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About Monterey:

- Mild, temperate weather year-round
- The average summer temperature is 59.5 degrees
- Average yearly rainfall in Monterey is 18.33 inches

MILES FROM Monterey:

- San Francisco 113
- Sacramento 192
- Los Angeles 321
- San Diego 442

Logos: MHA Monterey History & Art Association, California State Parks, National Park Service, Preserve America

Historic Monterey

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Discover... where California became a state.

Journey... through the original adobes and colorful gardens that are among the most historic structures in California.

Enjoy... the beauty of land and sea that made Monterey a destination for so many fishermen, artists, scientists, and writers.

Learn... how Pirates, Father Serra, Mexico and Spain all claimed Alta California.

Celebrate... the diverse culture and rich heritage that heralds Monterey as the most historical city in California!

"To live much, and without care, come to Monterey."

- Diego de Borica
Governor of Las Californias from 1794 - 1800

www.monterey.org



Pre-1769 1 2

The native people of the Monterey region, the Rumsien/Ohlonge, inhabit the valleys and shoreline of Monterey for thousands of years, maintaining a complex society dependent on fishing and hunting.

1602 1

Sebastian Vizcaino lands at Monterey Bay in search of a harbor for Spanish galleons and claims California for Spain.

1770s 4 5

On June 3, Father Junipero Serra and Captain Gaspar de Portola claim Monterey for Spain. Portola establishes the Royal Presidio de San Carlos de Monterey and Serra founds the Mission San Carlos Borromeo.

April 18, 1774 2

Monterey is named the capital of "Las Californias," Alta and Baja California.

February 3, 1777 2 5

Monterey becomes the official capital of Alta California.

1790s 4 5

The Royal Presidio Chapel, Monterey's oldest extant building, is built from 1791 to 1795.

1816-1818 6

The first Monterey adobe and stone houses are built outside the Royal Presidio walls. In 1818, privateer and Argentinean revolutionary Hipólito Bouchard attacks, burns, and briefly seizes Monterey.

Timeline Starts Here

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Please contact site by phone to confirm days and hours of availability

1 Custom House

Monterey State Historic Park, 10 Custom House Plaza
(831) 649-7118 • www.parks.ca.gov/mshp
Call to confirm hours



As "State Historic Monument No. 1" the Custom House is the oldest government building in California. Used by the Mexican government (1822-1846) for collecting duties imposed on foreign merchants, visit it today to inspect the goods of trading sea captains and the commerce known as the "hide and tallow" trade.

2 Pacific House Museum

Monterey State Historic Park
20 Custom House Plaza
(831) 649-7118 • www.parks.ca.gov/mshp
Call to confirm hours

Constructed in 1847 during U.S. occupation of California, this museum interprets 150 years of Monterey's history. Journey to the second floor to explore the Monterey Museum of the American Indian.



3 Cooper-Molera Adobe

525 Polk Street • (831) 649-7118 • www.parks.ca.gov/mshp
Call to confirm hours



As a National Trust site, Cooper-Molera provides a range of opportunities to experience the rich and diverse history of this 2.5 acre property. Museum spaces in the adobe residences are complemented by dining and retail in other historic buildings, beautiful gardens, and an event center in the historic redwood barns.

Closed for construction until summer 2017.

4 Royal Presidio Chapel & Heritage Center Museum

500 Church Street, Royal Presidio Chapel
(831) 373-2628 • www.sancarloscathedral.net
Check website for Mass times or phone (831) 373-2628
San Carlos Heritage Center • (831) 375-2483
Contact San Carlos Heritage Center at (831) 373-6711 to confirm hours

The Royal Presidio Chapel, a National Historic Landmark, was founded by Fr. Junipero Serra on June 3, 1770. A year later, Fr. Serra moved the Mission to Carmel. The church remained as a Royal Chapel for the soldiers guarding the new Spanish Presidio of Monterey. It is the first stone building and cathedral in the state of California.



5 Presidio of Monterey Museum

Corporal Ewing Road, Lower Presidio Historic Park
(831) 646-3456 • www.monterey.org/museum
Hours: Monday 10 am - 1 pm;
Thursday - Saturday 10 am - 4 pm;
Sunday 1 pm - 4 pm



Travel through the history of Monterey's presidio from Native American use through Monterey's military heritage. Due to the important role of the military in Monterey between 1902 and today, the museum has strong exhibits of the Presidio as a training base.

6 Path of History

(831) 649-7118
Call for guided tour schedule

These guided or self-guided walking tours journey through the colorful adobes and historic gardens that are among the most historic structures in California. The full walking tour is about 3 miles long and 45 minutes long. Pick up your free Path of History map at Colton Hall or the Lake El Estero Visitor's Center.



7 Dali17 at the Museum of Monterey

5 Custom House Plaza
(831) 372-2608 • www.Dali17.com
Hours: Friday - Saturday 10 am - 7 pm, Sunday - Thursday 10 am - 5 pm



Dali17 is an exhibition of the remarkable art of the celebrated Spanish surrealist artist, Salvador Dali, which includes original etchings, mixed media, lithographs, and rare sculptures. The name Dali17 ties Dali's life and work to the 17-Mile Drive on the Monterey Peninsula where he lived during the 1940s.

