

2019 EVENTS

January

[Whalefest Monterey](#) **January 26 - 27, 2019** **Old Fisherman's Wharf, Monterey**

Celebrate the return of gray whales to the Monterey Bay during Whalefest Monterey! Old Fisherman's Wharf and Custom House Plaza in historic downtown Monterey throw quite the migration party for these much loved creatures during the 2-day festival.

[The Half Marathon at Pebble Beach](#) **January 26, 2019** **Pebble Beach**

The Half Marathon, 10k, and 5k will run throughout Pebble Beach, with the majority of each course featuring scenic views of 17-Mile Drive and the breathtaking property before finishing with a post-race champagne brunch at The Inn at Spanish Bay.

February

[AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am](#) **February 4 - 10, 2019** **Pebble Beach Resorts**

Top PGA Tour professionals team up with Hollywood celebrities, world renowned musicians and the captains of industry as they compete for a \$6.6 million purse. Foursomes rotate to MPCC Shore Course, Spyglass Hill and Pebble Beach Golf Links Thursday through Saturday.

March

[Jazz Bash by the Bay](#) **March 1 - 3, 2019** **Monterey Conference Center**

The Jazz Bash by the Bay has been a wall-to-wall weekend of traditional jazz and swing since 1980. The festival brings together the many colorful forms of the roots of early jazz: traditional jazz, swing, gypsy jazz, ragtime, blues, zydeco and big bands.

[Relais & Châteaux GourmetFest](#) **March 14 - 17, 2019** **Carmel-by-the-Sea**

Relais & Châteaux GourmetFest is a four day foodie extravaganza featuring an exclusive roster of Relais & Châteaux Chefs and wine estates based at L'Auberge Carmel in Carmel-by-the-Sea.

[California International Airshow](#) **March 23 - 24, 2019** **Salinas Municipal Airport**

Watch jaw-dropping aeronautical acrobatics from the United States Navy Blue Angels, Patriots Jet Team, Metal Mulisha, the Pemberton's Wing Suit Jump and more. There will also be military demos, military fly-bys and military/civilian aircraft displays.

[Intercontinental GT Challenge California 8 Hours](#) **March 28 - 31, 2019** **WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca**

The SRO Intercontinental GT Challenge California 8 Hours presented by Pirelli World Challenge returns with wheel-to-wheel action in what is the longest endurance race at the WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca.

April

[Next Generation Jazz Festival](#) **April 5 - 7, 2019** **Monterey Conference Center**

Over 1,300 of the nation's top student musicians to play their hearts out at the Next Generation Jazz Festival (NGJF) in downtown Monterey. The event is free to the public.

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[Pacific Grove Good Old Days](#)

April 6 - 7, 2019

Lighthouse Avenue, Pacific Grove

Home to the County's largest arts and crafts show, with over 225 art and food vendors in downtown, a parade down Pine Avenue, live entertainment on four stages, old-fashioned games and contests and lots of family fun.

[Pebble Beach Food & Wine](#)

April 11 - 14, 2019

Pebble Beach Resorts

Enjoy four days of the best in food and wine with an epic epicurean event, Pebble Beach Food and Wine. 60 celebrity chefs and 250 wineries assemble at Pebble Beach to bring you the culinary experience of a lifetime. Enjoy lunches, dinners, wine tastings and cooking demonstrations.

[Sea Otter Classic](#)

April 11 - 14, 2019

Laguna Seca Recreation Area

Sea Otter Classic is the largest cycling festival and consumer trade show in North America. Over four days, it includes a wide variety of bike races and fun rides for every kind, level and age of rider, an expo with more than 250 exhibitors, club zones, a product demo area, a ride zone, stunt shows and kids activities.

[Big Sur International Marathon](#)

April 28, 2019

Big Sur

The Big Sur Marathon is 26.2 miles of the most beautiful coastline in the world - and, for runners, the most challenging. At the Expo, participants in the Marathon will pick up their race bibs, goody bags and check out fitness apparel and equipment.

