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DAY ONE

Begin your family trip at the **Dolphin Bay Resort & Spa** in Pismo Beach. This oceanfront hotel is located on five-acres and offers stylish, contemporary accommodations, unparalleled service, a lovely pool, and stunning ocean views. The suites include dining areas, full gourmet kitchens, spacious balconies, and laundry facilities—and it is pet friendly. Its **Lido Restaurant** serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Another excellent choice for your family “vacay” is **Vespera Resort** in Pismo Beach. Gracefully nestled along the sandy shoreline, it is a fun, active, and stylish escape for families and couples to relax and enjoy the best of Pismo Beach. The beachside pool, lawn games, and firepits are also part of this cool experience. The rooms and suites have a charming beach chic vibe, and its oceanfront restaurant serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

If you find yourself in the mood for something sweet before or after a day at the beach, head over to **Old West Cinnamon Rolls** in Pismo Beach. Choose from almond, frosted, original, pecan, or walnut rolls topped with homemade cream cheese frosting.

For dinner, just a few steps from the Pismo Beach Pier, **Splash Café** is an easy-going, family friendly restaurant that features its award-winning clam chowder, sandwiches and burgers, steamers, tacos, lobster rolls, and fish and chips.

Or visit the **Cracked Crab** for an entertaining and delicious dining experience. Order buckets of the freshest fish, such Alaskan Dungeness crab, Maine lobster, shrimp, mussels, and clams. It is casually served, and, in fact, cheerfully dumped at your table! The menu also features numerous other selections, including steaks, steak & lobster, crab legs, roasted chicken, fish & chips, pasta, and a la carte fresh seafood dishes.

DAY TWO

Next to Pismo Beach, discover the **Oceano Sand Dunes**. It offers a wide variety of activities and fun educational experiences for the whole family. You can hike, surf, paraglide, fish, ride horseback, rent ATVs, and more! This unique recreational area is also home to diverse wildlife. Stop by the Oceano Dunes Visitors Center and experience hands-on exhibits about local plant and animal species and to learn about the cultural history of the Native American Chumash tribe.

Or visit **Dinosaur Caves Park** in Shell Beach. This beautiful family-friendly park spans 11-acres of ocean views. It is a great place to walk, take the dog for a stroll, and visit the large, unique, dinosaur-themed playground. And while at Dinosaur Caves, find out the lowest tide of the day and then check out the tide pools. You’ll see small sea creatures, such as sea anemones, snails, limpets, and urchins.



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FARMERS MARKET

It is more than worth the short drive from Pismo Beach to the **Farmers' Market** in downtown San Luis Obispo. It has been consistently voted as one of the best Farmers' Market in the United States. It takes place every Thursday night (except for major holidays and rain). It spans more than five blocks with over 100 vendors, including fresh local produce, famous BBQ, delicious meals, SLO CAL crafted products, baked goods, live entertainment, and so much more!

If you're staying around Pismo Beach, try **Ada's Fish House** for dinner. It offers classic coastal dishes, both from the East Coast and West Coast. It sources fresh seafood daily and features local wines and a full bar. You can dine inside or on the dog-friendly outdoor patio.

DAY THREE

At the **Custom House** in Avila Beach is you will find a wide selection of traditional breakfast items, while taking in the views of the pier and Port San Luis. And for the parents, start your day with a Mimosa or a Bloody Mary. Afterwards, walk on the beach and around this very picturesque beach town.

After breakfast, schedule a trip with **Avila Beach Whale Watching**. This family-owned tour operator offers Humpback Whale and Grey Whale watching tours—depending on the season—departing daily from Port San Luis.

With **Central Coast Kayaking** you can take the whole clan on a kayaking adventure. Once passed the small breakers you will venture along spectacular coastal vistas, grottoes, arches, kelp forests, and protected coves to the Dinosaur Caves, our marine playground. This tour is geared towards the novice or experienced paddler.

After a day on the water, indulge in an elegant oceanfront dinner at **Lido Restaurant** at Dolphin Bay Resort or at Vespera's whimsical **Pequin Coastal Cocina**, with its selection of "Baja Coastal" Mexican-inspired restaurant, with views of the Pacific Ocean. Or maybe just grab a few pizzas and salads from **Giuseppe's Express** in downtown Pismo Beach and go sit on the beach and watch the sunset.

