In between conferences and meetings, take some time to be a tourist and explore Monterey. Minutes away from the conference center, you’re surrounded by amazing natural beauty, great food and wine, and a vibrant historical culture that’s one-of-a-kind.

A few steps from the conference center:

• Meet the locals. You’ll spot sea otters, harbor seals and sea lions as you walk through Old Fisherman’s Wharf. While there, stick around for happy hour and enjoy a seafood dinner fresh from the bay.

• Make new friends. Hop on a whale watching tour and catch a rare glimpse of one of the largest mammals on earth.

• Rent a paddleboat at Lake El Estero and paddle with the geese.

• On Tuesdays, check out the Farmers Market on Alvarado Street, where dozens of vendors bring in locally grown produce, handmade crafts and more.

• Create your own Path of History tour and peruse some of the area’s oldest landmarks, like California’s First Theatre, Custom House and Royal Presidio Chapel.
A one-mile coastal stroll away:

- Take a walk or rent a bike and explore the Monterey Bay Coastal Recreation Trail as you move toward Cannery Row, immortalized in John Steinbeck's novel.

- Get a different perspective of Monterey Bay with a kayak or paddleboard tour.

- Enjoy reds, whites and gorgeous views at one of our many wine tasting rooms.

- See what lies beneath. Spend a few hours at the world-renowned Monterey Bay Aquarium. The exhibits are truly mesmerizing!

If you brought the kids along, there’s plenty for them to do. Be sure to visit our local museums, parks and playgrounds.

Hit the beach! Multiple beaches are only minutes away from the conference center and great places for picnics and sunset watching.

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