May

[Winemakers' Celebration](#)

May 4, 2019

Dolores Street, Carmel-by-the-Sea

Over 100 wines made from 42 different varietals will be available for sampling at the Winemakers' Celebration in Carmel-by-the-Sea. Guests will also have the rare opportunity to ask questions and discuss the wines with the winemakers themselves.

[Ferrari Challenge](#)

May 9 - 12, 2019

WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca

Get an adrenaline rush as Ferrari's take on the challenging 2.238 mile course at the iconic WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca.

[Salinas Valley Fair](#)

May 16 - 19, 2019

Salinas Valley Fairgrounds, King City

Enjoy the atmosphere of an old-fashioned county fair, complete with carnival, bull-riding, craft and 4-H exhibit, music and more.

[Carmel Art Festival](#)

May 17 - 19, 2019

Mission Street, Carmel-by-the-Sea

Gallery events, lectures, receptions and demonstrations take place at several art galleries in addition to a plein-air painting competition where final works are showcased on Mission Street.

[California Roots Music & Arts Festival](#)

May 24 - 26, 2019

Monterey County Fair & Event Center

The California Roots Music and Arts Festival is a three-day event packed with live music, fantastic food, refreshing beverages, creative artwork and sustainable practices. Reggae acts from around the globe culminate at the Monterey County Fairgrounds for good vibes during the Memorial Day weekend.

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June

[Artichoke Festival](#)

June 1 - 2, 2019

Monterey County Fair & Event Center

The Artichoke Festival is a commemoration of all things artichoke. The event has artichoke cooking demos, artichoke-themed art, an artichoke parade, artichokes (and other vegetables) for sale at the farmers' market, and of course artichokes prepared in every way imaginable.

[Spartan Race](#)

June 1 - 2, 2019

Toro Park, Salinas

Become a dignified Spartan at Toro Park and take on the "Super Course" where you will be challenged with grueling hills, punishing obstacles and mouthy drill sergeants to push you along the way. The 8+ mile Spartan Race packs more than 25 signature Spartan obstacles including the barb wire crawl, tire drag, fire jump and monkey net.

[Monterey Wine Festival](#)

June 1 - 2, 2019

Custom House Plaza, Monterey

With hundreds of wines offered for tasting, wine lovers will find an embarrassment of riches awaiting them at the Monterey Wine Festival. The event also includes the West Coast Clam Chowder Competition.

[U.S. Open Championship](#)

June 10 - 16, 2019

Pebble Beach Resorts

Pebble Beach Golf Links and the USGA celebrate a Centennial together, when the prestigious U.S. Open Championship returns for a sixth time.

[Carmel Valley Art & Wine Celebration](#)

June 22, 2019

Carmel Valley Village, Carmel Valley

The Art & Wine Celebration showcases over 60 artists, local wines and strolling musicians at restaurants, shops and galleries throughout Carmel Valley Village.

[Monterey International Blues Festival](#)

June 29, 2019

Monterey County Fair & Event Center

The Monterey International Blues Festival takes over the Monterey County Fair & Event Center for an entire day of blues music and fun! Don't miss this bluesy event full of great music, fantastic food vendors and an unmatched ambiance.

July

[4th of July Events](#)

July 4, 2019

Monterey County

Celebrate Independence Day (and your day off) where California was first born! Monterey, Pacific Grove, Carmel-by-the-Sea and Spreckels each throw their own hometown bashes.

[Monterey Beer Festival](#)

July 6, 2019

Monterey County Fair & Event Center

The Monterey Beer Festival brings over 80 beers from dozens of breweries where you will have the chance to taste unusual offerings from major beer companies as well as fantastic beers from unknown brewing companies from around the world.

[FIM Superbike World Championship](#)

July 12 - 14, 2019

WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca

The sounds of motorcycles will again roar through the central California hillsides as the FIM Superbike World Championship returns to WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca. The FIM Superbike World Championship features riders, teams and manufacturers racing high-performance bikes very similar to the ones right off the showroom floor.

