

Itinerary: A Day in Moss Landing

Moss Landing is a popular spot for antiquing, surfing and nature-watching. It's located at the mouth of Elkhorn Slough, one of California's largest wetland areas and home to hundreds of species. With so much to see, it's easy to fill up a full day.

Sample One-Day Itinerary

If you wanted to sleep in before your Elkhorn Slough cruise, you've probably stayed over at the historic [Captain's Inn at Moss Landing](#), which is just a short walk away from the whale watch launching point, and are enjoying a tasty home-cooked breakfast. Or if you've got your RV, you've stayed at the [Moss Landing RV Park](#) and are cooking up breakfast for yourself.

If you're just coming in to Moss Landing, grab a hearty breakfast at the [Moss Landing Cafe](#), a popular breakfast spot for the local fishermen. Go with a traditional breakfast or try one of their specialties — eggs with squid or oysters on the side, or an omelet with artichoke hearts and seafood.

Elkhorn Slough

Call [Elkhorn Slough Safari Nature Tours](#) for a cruise inland to view the wildlife and waterways of Elkhorn Slough. Their knowledgeable guides will give you insight into this unique ecosystem as you slowly cruise through it on their extremely stable pontoon boats. Special onboard activities for children ensure the little ones won't get bored. Birders will especially enjoy this two-hour cruise, as Elkhorn Slough provides a home to hundreds of species of waterfowl and migratory shorebirds.

Lunch

All that whale watching is likely to leave you with a whale of an appetite. Stop for lunch at the [Whole Enchilada](#), Moss Landing's favorite Mexican restaurant. It's just a short stroll from the docks, and the menu is loaded with landlubber Mexican favorites and a diverse range of seafood with a Mexican twist.

Shopping

Spend the late afternoon shopping at [Moss Landing Antique Village](#), which has 20 individual antique shops collected under one roof. The antique village even has a small cafe, where you can get an espresso to power-up for your shopping experience.

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Dinner

End your day with a spectacular seafood dinner at the Moss Landing Cafe, or margaritas and Mexican at the Whole Enchilada.

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