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***FROM BEACHFRONT DIGS TO HISTORIC HAUNTS -- MONTEREY COUNTY ON A SHOESTRING***

*Monterey County's Affordable Stays, as Low as \$100/Night*

**MONTEREY COUNTY, CALIF.** — Monterey County sports a wealth of options for family vacations, from ripping around a racetrack to gazing at jellyfish or lunching with a leopard. For any vacation, the right lodging is the most important part of the adventure. These 20 hotels enjoy a unique ambiance while sharing one common thread – affordability and comfort.

**BLAST AT THE BEACH**

**Monterey Beach Resort** steps up with more than half of the 196 guestrooms boasting full Pacific views; other options include lush garden or courtyard settings. Top perks include an ocean view lounge with live entertainment on the weekends. This is an excellent local hotel with quick access to historic downtown Monterey, Cannery Row, Fisherman's Wharf, Dennis the Menace Park, Monterey Youth Museum and the Maritime Museum.

Check in and check out at the **Sandpiper Inn by the Sea**, a gem of an inn situated in Carmel. This historic property has been welcoming guests for 80 years. The 17 television- and telephone-free guestrooms feature classic California-style lodging including in-room fireplaces, spacious patios, antiques and afternoon tea or sherry and cookies.

**HISTORIC HAUNTS**

Located in the heart of downtown, **The Monterey Hotel** is an ideal outpost for scouting historic downtown. Built in 1904, the property features suites with hand-carved furnishings, plantation shutters, marble baths and an ambiance reminiscent of the Victorian Era. Step outside the front door and across the street is the famous Golden State Theater, still running prime flicks since 1926. A quick jaunt delivers visitors to Fisherman's Wharf and the 18-mile Monterey Recreation Trail.

One of Carmel's landmark properties, the **Carmel Wayfarer Inn**, originally constructed in 1929 as an opulent apartment complex, retains the charm of its original design. An intimate and cozy abode set in the lush backdrop of Carmel, the Inn is situated only a few blocks from Ocean Avenue, a bevy of shops, restaurants and 100+ galleries. Enjoy complimentary wine and cheese in the afternoon.

**Casa Munras Hotel** is a perfect family haunt in downtown Monterey. The 171 guestrooms feature state of the art in-room sound systems with MP3 capacity, fireplaces and Featherbone beds. Take a dip in the outdoor heated pool or work up an appetite in the new fitness center. The restaurant, **Esteban**, serves a wonderful tapas menu in a casual dining environment.

Built in 1889, Carmel's **Pine Inn** is a sure bet for history buffs with its classic design and Old World charm. Elegant rooms are adorned with European furnishings bedecked in velvet and marble including large marble bathrooms and lush pillow top beds. The hotel is the city's oldest and was rolled down the hill on logs in 1903 to its current location on Ocean Avenue. The lobby entrance seems fashioned for royalty with plush red velvet and period antiques.

One of Pacific Grove's original B&B's, **The Centrella Inn** is located along the Monterey Peninsula near picturesque 17-Mile Drive. A perfect destination for a romantic retreat, the Inn's 26 detailed guestrooms and suites are appointed with authentic Victorian-era antiques that were hand selected by the owners. Enjoy private baths, large, comfortable beds and a wet bar to work off a hard day of play along the Bay

### **MONTEREY MUSES**

Follow Steinbeck's steps with a stay on Cannery Row, home to the nation's top-ranked Monterey Bay Aquarium, dining, shopping and all things novel. The conveniently located **Cannery Row Inn**, a 32-room property tucked along the Monterey Recreational Trail, offers immediate access to the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, prime pacific views, fireplaces and casual comfort for families on the go. Leave the car keys behind and enjoy the convenience of walking. The Inn is only steps away from adventures in kayaking, hiking, biking or shopping. Beat the long lines for tickets at the Aquarium by purchasing tickets at the front desk of the hotel.

A bevy of great inns in Monterey make a stay along the bay both affordable and adventurous. **The Best Western Monterey Inn** in the heart of Monterey is a great place to spend a vacation without breaking the bank. On the peninsula **Colton Inn** is the stop for convenient, comfortable accommodations in the midst of old town Monterey and a short drive from the area attractions. The inn features fireplaces, balconies and whirlpool tubs. At the **Mariposa Inn**, guests can bed down in a choice of 50 guestrooms complete with hot tubs and luxurious amenities. This little inn offers the true home-town feel Monterey is known for.

### **NESTLED IN NATURE**

Blazing to Big Sur is always an adventure, especially for families who enjoy the great outdoors at its zenith. Located along Highway 1, **Glen Oaks Hotel** is one mile from beautiful Pfeiffer State Park and all the natural wonders of Big Sur. All of the 17 rooms are single story of adobe brick and redwood beam construction in the style of a classic motor lodge. They include private balconies and kitchenettes. Soak up the morning with a cup of fresh coffee and the unforgettable sights of Big Sur rising with a backdrop of a crackling fireplace.

