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SPRING INTO MONTEREY COUNTY FOR OUTDOOR FUN BY LAND, SEA AND AIR

Monterey, Calif., March 5, 2019 — Stately ships sail the sea, acrobatic planes take to the skies and cyclists hit the road. From sea to air to land, Monterey County offers action-packed events, Instagram-worthy views and events all year round. Add these inspiring spring events to your bucket list to enjoy experiences you won't soon forget.

Set Sail on the Monterey Bay: Tall Ships Docked at the Monterey Harbor, March 1-17, 2019

Experience the majestic elegance of not one but two tall ships. The Hawaiian Chieftain docks in Monterey March 1, but she won't be alone for long. The Lady Washington will join her March 8. Landlubbers can enjoy walk-on tours, though buccaneers may prefer the special sailing times.

You may recognize the Lady Washington from her multiple film appearances, including "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl," "Star Trek: Generations," "Once Upon A Time" and "Revolution."

New this year: Take in a battle — tall ship style! Discover seamanship the likes of which you've never seen before as the tall ships duke it out with real black powder. Avast ye! Mark this down on your calendar now.

It's a Bird, It's a Plane, It's the Blue Angels: California International Airshow Salinas, March 23–24, 2019

Now in its 38th year, the California International Airshow Salinas is ready to once again wow audiences with gravity-defying stunts and thrilling tricks. The U.S. Navy Blue Angels Flight Demonstration Team headlines this year's show with exciting acrobatics.

After 10 years away, Robosaurus is back in action — and hungry! At 30 tons, flame-throwing Robosaurus is ready to dig his talons in and chow down on the next car or plane with a jaw-chomping 28,000 pounds of pressure per square inch.



Jerry Conley and the Vampire Jet and other military and civilian performers round out the show. Expect incredible military demonstrations, civilian and military aircraft displays and military flybys.

Grab Life by the Handlebars: Sea Otter Classic, April 11–14, 2019

Regarded as the world’s largest cycling event, the Sea Otter Classic or “Celebration of Cycling,” is a jam-packed four-day event for competitive cyclists and biking enthusiasts of all kinds and ages held at the Laguna Seca Recreation Area, home to iconic WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca.

Amateurs and pros can compete in road cycling events and mountain bike races. Two fully supported Saturday road rides (49 and 91 miles), a 19-mile mountain bike tour and Sea Otter's Gran Fondo (an all-ages event) make for one exhilarating weekend.

The fun continues as Monterey hosts North America’s largest bike expo. More than 400 exhibitors are ready to wow with the latest and greatest in biking gear and equipment. If you and yours are cycling enthusiasts, the Sea Otter Classic is one event you don’t want to miss.

These are but a few of the many thrilling events taking place in Monterey County this spring. Visit SeeMonterey.com/Events to view the full line up of events. For more information on all that Monterey County has to offer please visit SeeMonterey.com.”

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ABOUT MONTEREY COUNTY CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

The Monterey County Convention & Visitors Bureau (MCCVB) is a 501c6 non-profit destination marketing organization that drives tourism for Monterey County as a premier destination to leisure and business travelers. Tourism is the largest industry on the Monterey Peninsula and the second largest in the County. MCCVB is a partnership of the hospitality community and local governments that drives 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 \$2.85 billion in 2017, representing a 3.5 percent increase from 2016. Visitor spending supported 24,990 jobs, contributed \$255 million in total taxes and generated \$127 million local tax dollars that directly benefited the community.