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HISTORICAL HAUNTS AND TREKS THROUGH MONTEREY COUNTY

MONTEREY COUNTY, CALIF—What better way to explore the intriguing history of Monterey County than to walk in the steps of yesterday? Learn the rich history of Monterey and Carmel first hand by taking these unique tours highlighting some of the area’s most beguiling spots.

Walk **Monterey’s Path of History**, one of the must-do activities of the peninsula. This self-guided, two-mile tour of Old Monterey is marked by easy to distinguish yellow tiles set in the sidewalk. This walk explores adobes, gardens and sites of interest. Maps are available for individuals and groups. Guided tours are also available on various days, leading visitors to such sites as the Cooper Molera House and Garden, the Custom House, Larkin House, Casa Soberanes. Also, visit the interiors of some of the adobes and other historic buildings. View a short film prior to going on the Path of History at the Monterey Maritime Museum that covers a good introduction to the history of the area. Most of the adobes are staffed by State Parks rangers; however some adobes are private property. For the tour schedule and passes call 831-649-7118.

Uncover the charms of Carmel on a two-hour guided **Carmel Walks** tour. Wind through secret pathways, hidden courtyards, award-winning gardens and by enchanting fairytale cottages. Learn about the spirit, characters and customs that make Carmel unique. Don’t pass up seeing the 1914 Golf House—the historic clubhouse of the Carmel golf course, the oldest art gallery in Carmel and architecture by Frank Lloyd Wright. You can learn why Clint Eastwood named his pub “Hog’s Breath Inn” as well as see Doris Day’s dog digs and special K-9 tax forms. See the homes and places that inspired famous poets and were made famous by the silver screen. For information on walk schedules, call 831.642.2700, or visit www.carmelwalks.com.

Discover the haunts of Monterey on **The Ghost Trolley of Monterey**. Once the capital of Mexican California, Old Monterey was the center of fiestas, balls and all the glamour the Spanish lifestyle of the day had to offer. With this lifestyle brought intrigue and controversy. The set of shipwrecks, murder and hidden treasures, Monterey is full of ghastly adventures. The tour begins at the notoriously haunted Stokes Adobe. From there it winds in and out of the

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Path of History in the Ghost Trolley of Old Monterey, visiting locations of both historical and recent ghost sightings. Stop and walk along the way at the area's oldest church, Monterey's historic cemetery and other legendary buildings to hear the story of their historic inhabitants. Tours begin daily at 8:00 p.m.; tickets can be purchased online at www.toursmonterey.com/gpages/gticket.html or by calling 831.624.1700.

VISITOR INFO.

Monterey County is located 120 miles/192 km south of San Francisco and 345 miles/552 km north of Los Angeles along the classic California corridor. The region boasts 99 miles of prime Pacific Coastline, the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, three historic missions, 40,000 acres of premium vineyards, 25 golf courses and over 200 lodging properties. Monterey County includes the Monterey Peninsula, Big Sur, North County and the Salinas Valley. The Monterey Peninsula Airport (MRY), just three miles from historic downtown Monterey and minutes from the area's major attractions, is served by non-stop flights to and from Denver (DEN), Las Vegas (LAS), Phoenix (PHX), Los Angeles (LAX), and San Francisco (SFO). www.seemonterey.com.

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