

2020 EVENTS

January

[Whalefest Monterey](#)

January 25 - 26, 2020

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.

February

[AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am](#)

February 3 - 9, 2020

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 6 - 8, 2020

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 12 - 15, 2020

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.

April

[Next Generation Jazz Festival](#)

April 3 - 5, 2020

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.

[Pacific Grove Good Old Days](#)

April 4 - 5, 2020

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 16 - 19, 2020

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.

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[Sea Otter Classic](#)

April 16 - 19, 2020

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 26, 2020

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 2, 2020

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.

[Salinas Valley Fair](#)

May 14 - 17, 2020

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 15 - 17, 2020

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 22 - 24, 2020

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.

[Artichoke Festival](#)

May 30 - 31, 2020

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.

June

[Spartan Race](#)

June 6 - 7, 2020

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.

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[California International Airshow](#)

June 6 - 7, 2020

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.

[Monterey Wine Festival](#)

June 13 - 14, 2020

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.

July

[4th of July Events](#)

July 4, 2020

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 11, 2020

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.

[California Rodeo Salinas](#)

July 16 - 19, 2020

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.

[Carmel Bach Festival](#)

July 18 - August 1, 2020

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.

[Feast of Lanterns](#)

July 24 - 25, 2020

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 26, 2020

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.

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August

[Monterey Car Week](#)

August 7 - 16, 2020

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 8, 2020

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 13 - 16, 2020

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 16, 2020

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.

[Sand City West End Celebration](#)

August 23 - 25, 2020

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.

September

[Monterey County Fair](#)

September 3 - 7, 2020

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](#)

September 5 - 7, 2020

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.

[Festa Italia](#)

September 11 - 13, 2020

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.

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[Monterey Jazz Festival](#)

September 25 - 27, 2020

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.

October

[Butterfly Parade & Bazaar](#)

October 3, 2020

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 10 - 11, 2020

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

[Monterey Bay Half Marathon](#)

November 15, 2020

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 1 - 2, 2020

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.

[First Night Monterey](#)

December 31, 2020

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.

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