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[Carmel Bach Festival](#)

July 13 - 27, 2019

Carmel-by-the-Sea

The Carmel Bach Festival has a 80-year history where musicians from the around the world perform in various venues including the Sunset Center, Carmel Mission Basilica, Church in the Forest, Pebble Beach and All Saints Church.

[California Rodeo Salinas](#)

July 18- 21, 2019

Salinas Sports Complex, Salinas

Each July, the West comes alive in Salinas with the California Rodeo Salinas at the Salinas Sports Complex. Though the California Rodeo Salinas itself takes place for only four days, surrounding events such as the Rodeo Carnival, the Kiddie Kapers Parade and Cowboy Poetry provide a two-week long warm-up to the main event.

[Feast of Lanterns](#)

July 19 - 28, 2019

Pacific Grove

A tradition lasting for over a century, the Pacific Grove Feast of Lanterns is a community celebration. This event in Pacific Grove includes a lantern pageant, children's activities, and a pet parade.

[Moss Landing Antique Fair](#)

July 28, 2019

Moss Landing

The quaint fishing village of Moss Landing becomes the antique capital of the world where hundreds of antique booths set up on the streets for the Moss Landing Antique Street Fair, selling antique furniture and every kind of vintage item imaginable.

August

[Scottish Games & Celtic Festival](#)

August 3 - 4, 2019

Monterey County Fair & Event Center

This very popular Celtic celebration brings the music, dance and athletic events of the mystical lands of Scotland and Ireland to Monterey County and features events for the whole family.

[Monterey Car Week](#)

August 9 - 18, 2019

Monterey County

Classic automobiles take over the Monterey Peninsula during Monterey Car Week and Concours d'Elegance. All over Monterey County, classic cars take to streets, golf courses, parks and the world-renowned Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, surrounding visitors with automobiles from yesteryear.

[Salinas Valley Food & Wine](#)

August 10, 2019

Salinas

Charming Oldtown Salinas turns into a food and wine lovers dream with an incredible lineup of award winning wines, craft brews, live entertainment and culinary delights straight from "The Salad Bowl of the World."

[Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion](#)

August 15 - 18, 2019

WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca

Described as a museum springing to life, the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion is the largest event held during the famed Monterey Car Week, and is the only event where cars are doing what they were originally intended to do...race.

[Concours d'Elegance](#)

August 18, 2019

Pebble Beach Resorts

A tradition going back over half a century, the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance is where the world's collector cars meet and compete. Only the 200 best collector cars in the world roll onto the legendary 18th fairway of Pebble Beach Golf Links, and only a handful of those will receive official recognition for style, technical merit and historical accuracy.

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[Sand City West End Celebration](#)

August 23 - 25, 2019

Sand City

Sand City is known for its funky, independent and artistic atmosphere and nowhere is that more on display than the annual West End Celebration. The streets of Sand City shut down and become an open-air artists' fair, showcasing truly unique works from artists throughout Monterey County.

[Monterey County Fair](#)

August 29 - September 2, 2019

Monterey County Fair & Event Center

The annual Monterey County Fair is always fun for all, with livestock exhibition, entertainment, live music, amusement and delicious food.

[Monterey Greek Festival](#)

August 31 – September 2, 2019

Custom House Plaza, Monterey

Every Labor Day weekend, Monterey becomes a part of the Mediterranean as the Monterey Bay Greek Festival takes over Custom House Plaza. While you're munching on dolmades, you can watch traditional dance, listen to music, and even learn a little at a cultural lecture.

September

[Festa Italia](#)

September 6 - 8, 2019

Custom House Plaza, Monterey

Embrace your inner Italian at Monterey's Festa Italia. Monterey transforms into a mecca for all things marinara as this Italian Festival takes over Custom House Plaza with Italian favorites like calamari, pizza, pasta, paninis and rice balls.

