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## Monterey County Convention & Visitors Bureau

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### **Monterey County, Calif. Offers Diverse Venues for Holiday Parties**

Monterey, Calif., October 10, 2019 – As the holiday season approaches, planning a celebratory event for an organization can seem daunting. There are a variety of venues to choose from, food selections to make, décor decisions and more. [Monterey County](#), located on the breathtaking Central California Coast, offers more than 220 lodging properties and a festive assortment of unique attractions and venues prepared to help make a meeting planner's holiday event planning seamless.

Monterey County's world-class venues have created packages to eliminate the stress of decision-making, as well as limited-time saving opportunities for meeting planners. Here is a list of six venues that are guaranteed to turn holiday event dreams into reality:

- 1) [Portola Hotel and Spa](#), located in the heart of Monterey, offers customized menus, spectacular accommodations and early booking perks for groups during the holidays. Book before November 20 to receive 10 percent off food and beverage offerings, as well as complimentary self-parking and a dance floor. Meeting planners choose from meeting spaces that range from ballrooms to private dining rooms, an outdoor heated patio and its elegant Club Room.
- 2) Waterfront lovers will bask in the setting of [InterContinental Clement Monterey](#), located in historic Cannery Row. Events at this site include complimentary holiday centerpieces, linens and complimentary specialty drinks during cocktail hour. Featuring 12 meeting rooms, plus a ballroom, courtyard with two fire pits and impressive outdoor venue, guests can enjoy the holidays with endless idyllic views of the Monterey Bay.
- 3) Situated on 500-acres in Carmel Valley, [Carmel Valley Ranch](#) is an adult playground featuring holiday-themed events throughout the season. Meeting planners that book their event before October 31 will receive 50 percent off their holiday site fee, a 10 percent discount on holiday banquet menu pricing, one complimentary passed hors d'oeuvre, a signature welcome holiday cocktail upon arrival and discounted group holiday room rates.
- 4) Celebrate the holidays in wine country at [Folktale Winery and Vineyards](#) in Carmel Valley. This 17-acre property offers nine unique venues perfect for a holiday celebration. Attendees can enjoy a beautiful setting, a taste an assortment of wine varietals and indulge in delicious cuisine made fresh from the kitchen.
- 5) For a historic take on a holiday party, [The Barns at Cooper Molera](#) in Monterey offers a restored event venue that dates back to the early 1800s. Planners can choose to add a guided tour for guests to learn about the venues storied history. The Barns also includes a seasoned team of catering and culinary experts who customize menus – from sugar-plums to roast beef carving stations.

6) To experience a holiday party under the sea, world-renowned [Monterey Bay Aquarium](#) offers a variety of venue options. Attendees will be mesmerized by its stunning, living exhibits, while also enjoying spectacular, sustainably cooked dishes that focus on fresh, local and in-season ingredients provided by suppliers who care about ocean conservation.

For more information on Monterey County's lodging, attraction and event venues, and to book a holiday event, visit [www.MeetInMonterey.com](http://www.MeetInMonterey.com).

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**Monterey County Convention and Visitors Bureau (Monterey County CVB)** is a 501c6 organization that drives tourism for Monterey County. The county includes Big Sur, Carmel-by-the-Sea, Carmel Valley, Del Rey Oaks, Marina, Monterey, Moss Landing, Pacific Grove, Pebble Beach, Salinas, Salinas Valley, Sand City and Seaside. Tourism is the largest industry on the Monterey Peninsula and the second largest in the County. Monterey County CVB is a partnership of the hospitality community and local governments that aims to drive business growth through compelling marketing and targeted sales initiatives that maximize the benefits of tourism to our guests, members and the community. Travel spending in Monterey County was \$2.98 billion in 2018, representing a 5.8 percent increase from 2017. The \$2.98 billion in visitor spending supported 25,190 jobs, contributed \$271 million in total taxes and generated \$135 million local tax dollars that directly benefited the community. For more information, visit [www.SeeMonterey.com](http://www.SeeMonterey.com) and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

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