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Top 50 Events in 2014

January

Whalefest Monterey	**January 25 - 26, 2014**	**Old Fisherman's Wharf, Monterey**

Whalefest Monterey is held in January during the migration of the gray whales, although whales are spotted in the Monterey Bay year-round. The weekend features a wide array of fun activities at Old Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey near the Custom House.

February

AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am	**February 3 - 9, 2014**	**Pebble Beach Resorts**

Top PGA Tour professionals team up with Hollywood celebrities, world renowned musicians and the captains of industry as they compete for a $6.1 million purse. Foursomes rotate to MPCC Shore Course, Spyglass Hill and Pebble Beach Golf Links Thursday through Saturday.

March

Jazz Bash by the Bay	**March 7 - 9, 2014**	**Monterey Conference Center**

The Jazz Bash by the Bay has been a wall-to-wall weekend of traditional jazz and swing since 1980. The festival brings together the many colorful forms of the roots of early jazz: traditional jazz, swing, gypsy jazz, ragtime, blues, zydeco and big bands.

April

Pacific Grove Good Old Days	**April 5 - 6, 2014**	**Lighthouse Avenue, Pacific Grove**

Home to the County's largest arts and crafts show, with over 225 art and food vendors in downtown, a parade down Pine Avenue, live entertainment on four stages, old-fashioned games and contests and lots of family fun.

Sea Otter Classic	**April 10 - 13, 2014**	**Laguna Seca Recreation Area**

This will mark the 24th anniversary of the largest cycling festival and consumer trade show in North America. Sea Otter also marks the start of the "season" for the cycling industry. Over four days, it includes a wide variety of bike races and fun rides for every kind, level and age of rider, an expo with more than 250 exhibitors, club zones, a product demo area, a ride zone, stunt shows, access to the best teams on the race circuit, kids activities and a bike playground.

Pebble Beach Food & Wine	**April 10 - 13, 2014**	**Pebble Beach Resorts**

Enjoy four days of the best in food and wine with an epic epicurean event, Pebble Beach Food and Wine. 60 celebrity chefs and 250 wineries assemble at Pebble Beach to bring you the culinary experience of a lifetime. Enjoy lunches, dinners and wine tastings. Educate yourself with cooking demonstrations.

Big Sur International Marathon	**April 27, 2014**	**Big Sur**

The Big Sur Marathon is 26.2 miles of the most beautiful coastline in the world - and, for runners, the most challenging. At the Expo, participants in the Marathon will pick up their race bibs, goody bags and check out fitness apparel and equipment.

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May

Steinbeck Festival	**May 2 - 4, 2014**	**National Steinbeck Center, Salinas**

The National Steinbeck Center honors the great 20th-century writer John Steinbeck in Salinas, where the author was born, with films, speakers, panels, theater, and bus or walking tours.

Wildflower Triathlon	**May 2 - 4, 2014**	**Lake San Antonio, Bradley**

One of the premier triathlons nationally and internationally, this course will test the skills of the professional triathlete and the first-time long course competitor. Spectators and athletes can also enjoy live music, great food, race clinics and a peek at the latest gear at the Wildflower Triathlon Expo area.

Tudor United Sportscar Championship	**May 2 - 4, 2014**	**Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, Salinas**

This entirely new series created by the merger between the GRAND-AM Rolex Sports Car Series and the American Le Mans Series retains the very popular format of races within a race, providing plenty of on-track action and constant passing.

Winemakers' Celebration	**May 3, 2014**	**Carmel-by-the-Sea**

Over 30 Monterey County wineries from 9 American Viticultural Areas (AVAs) offer their wines for tasting at the 22nd Annual Winemakers' Celebration. Try rare wines - including library, reserve, and limited release labels - while rubbing elbows with the winemakers themselves. There will be plenty of food from local restaurants and live music.

Carmel Art Festival	**May 15 - 18, 2014**	**Devendorf Park, Carmel-by-the-Sea**

Gallery events, lectures, receptions and demonstrations take place at several art galleries in addition to a plein-air painting competition where final works are showcased at Devendorf Park.

Salinas Valley Fair	**May 15 - 18, 2014**	**Salinas Valley Fairgrounds, King City**

Enjoy the atmosphere of an old-fashioned county fair, complete with carnival, bull-riding, craft and 4-H exhibit, music and more.

Cooking for Solutions	**May 16 - 18, 2014**	**Monterey Bay Aquarium, Monterey**

Cooking for Solutions features great chefs, gourmet cuisine and fine wines. Events include the signature gala celebration, as well as food and wine adventures, cooking demonstrations and a seafood challenge.

California Roots Music & Arts Festival	**May 23 - 25, 2014**	**Monterey County Fair & Event Center**

The California Roots Music and Arts Festival is a three-day event packed with live music, fantastic food, refreshing beverages, creative artwork and sustainable practices. Reggae acts from around the globe culminate at the Monterey County Fairgrounds for good vibes during the Memorial Day weekend.

Clam Chowder & Calamari Festival	**CANCELLED**	**Custom House Plaza, Monterey**

Monterey's waterfront comes alive with a weekend full of food, live music and cooking demonstrations featuring two of Monterey's most loved dishes.

