



Moonstone Beach

Good Times Travel

Cambria & Hearst Castle by Rail

Featuring a Two-Night Stay at an Oceanfront Inn on Cambria's Moonstone Beach, Hearst Castle, *Coast Starlight* Train

November 2-4, 2022 – 3 Day Tour

Tour Highlights

- ◆ Stay at a charming oceanfront inn that features cozy rooms with a fireplace and is just steps from Cambria's Moonstone Beach
- ◆ See the film *Hearst Castle: Building the Dream* on a five-story screen at the Hearst Castle Theatre, and take a docent-guided "Grand Rooms" tour of Hearst Castle
- ◆ Sightseeing along the coast north of Cambria including the elephant seals at Piedras Blancas and Hearst Memorial State Beach
- ◆ Enjoy time at leisure browsing in the quaint village of Cambria – home to antique shops, artists' galleries and unique boutiques
- ◆ Attend San Luis Obispo's downtown Thursday night farmers' market and street faire
- ◆ Ride along California's coast aboard Amtrak's *Coast Starlight* train featuring an observation car for spectacular ocean views



Hearst Castle

Tour Inclusions

- ◆ 2 Nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- ◆ 4 Meals – 1 dinner, 1 lunch, 2 breakfasts
- ◆ Services of a professional GTT tour director
- ◆ Comprehensive sightseeing
- ◆ Admissions per itinerary
- ◆ Transportation aboard a deluxe motorcoach
- ◆ Luggage handling throughout the tour

Accommodations

- ◆ Nights 1-2 **FogCatcher Inn**
on Moonstone Beach
Cambria, CA

Tour Prices

Double Occupancy: \$799 per person
Single Occupancy (no roommate): Add \$250



Hearst Castle



Coast Starlight Train



Elephant Seals at Piedras Blancas



FogCatcher Inn

Reservations



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Departure Information

Join this tour from one of our convenient departure points available in these cities:

◆Fountain Valley ◆Laguna Hills ◆Long Beach

Approximate Departure Time: 7-9 a.m.

Approximate Return Time: 6-8 p.m.

Exact times are provided in your tour documents which are mailed two weeks prior to departure.

Payment Information

- ◆ Full payment due at time of booking
- ◆ Payment may be made by mailing a check to the above address or making a credit card payment at www.goodtimestravel.com

Cancellation/Travel Protection

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Health & Wellness

To better ensure the health and wellness of all guests, this tour requires all guests to wear face masks where required, provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination and complete a Wellness Pledge on the day of departure.

Tour Pace & Activity Level



Visit our website for further explanation of what each of these designations means to assist you in determining which tour is right for you based on your physical abilities and the pacing you prefer.

Itinerary

One of our all-time most popular tours is offered at what is typically a delightful time of year in this region. This relaxing three-day getaway explores California's Central Coast while enjoying a stay at a charming and cozy inn on Cambria's Moonstone Beach. We'll travel by train and along the picturesque back roads while keeping a relaxed pace as we experience first-hand why this area "where the pines meet the sea" is so special.

Day 1 – Coastal Train Ride, Welcome to Cambria

We set out from our departure points this morning aboard a deluxe motorcoach and travel to downtown Los Angeles' Union Station to board Amtrak's **Coast Starlight train** for a memorable, **five-hour rail journey** along California's spectacular coastline and through its fertile valleys to San Luis Obispo. We'll travel along Point Conception and through Vandenberg Air Force Base where you'll see the launch complexes and beautiful undeveloped coastline only visible by train. We'll enjoy an included boxed lunch onboard along with a snack bar selling snacks and drinks. Check out the view from the observation car or just relax in your reclining seat. Upon arrival in San Luis Obispo, we'll reboard our motorcoach and continue north along the coast to the quaint seaside village of **Cambria** – the artists' colony nestled in a forest of towering Monterey Pines along a craggy stretch of California coastline. We'll spend the next two nights at a charming inn that features cozy rooms with fireplaces and a heated pool and spa. This boutique inn features an oceanfront setting on Cambria's **Moonstone Beach**, a spectacular stretch of rugged coastline which offers an extraordinary array of tide pools, a walkable bluff-top boardwalk and a spectacular vantage point for memorable sunsets. This evening we'll enjoy an included dinner with choice of entrée at **Linn's Restaurant**, the Cambria icon and locals' favorite that's known for its contemporary comfort food classics like meatloaf and chicken pot pie. But be sure to save room for what they're most famous for – warm olallieberry pie with a scoop of vanilla ice cream on top! (Lunch, Dinner)

Day 2 – Hearst Castle, Cambria, San Luis Obispo

Following an included breakfast we'll enjoy a scenic ride along the coast north of Cambria to the **elephant seal rookery at Piedras Blancas**. This location is one of only a few spots in the world where northern elephant seals can be seen in vast numbers. Although elephant seals spend most of their lives in the open ocean, they arrive at this rookery to give birth, breed, molt and rest from long migrations in the ocean in search of food. At **William Randolph Hearst State Beach** we can take a leisurely stroll along the pier in this protected cove. We'll then visit **Hearst Castle**, the National Historic Landmark that sits above the clouds on top of "The Enchanted Hill." This extraordinary temple to opulence and excess is an eye-popping extravaganza featuring a 165-room castle, terraced gardens, pools and a spectacular wraparound view of California's Central Coast. Our visit here begins at the Visitor Center in the Hearst Castle Theatre with *Hearst Castle – Building the Dream*, a film that features breathtaking original cinematography combined with vintage clips and stills from the 1920s and 30s allowing the construction and history of the Castle to come to life on a giant five-story screen. Experience what life was like as a guest of W. R. Hearst, see his personal collection of rare and ancient works of art and encounter the majesty and beauty of this historical treasure first-hand while on a docent-guided "Grand Rooms" tour through the main building including the Assembly Room, Refectory, Morning Room, Billiard Room and Theater. *Note the Grand Rooms tour includes a total of approximately 159 steps (both up and down) and 2/3-mile walk. If you require the Grand Rooms ADA tour (which has no stairs and limited availability), please advise us at the time of reservation.* Enjoy time at leisure this afternoon relaxing at the inn, taking a walk on the beach or browsing the charming shops, boutiques and galleries in Cambria's quaint and historic village. This evening, enjoy dinner on your own at one of the oceanfront restaurants or take advantage of motorcoach transportation provided to **downtown San Luis Obispo's Farmers' Market** and street faire (weather permitting). Enjoy time at leisure strolling amongst four lively and historic blocks filled with just-picked produce for sale, local restaurants selling a variety of barbecued specialties and entertaining local performers. (Breakfast)

Day 3 – Solvang, Journey Home

After an included breakfast, we'll head south and travel the back roads through the **Santa Ynez Valley** to the quaint Danish town of **Solvang**. Known as America's famous "Little Denmark," Solvang features quaint old-world architectural styles and flower-lined streets to create a very walkable village. Enjoy time at leisure for lunch on your own and browsing the wonderful shops that offer imported European wares and collectibles. For a true taste of Danish culture, sample the delicious pastries offered by Solvang's authentic local bakeries. We continue south to our drop-off points, returning this evening with many fond memories of our time on California's beautiful Central Coast. (Breakfast)

While we make every effort to operate our tours as outlined in the itinerary, we ask for your patience, understanding and flexibility and to retain a sense of adventure while traveling with us. Situations may arise that necessitate changes to the itinerary. Should we need to adjust the itinerary either prior to or while on tour, these changes will be communicated to you and only done when absolutely necessary.