



MONTEREY & CARMEL BY RAIL

FEATURING THE *COAST STARLIGHT* TRAIN, STEINBECK HOME & MONTEREY MOVIE TOUR

MAY 1-4, 2012 ~ 4 DAY TOUR



TOUR PACE Leisurely On the Go ACTIVITY LEVEL Low High

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Ride the rails aboard the *Coast Starlight* train
- ◆ While on a “movie tour,” see 17-Mile Drive, Pebble Beach, the Lone Cypress and Cannery Row through the eyes of Hollywood, as a local guide narrates and you watch movie scenes featuring the sights we’re seeing onboard
- ◆ Visit the National Steinbeck Center and enjoy lunch in the Steinbeck family home
- ◆ Time at leisure at Monterey’s Cannery Row and an optional visit to the world-famous Monterey Bay Aquarium
- ◆ Wine tasting in the Monterey Wine Country
- ◆ Time at your leisure in Carmel for browsing
- ◆ Included lunch at the eclectic *Madonna Inn*

FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

- ◆ Nights 1-3 Casa Munras Hotel & Spa Monterey, CA

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ◆ 3 Nights hotel accommodations
- ◆ 7 Meals – 1 dinner, 2 lunches, 4 breakfasts
- ◆ Services of a professional Tour Director
- ◆ Comprehensive sightseeing with a local guide
- ◆ Admissions per itinerary
- ◆ Transportation on a deluxe motorcoach
- ◆ Luggage handling throughout the tour
- ◆ Applicable taxes, fees and most gratuities

PER PERSON PRICES

Double \$659 / Single \$829 • Deposit \$100

Travel Protection/Cancellation Plan

\$40 Double occupancy / \$53 Single occupancy



~DAY BY DAY ITINERARY~

Landscape artist Francis McComas once claimed the Monterey Peninsula to be “the greatest meeting of land and sea...” For centuries, artists, poets, explorers and novelists have been drawn to the rugged beauty here. The crashing surf. The towering redwoods. The fertile earth. Intact sights and unspoiled wildlife. These exceptional qualities join together, delivering a sense of timelessness and reconnection. The Monterey Peninsula is the embodiment of the quintessential California spirit. We invite you on this journey to explore with us the cypress groves, historic towns, world-renowned aquarium and exceptional stories that make the Monterey Peninsula and the California Coast so special.



Lone Cypress

◆DAY 1 ~ CENTRAL COAST BY RAIL◆

Join us from one of our departure points this morning, where we will travel by motorcoach to the Oxnard train station with an included continental breakfast served onboard. Then, board **Amtrak’s Coast Starlight** and travel by train to San Luis Obispo allowing you to see much of the California coast and backroads that are normally hidden from the roads traveled by car. Enjoy lunch in the dining car, relax in the observation car, or take a nap at your seat. Upon our arrival in San Luis Obispo, we will continue our journey north to Monterey by motorcoach. Our accom-



Coast Starlight Train

modations for the next three nights are at a quaint inn situated in the picturesque coastal town of **Monterey**—right in the heart of Old Town. Dinner at your leisure in Monterey. (Cont. Breakfast)



Pebble Beach

◆DAY 2 ~ MONTEREY PENINSULA◆

After an included breakfast at our hotel this morning, we embark on an exciting “**movie tour**” of the area. A **local guide** will join us aboard a specially designed motorcoach for our tour. We will watch movie scenes on overhead monitors as we visit the actual locations where the scenes we are seeing were filmed. Since the late 1800s, the dramatic beauty of the Monterey Peninsula has attracted directors, cinematographers and actors from around the globe. Whether it’s the pounding surf, the scenic splendor of 17-Mile Drive, or the hustle and bustle of the old Cannery Row days, filmmakers continue to find perfect backdrops for their movies in the Monterey region. We’ll travel through Monterey, Pacific Grove, **Pebble Beach**, Carmel and along **17-Mile Drive** to visit some of the classic and more recent locations you’ve seen in all your favorite movies. Take in the views of **Cannery Row**, **Cypress Point**, the **Pebble Beach Golf Course** and the tenacious **Lone Cypress**. All the while, our guide will share with us behind-the-scenes stories about the making of the movies and the stars in them. You will have ample time to enjoy the quaint town of **Carmel** at your leisure. This popular retreat for writers, artists and celebrities has great boutiques and galleries. This afternoon we’ll enjoy some of the fine wines created from the superb soils, warm sunshine and cool ocean breezes as we enjoy **included wine tasting** at a vineyard in the **Monterey Wine Country**. After, we’ll enjoy an **included dinner** this evening at a local favorite. (Breakfast, Dinner)

