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Welcome to Monterey!

Since the 1880s, visitors have been enjoying the spectacular beauty of California's Central Coast. Located between Los Angeles and San Francisco, Monterey County's dramatic ocean scenery, pristine pine forests, and historic communities continue to beckon adventure-seekers, seafarers, artists, writers and vacationers. And no other California county can boast 99 miles of breathtaking Pacific coastline.

Whether you come for our world renowned attractions, our array of recreational activities, our special events, fine dining, arts and culture, wine tasting or just for a getaway to one of our many lodging properties, Monterey County welcomes you. Families or couples, singles and groups of friends, we have something for everyone, all year-round.



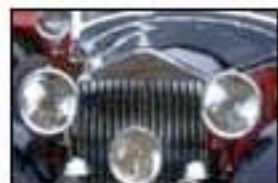
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Good Morning America featured Monterey County as a top destination for fun, free activities. Now you can get a free list of affordable area adventures!

From tours of historical sites and a working chocolate factory, to wine tasting rooms and mountain bike trails, travelers on a budget can tap into Monterey County's "A" list activities without breaking the bank.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The First Tee Open
August 30-September 3
Pebble Beach, 800-541-9091,
www.thefirstteeopen.com

11th ReggaeFest
September 1-3
Monterey County Fairgrounds,
831-394-6534,
www.mbayreggaefest.net

"La Loteria: Exploration of Mexico"
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In addition to the ultimate "show-n-shine," the **Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance** (August 20), the week's events include four other rallies, two parades, six auctions or sales, and the **33rd Rolex Monterey Historic Automobile Races** (August 18-20).

Explore our dedicated [web page](#) for a complete list of all Monterey Car Week events.



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The parade of great names playing on the Garden Stage of the Monterey County Fairgrounds leads off with **Asleep at the Wheel**, August 15. On the 16th, there's an afternoon of live jazz with rising country artist **Billy Dean** after dark. Evening shows continue with Bay Area's **Tower of Power** on the 17th and Gregg Rolie, formerly with Santana, on the 18th. The week ends with Saturday night's Battle of the Bands and Sunday's **Fiesta Day** featuring a traditional *Charreada*.

When you're not tapping your toes (or dancing in the aisles), check out the prize-size produce, the horticulture and home-canning competitions, the super-wooly sheep and sharp-eyed hens. Not to mention the great carnival rides and midway!

Tickets are available on the day and on-line at <http://montereycountyfair.com/tickets.php>.

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