours, tasting room, and terrific gift shop.

4910 Edna Rd. JCA 227
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
(805) 782-0500
www.tolosawinery.com

TASTE OF SLO

Over 70 wines from the Central Coast appellation are available at this one tasting room.

1003 Osos St.
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
(805) 269-8278
www.taste-slo.com

San Luis Obispo County Visitors and Conference Bureau
www.sanluisobispoocounty.com

Santa Barbara Conference and Visitors Bureau
www.santabarbaraca.com

Solvang Conference and Visitors Bureau
www.solvangusa.com