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Artichoke Festival	**May 31 - June 1, 2014**	**Monterey County Fair & Event Center**

The 55th Castroville Artichoke Festival is a commemoration of all things artichoke. The event has artichoke cooking demos, artichoke-themed art, an artichoke parade, artichokes (and other vegetables) for sale at the farmers' market, and of course artichokes prepared in every way imaginable.

June

Monterey Wine Festival	**June 6 - 7, 2014**	**Custom House Plaza, Monterey**

With hundreds of wines offered for tasting, wine lovers will find an embarrassment of riches awaiting them at the Monterey Wine Festival.

Monterey Beer Festival	**June 14, 2014**	**Monterey County Fair & Event Center**

Over 70 breweries offer their beers during the Monterey Beer Festival accompanied by live music and great food.

Carmel Valley Art & Wine Celebration	**June 21, 2014**	**Carmel Valley Village, Carmel Valley**

The Art & Wine Celebration showcases over 60 artists, local wines and strolling musicians at restaurants, shops and galleries throughout Carmel Valley Village.

July

4th of July Events	**July 4, 2014**	**Monterey County**

Celebrate Independence Day (and your day off) where California was first born! Monterey, Pacific Grove, Carmel-by-the-Sea and Spreckels each throw their own hometown bashes.

FIM Superbike World Championship	**July 11 - 13, 2014**	**Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, Salinas**

The sounds of motorcycles will again roar through the central California hillsides as the FIM Superbike World Championship returns to Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca. The FIM Superbike World Championship features riders, teams and manufacturers racing high-performance bikes very similar to the ones right off the showroom floor.

California Rodeo Salinas	**July 17 - 20, 2014**	**Salinas Sports Complex, Salinas**

Each July, the West comes alive in Salinas with the California Rodeo Salinas at the Salinas Sports Complex. The California Rodeo Salinas is the largest rodeo in California. Though the California Rodeo Salinas itself takes place for only four days, surrounding events such as the Rodeo Carnival, the Kiddie Kapers Parade and Cowboy Poetry provide a two-week long warm-up to the main event.

Carmel Bach Festival	**July 19 - August 2, 2014**	**Carmel-by-the-Sea**

The Carmel Bach Festival has a 75-year history where musicians from the around the world perform in various venues including the Sunset Center, Carmel Mission Basilica, Church in the Forest, Pebble Beach and All Saints Church.

Feast of Lanterns	**July 23 - 27, 2014**	**Pacific Grove**

A tradition lasting for over a century, the Pacific Grove Feast of Lanterns is a community celebration. This event in Pacific Grove includes a lantern pageant, children's activities, and a pet parade.

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Blues, Brews & Barbecue	**July 26 - 27, 2014**	**Monterey County Fair & Event Center**

The two day blues festival features the legends of blues, the standard bearers of the blues and the next generation of the blues. Don't miss this weekend full of great music, fantastic food, outstanding beer and an unmatched ambiance.

Moss Landing Antique Fair	**July 27, 2014**	**Moss Landing**

The quaint fishing village of Moss Landing becomes the antique capital of the world where hundreds of antique booths set up on the streets for the Moss Landing Antique Street Fair, selling antique furniture and every kind of vintage item imaginable.

August

Salinas Valley Half Marathon	**August 2, 2014**	**Salinas Valley**

Take in the fresh air and enjoy the breathtaking beauty of the "Salad Bowl of the World" during the Salinas Valley Half Marathon. Runners and walkers will be delighted with stunning sights along Salinas Valley's Foothill and River Roads along the Santa Lucia mountain range.

Monterey Bay Reggafest	**CANCELLED**	**Monterey County Fair & Event Center**

The Monterey Bay Reggaefest, one of the largest reggae festivals in Northern California, features performances from star reggae performers, dancehall acts, and cultural dancers throughout the three-day celebration.

Monterey Auto Week	**August 11 - 17, 2014**	**Monterey County**

Classic automobiles take over the Monterey Peninsula during Monterey Auto Week and Concours d'Elegance. All over Monterey County, classic cars take to streets, golf courses, parks and the world-renowned Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, surrounding visitors with automobiles from yesteryear.

Concours d'Elegance	**August 17, 2014**	**Pebble Beach Resorts**

A tradition going back over half a century, the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance is where the world's collector cars meet and compete. Only the 200 best collector cars in the world roll onto the legendary 18th fairway of Pebble Beach Golf Links, and only a handful of those will receive official recognition for style, technical merit and historical accuracy.

Sand City West End Celebration	**August 22 - 24, 2014**	**Sand City**

Sand City is known for its funky, independent and artistic atmosphere and nowhere is that more on display than the annual West End Celebration. The streets of Sand City shut down and become an open-air artists' fair, showcasing truly unique works from artists throughout Monterey County.

First City Festival	**August 23 - 24, 2014**	**Monterey County Fair & Event Center**

Monterey meets Coachella during the First City Festival. The site of the original Monterey Pop Festival, Monterey County Fair & Event Center hosts the two-day music event.