[WeatherTech SportsCar Championship](#)

September 13 - 15, 2019

WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca

Fans anxious to see great racing from the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship and Continental Tire SportsCar Challenge will be delighted by the prototypes and grand touring cars battling it out on the Corkscrew during the penultimate race of the season.

[IndyCar Series Championship](#)

September 20 -22, 2019

WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca

The popular IndyCar Series returns to WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca for the first time in 15 years. The iconic course will serve as the site of the series' championship finale.

[The Pure Insurance Championship](#)

September 24 - 29, 2019

Pebble Beach Resorts

Junior golfers get the chance to play with champions like Ben Crenshaw, Isao Aoki, Tom Kite, Sandy Lyle, Tom Watson and Fuzzy Zoeller at the First Tee Open at Pebble Beach. This competition, broadcast on The Golf Channel, earns money for The First Tee, a charity that gives disadvantaged youngsters the opportunity to play golf.

[Monterey Jazz Festival](#)

September 27 - 29, 2019

Monterey County Fair & Event Center

The Monterey Jazz Festival attracts all of the top names in jazz, and boasts art exhibits, jazz clinics and seminars. The Festival features over 500 artists performing on eight stages spread over the Monterey County Fair and Event Center.

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October

[Taste of Carmel](#)

October 3, 2019

Carmel Mission, Carmel-by-the-Sea

Over 30 outstanding Carmel restaurants provide enticing and varied selections of appetizers, main courses and desserts, along with fine wines from 20 area vineyards at the historic Carmel Mission.

[Butterfly Parade & Bazaar](#)

October 5, 2019

Pacific Grove

Pacific Grove celebrates its heritage every October with the Butterfly Parade and Bazaar which celebrates the return of the Monarch Butterfly.

[Monterey Bay Triathlon](#)

October 19 - 20, 2019

Pacific Grove

Elite and amateur triathletes flock to Pacific Grove to participate in one of the most scenic triathlons in the world: the Monterey Bay Triathlon. The Monterey Bay Triathlon offers an Olympic distance triathlon, a Sprint distance triathlon, an Aqua Bike race, Kids Fun Run and Kids Splash & Dash.

November

[Cowboy Music Festival](#)

November 2, 2019

Monterey County Fair & Event Center

Pack those chaps and spurs for a wranglin' good time with some of the nation's top balladeers and cowboy/girl poets featured during the Monterey Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival. This event hosts several great shows, open mic sessions, a western art and gear sale among other festivities.

[Big Sur Food and Wine](#)

November 7 - 9, 2019

Big Sur

Indulge in fantastic food, great wines and exquisite scenery at the Big Sur Food and Wine Festival. Local and visiting restaurateurs, resorts and wineries from all over will team up for dinners and tastings at unique Big Sur locations.

[Monterey Bay Half Marathon](#)

November 10, 2019

Monterey

The Half Marathon on Monterey Bay takes runners through historic downtown Monterey, over to Cannery Row, down the shore of Monterey Bay, into downtown Pacific Grove, and back along the coast to the grand finish at Custom House Plaza.

December

[Christmas at the Inns](#)

December 3 - 4, 2019

Pacific Grove

It's Pacific Grove at its most picturesque, as ten of the town's bed and breakfasts and inns deck their halls and open their doors so you can share their holiday cheer in Victorian-era splendor.

[Christmas in the Adobes](#)

December 13 - 14, 2019

Monterey

Step back into Monterey's past during Christmas in the Adobes. See the adobes by candlelight and enjoy refreshments and live performances as volunteers in period attire welcome you into historic homes decorated in historical style.



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First Night Monterey

December 31, 2019

Monterey

First Night Monterey celebrates the lively arts scene in Monterey County with its family-friendly celebration of the arts on New Years Eve. Over thirty venues hold concurrent performances and activities for both children and adults, culminating in a convergence on Custom House Plaza to ring in the New Year.

For a complete list of events visit www.SeeMonterey.com/Events