RESERVATIONS



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PAYMENT INFORMATION

- ◆ Deposit due at time of booking
- ◆ Final payment due 45 days prior to departure
- ◆ All payments should be sent to the address above

TRAVEL PROTECTION / CANCELLATION

Travel protection/cancellation insurance is highly recommended for all multi-day tours. If travel protection has not been purchased, only recoverable funds less a cancellation charge of \$50 will be reimbursed once payment has been made. Amount of reimbursement depends on the date of cancellation.

If travel protection has been purchased and you must cancel prior to departure or leave the tour enroute for a reason approved by the insurance company, you will receive a full refund (or partial if enroute), minus the cost of the premium. Other benefits of travel protection include medical expenses for illness and injury. Pre-existing medical conditions are only covered if protection is purchased at the time of deposit. Travel protection must be purchased by the time balance payment is made. See travel protection plan for full details and exclusions.

DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Join this tour at one of the following locations:

- ◆ Fountain Valley - Good Times Travel office
- ◆ Long Beach - City College
- ◆ Mission Viejo - Saddleback College
- ◆ Pasadena - City College
- ◆ Seal Beach Leisure World

Departure Time: 7 – 9 a.m.

Return Time: 8– 10 p.m.

Time depends on location

Exact times are provided 2 weeks prior to departure

ACTIVITY LEVEL / WALKING

Tour pacing and physical demands (walking/stairs, etc.) varies by each tour however every tour involves some walking and climbing stairs to enter/exit the motorcoach. On any tour you may stay on the motorcoach should you not wish to disembark at a specific location

FURTHER INFORMATION / TERMS

See our tour catalog or website

◆ DAY 3 ~ SALINAS, AQUARIUM ◆

Following an included breakfast at our hotel this morning, we embark on a scenic journey to the **Salinas Valley** for another exciting adventure. This agriculturally lush valley is the area from which **John Steinbeck** drew his inspiration for his most famous novels, such as *East of Eden* and *The Grapes of Wrath*. Located in historic **Old Town Salinas**, the **National Steinbeck Center** boasts priceless artifacts, entertaining displays and interactive, multisensory exhibits. You'll discover Steinbeck's works and philosophy, and enjoy a delicious luncheon at the **Steinbeck House**, the beautifully restored Victorian house that was once the home of John Steinbeck's family. This afternoon is set aside for you to enjoy time at your leisure in downtown Monterey and **Cannery Row**, made famous by John Steinbeck. The ocean canyon surrounding Monterey Bay is deeper than the Grand Canyon and harbors a rich variety of sea life, which can be seen this afternoon on an optional excursion to the world-famous **Monterey Bay Aquarium**. Here you can explore the hidden world of this spectacular ocean realm at the heart of the nation's largest marine sanctuary. This evening, enjoy dinner at your leisure at one of the restaurants at Monterey's **Cannery Row**. (Breakfast, Lunch)



Monterey Wildlife

◆ DAY 4 ~ JOURNEY HOME ◆

This morning, following an included breakfast at our hotel, we begin our journey home with leisure stops along the way. An **included lunch** at the **Madonna Inn**, the eclectic hotel that has been a landmark resort hotel for fifty years because of its unique architecture and design. We'll return home this evening with the sights, smells and memories of our journey to Monterey and Carmel forever ingrained in our minds. (Breakfast, Lunch)

Madonna Inn



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