Monterey County Fair	**August 27 - September 1, 2014**	**Monterey County Fair & Event Center**

The annual Monterey County Fair is always fun for all, with livestock exhibition, entertainment, live music, amusement and delicious food.

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Monterey Greek Festival	**August 30 - September 1, 2014**	**Custom House Plaza, Monterey**

Every Labor Day weekend, Monterey becomes a part of the Mediterranean as the Monterey Bay Greek Festival takes over Custom House Plaza. While you're munching on dolmades, you can watch traditional dance, listen to music, and even learn a little at a cultural lecture.

September

Festa Italia	**September 5 - 7, 2014**	**Custom House Plaza, Monterey**

Embrace your inner Italian at Monterey's Festa Italia. Monterey transforms into a mecca for all things marinara as this Italian Festival takes over Custom House Plaza with Italian favorites like calamari, pizza, pasta, paninis and rice balls.

Cherry's Jubilee	**CANCELLED**	**Monterey County**

September's don't-miss festival for the car and motorcycle enthusiast is Cherry's Jubilee. For four days, classic cars, hot rods, and motorcycles will parade down Monterey County's most scenic roads, show off in neighborhoods like Monterey's Fisherman's Wharf, Cannery Row and downtown Pacific Grove.

Art in Adobes	**September 2014 (official dates TBA)**	**Monterey**

Many of the events will be held in the adobes that make Monterey so unique and rich in history. The three day cultural festival will be full of art exhibitions, lectures, art demonstrations, music and living history for the next generation of artists and historians.

Triathlon at Pacific Grove	**September 12 - 14, 2014**	**Lovers Point Park, Pacific Grove**

Elite and amateur triathletes flock to Pacific Grove the second weekend in September to participate in one of the most scenic triathlons in the world. The Triathlon at Pacific Grove offers an Olympic distance triathlon, a sprint distance triathlon, and a 5K and 10K Fun Run.

Monterey Jazz Festival	**September 19 - 21, 2014**	**Monterey County Fair & Event Center**

The Monterey Jazz Festival attracts all of the top names in jazz, and boasts art exhibits, jazz clinics and seminars. The Festival features over 500 artists performing on eight stages spread over the Monterey County Fair and Event Center.

California International Airshow	**September 2014 (official date TBA)**	**Salinas Municipal Airport**

Watch jaw-dropping aeronautical acrobatics from the Patriots Jet Team, Metal Mulisha, the Pemberton's Wing Suit Jump, Robosaurus and more. There will also be military demos, military fly-bys and military/civilian aircraft displays.

October

Butterfly Parade & Bazaar	**October 4, 2014**	**Pacific Grove**

Pacific Grove celebrates its heritage every October with the Butterfly Parade and Bazaar which celebrates the return of the Monarch Butterfly.

SCCA National Championship Runoffs	**October 10 - 12, 2014**	**Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, Salinas**

The SCCA National Championship Runoffs has crowned Club Racing National Champions in a winner-take-all, single race format since 1964. Through 24 separate races, the 2014 edition will crown champions in 28 Runoffs-eligible classes.

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Carmel International Film Festival	**October 15-19, 2014**	**Sunset Center, Carmel-by-the-Sea**

Contemporary art and independent film collide for five days in Carmel-by-the-Sea during the Carmel International Film Festival. The festival features art in almost every medium including music, fine art, photography and, of course, film.

November

Big Sur Food and Wine	**November 6 - 9, 2014**	**Big Sur**

Indulge in fantastic food, great wines and exquisite scenery at the Big Sur Food and Wine Festival. Local and visiting restaurateurs, resorts and wineries from all over will team up for dinners and tastings at unique Big Sur locations.

Big Sur Half Marathon	**November 16, 2014**	**Monterey**

The Big Sur Half Marathon on Monterey Bay takes runners through historic downtown Monterey, over to Cannery Row, down the shore of Monterey Bay, into downtown Pacific Grove, and back along the coast to the grand finish at Custom House Plaza.

Cowboy Poetry & Music Festival	**November 21 - 23, 2014**	**Monterey Conference Center**

Pack those chaps and spurs for a wranglin' good time with some of the nation's top balladeers and cowboy/girl poets featured during the Monterey Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival. The three-day event hosts several great shows, open mic sessions, a western art and gear sale, silent auction and "cowboy" church service among other festivities.

December

Christmas at the Inns	**December 2 - 3, 2014**	**Pacific Grove**

It's Pacific Grove at its most picturesque, as ten of the town's bed and breakfasts and inns deck their halls and open their doors so you can share their holiday cheer in Victorian-era splendor.

Christmas in the Adobes	**December 5 - 6, 2014**	**Monterey**

Step back into Monterey's past during Christmas in the Adobes. See the adobes by candlelight and enjoy refreshments and live performances as volunteers in period attire welcome you into historic homes decorated in historical style.

First Night Monterey	**December 31, 2014**	**Monterey**

First Night Monterey celebrates the lively arts scene in Monterey County with its family-friendly celebration of the arts on New Years Eve. Over thirty venues hold concurrent performances and activities for both children and adults, culminating in a convergence on Custom House Plaza to ring in the New Year.

For a complete list of events visit www.SeeMonterey.com/Events