Nestled in beautiful Carmel, the cottages of **Carmel Resort Inn** provide a quaint atmosphere to de-stress and enjoy a romantic vacation for two or adventurous getaway for the entire family. Feel right at home with coffee and popcorn in the freshly-appointed rooms. At the end of a day unwind in the sauna and spa. Cozy beds and comfy digs make this property a hit for relaxing in nature.

With 24 cottages and 19 guestroom set on 10 acres, the newly-renovated **Carmel River Inn** offers a sanctuary of large comfortable country-style accommodations away from the hectic buzz of everyday life. There is endless space for children to play, big cozy beds and the world within walking distance including Point Lobos Nature Reserve, Carmel Mission and downtown Carmel.

Once the exclusive thoroughbred stables for the Vanderbilt family, **Los Laureles Lodge** now boasts 31 rooms in the heart of Carmel Valley. Guestrooms are converted horse stables in deep wood-tones or cottages with cheery interiors. Nearby, 10+ wine tasting rooms, boutique shopping and hiking Garland Regional Park are a favorite pastime.

### **COZY IN CARMEL**

Tucked away in a quiet residential area of Carmel, **The Hofsas House** is only three blocks from Ocean Avenue and gallery hopping in downtown. Dutch doors grace all 38 rooms which share ocean views and decks offering a prime view of the sunset. Enjoy a year-round heated swimming pool and two saunas at the end of a run-around day of wine tasting. A complimentary continental breakfast is included.

Just steps away from downtown Carmel and only minutes away from Monterey, **Carmel Inn & Suites** is a 20 room country-style inn with custom-made bedding, beautiful antiques and a private inlaid marble bathroom. The upstairs rooms are open and airy offering great views of Carmel and Pt. Lobos Nature Reserve. Families will especially like the downstairs rooms which are spacious and forgiving. After a long day, be pampered by one of the Inn's facial, aromatherapy or in-room messages.

The scent of crisp Monterey pines set the tone for a getaway at **Carmel Lodge**. The 42 rooms -- some with private balconies and fireplaces -- set the stage for a romantic escape. The lodge is located only two blocks from the town's vibrant shopping and a short hop to one of the nation's most pet-friendly beaches, Carmel Beach and adjoining 17-Mile Drive.

Similarly placed in the pines, **Bay Park Hotel** offers a home-like atmosphere nestled on Carmel Hill. Straddling Monterey and Carmel, the Inn is perfectly situated to enjoy the attractions of both cities. This property provides an area for business travelers and vacationers alike. Feel free to pack Fido, Bay Park Hotel welcomes small pets.

### **VISITOR INFORMATION**

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, 24 golf courses and over 250 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), San Diego (SAN) and San Francisco (SFO). [www.SeeMonterey.com](http://www.SeeMonterey.com).

#### **Hotel Property**

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Cannery Row Inn	831.649.8580	<a href="http://www.canneryrowinn.com">www.canneryrowinn.com</a>
Carmel Inn and Suites	800.325.8515	<a href="http://www.carmelinnandsuites.com">www.carmelinnandsuites.com</a>
Carmel Lodge	866.399.1552	<a href="http://www.carmelsandslodge.com">www.carmelsandslodge.com</a>
Carmel Resort Inn	800.454.3700	<a href="http://www.carmelresortinn.com">www.carmelresortinn.com</a>
Carmel Wayfarer Inn	800.533.2711	<a href="http://www.carmelwayfarerinn.com">www.carmelwayfarerinn.com</a>
Casa Munras Hotel	800.222.2446	<a href="http://www.hotelcasamunras.com">www.hotelcasamunras.com</a>
Centrella Inn	800.233.3372	<a href="http://www.centrellainn.com">www.centrellainn.com</a>
Colton Inn	800.848.7007	<a href="http://www.coltoninn.com">www.coltoninn.com</a>
Cypress Garden Inn	877.922.1150	<a href="http://www.cypressgardensinn.com">www.cypressgardensinn.com</a>
Glen Oaks Hotel	831.667.2105	<a href="http://www.glenoaksbigsur.com">www.glenoaksbigsur.com</a>
Hofsas House	800.221.2548	<a href="http://www.hofsashouse.com">www.hofsashouse.com</a>
Los Laureles Lodge	831.659.2233	<a href="http://www.loslaureles.com">www.loslaureles.com</a>
Mariposa Inn	800.824.2295	<a href="http://www.mariposamonterey.com">www.mariposamonterey.com</a>
Pine Inn	800.228.3851	<a href="http://www.pineinn.com">www.pineinn.com</a>
Sandpiper Inn by the Sea	831.624.6433	<a href="http://www.sandpiper-inn.com">www.sandpiper-inn.com</a>
The Carmel River Inn	800.966.6490	<a href="http://www.carmelriverinn.com">www.carmelriverinn.com</a>
The Monterey Hotel	800.966.6490	<a href="http://www.montereyhotel.com">www.montereyhotel.com</a>

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