



Cambria Christmas Market

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Cambria & Hearst Castle Holiday By Rail

Featuring *Cambria Pines Lodge* Stay, Hearst Castle 'Holiday Twilight Tour', Cambria Christmas Market, *Coast Starlight Train*

December 15-17, 2022 – 3 Day Tour

Tour Highlights

- ◆ Stay two nights at the *Cambria Pines Lodge* – the woodsy-chic lodge nestled amongst 25 acres of gardens and Monterey Pines and decked out for the holidays with a walk-thru light display with over two million lights!
- ◆ Experience what Christmas was like during Hearst Castle's heyday while on a docent-guided, seasonal evening tour showcasing the grounds, the Casa del Sol guest house and the grand social rooms of Casa Grande – beautifully decorated for the holidays
- ◆ Attend the annual Cambria Christmas Market done in the style of Germany's markets with 2 million lights and delicious food and drinks
- ◆ Ride along the spectacular California coast aboard Amtrak's deluxe *Coast Starlight* train
- ◆ Enjoy time at leisure in Cambria and Solvang – both beautifully decorated for the holidays



Cambria Pines Lodge

Tour Inclusions

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

Accommodations

- ◆ Nights 1-2 **Cambria Pines Lodge**
Cambria, CA

Tour Prices

Double Occupancy: \$899 per person
Single Occupancy (no roommate): Add \$300



Hearst Castle



Hearst Castle



Solvang



Coast Starlight Train

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

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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

On this three-day holiday getaway to the Central Coast, we'll travel by train and enjoy a two night stay at the woodsy-chic Cambria Pines Lodge. The Lodge is magically decorated for the Christmas season and features both a German-style Christmas Market and a walk-thru light display featuring more than two million Christmas lights. With an evening tour of Hearst Castle decked out in holiday splendor, along with sightseeing along the backroads of the Central Coast, this makes for a memorable holiday getaway.

Day 1 – Coastal Train Ride

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 enjoy a two night stay at the charming **Cambria Pines Lodge**, the woodsy-chic lodge nestled amongst 25 acres of stunning gardens and a Monterey pine forest. This boutique hotel features spacious rooms that are richly appointed with farmhouse furnishings and modern amenities. The sprawling grounds feature beautiful gardens, a heated outdoor pool and hot tub, and the **Cambria Pines Lodge Restaurant** offering a diverse menu of enticing dishes. This time of year, the lodge is decked out in its holiday finest – sure to get you in the spirit for the season! Enjoy the evening at leisure with dinner on your own at the restaurant or at the **Cambria Christmas Market**, the charming outdoor festival. This annual holiday event draws visitors from all over to the **Cambria Pines Lodge** to experience a traditional holiday market similar to those found in Germany and Austria where it is known as "Weihnachtsmarkt." The vendor market of open-air stalls features local merchants selling imported German goods, seasonal gifts along with brats, fresh baked goods and seasonal treats and drinks like Glühwein – the traditional German hot spiced wine that is sure to keep you cozy while exploring the walk-thru light display that features more than two million lights complete with themed vignettes. (Lunch)

Day 2 – Cambria, Hearst Castle

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. We'll continue to **William Randolph Hearst State Beach** to take a walk along the pier in this protected cove. This afternoon enjoy time at leisure for lunch on your own and browsing in the quaint village of Cambria, featuring eclectic shops, unique boutiques and galleries. This quaint and historic village has a leisurely pace and country village atmosphere reminiscent of a small town. 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! We continue to **Hearst Castle**, the National Historic Landmark that sits above the clouds on top of "The Enchanted Hill." Discover why the holiday season was an exceptionally festive time for William Randolph Hearst and his guests while on a docent-guided, **Holiday Twilight Tour**, the special seasonal nighttime tour that showcases abundant holiday decorations. Your knowledgeable guide will share stories of holiday festivities during the estate's heyday while touring the grounds, Casa del Sol guest house and the grand social rooms of Casa Grande – beautifully decorated for the holidays. *Note this 75-minute tour includes a total of 190 stairs (both up and down) along a 2/3-mile route.* (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 3 – Solvang, Journey Home

Following an included breakfast, we'll travel south by motorcoach to the **Santa Ynez Valley** and the quaint Danish town of **Solvang**, known as America's famous "Little Denmark." This time of year, the quaint old-world architectural styles and flower-lined streets are beautifully decorated for the holidays. Enjoy time at leisure to browse the wonderful shops that offer imported European wares and collectibles with lunch on your own in the delicious restaurants. 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, arriving this evening with many fond memories of our holiday getaway to the 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.