8 California History Room and Archives

Monterey Public Library, 625 Pacific Street
(831) 646-3741 • www.monterey.org/library
Access California History Room reading materials during library hours: Monday - Wednesday 12 noon - 8 pm
Thursday thru Saturday 10 am - 6 pm, Sunday 1 pm - 5 pm

Browse this extensive collection on early California and Monterey history. Collections encompass books, maps, images and documents including the original frog-catching permit issued for Ed Ricketts, immortalized as "Doc" in Cannery Row.



9 Colton Hall Museum

Pacific Street between Jefferson and Madison Streets
(831) 646-5640 • www.monterey.org/museum
Hours: 10 am - 4 pm everyday except Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's Day. Call to confirm hours during November thru January.



The place where California became a state. In 1849, California's Constitutional Convention met in Colton Hall to establish California's first constitution giving property rights to women and forbidding slavery. Continuously operated as a public building since it opened, Colton Hall has also housed courts, a school and influenza hospital.

10 The Old Jail

Monterey City Hall
Pacific Street between Jefferson and Madison
(831) 646-5640 • www.monterey.org/museum
Hours: 10 am - 4 pm everyday except Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Years Day

Constructed in 1854 to serve as Monterey County's jail, "The Old Jail" was used for more than 100 years, until 1956. No one ever escaped from its thick granite walls during that time, although "vigilante justice" caused some to perish before their trial.



11 Stevenson House/Museum

530 Houston Street
(831) 649-7118 • www.parks.ca.gov/mshp
Call to confirm hours

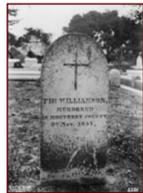


Wander through the French Hotel where Robert Louis Stevenson resided in the fall of 1879. Although this beloved author's stay in Monterey was brief, this museum's collection is extensive including artwork by his wife Fannie Osborne, personal artifacts and first edition books.

12 Cemetery Historic Tour

Cementerio El Encinal, Fremont Street
(831) 646-3864 • www.monterey.org/cemetery

Generations of Monterey families and many colorful characters rest in this beautiful setting. The Columbarium contains the ashes of Edward "Doc" F. Ricketts (1897-1948), Cannery Row marine biologist and friend of John Steinbeck.



13 Cannery Row

www.canneryrow.com



Immortalized in John Steinbeck's *Cannery Row*, the sounds and smells of Monterey's vibrant canning industry have faded. However, restored and replica canneries house many of the peninsula's most enjoyable restaurants and lodging, as well as shopping at 84 specialty stores.

14 Monterey Fairgrounds

2004 Fairground Road
(831) 372-5863 • www.montereycountyfair.com

The Monterey Jazz Festival began here in 1958. Hendrix, Joplin, and The Who kicked off the "Summer of Love" at the Monterey Pops Festival in 1967. Now the fairgrounds is home to the County Fair, the Jazz Festival, the Monterey Bay Blues Festival and other special events.



15 Monterey Bay Aquarium

886 Cannery Row • 24-hr. info: (831) 648-4888; Español: (800) 555-3656
www.montereybayaquarium.org



Open every day except December 25
Regular Hours: 10 am - 6 pm
Winter Hours: 10 am - 5 pm
Summer/Holidays: 9:30 am - 6 pm
Summer Weekends: 9:30 am - 8 pm
More Information: (831) 648-4800

The Monterey Bay Aquarium is your window to the wonders of the ocean. From amazing animals to special events with live music, there's something here for everyone.

16 Monterey Museum of Art

559 Pacific Street
(831) 372-5477 • www.montereyart.org
Hours: Open Thursday - Monday
11 am - 5 pm.
Closed Tuesday & Wednesday



Embrace the rich artistic legacy of the Monterey Peninsula and celebrate California art - past, present, and future. Create your own experience at the Monterey Museum of Art where art, ideas, and community intersect. Participate in hands-on art activities inspired by current exhibitions, explore great artwork in the Museum's collections, and engage with art through educational and public programming including talks, workshops, tours, and events.

17 Dennis the Menace Park

Behind Monterey Youth Center at 777 Pearl Street • (831) 646-3866
Hours: Open daily 10 am-dusk; closed on Tues May - September



The kind of playground that grown-ups like, too. True to Ketcham's vision (the creator of "Dennis the Menace" was a long-time Monterey Peninsula resident), this park is creative, bright and bold.

18 MacAbee Beach

Cannery Row between McClellan & Prescott

The site of Monterey's Chinese village community in the early 1900s, this sandy cove is the perfect launching spot for kayakers and scuba divers exploring the bay and for children enjoying the calm bay tides.



19 Old Fisherman's Wharf

(831) 649-6544 • www.montereywharf.com



Monterey's historic Old Fisherman's Wharf is where the past meets the present. Built in 1845, and with views showcasing the antics of sea lions and otters, the Wharf plays host while you spend your day enjoying the finest fresh seafood at one of the Wharf's many restaurants, do some shopping at the Wharf's specialty stores, experience whale watching and deep-sea fishing, take in a live performance at the Wharf Theatre, visit fish markets featuring fresh crab and other delights from the sea, and watch salt-water taffy being made.

1892 U.S. Congress designates Monterey Bay as part of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

1892 The Monterey History & Art Association opens the Monterey Maritime & History Museum. Museum displays the Point Sur Lightstation Fresnel lens that was turned on in 1889 to help ships navigate the rugged California coastline.

1984 Monterey Bay Aquarium opens on Cannery Row.

1967 The 1967 Monterey Pop Festival brings the first and according to many performers, the best of the large rock festivals to Monterey.

1958 Jimmy Lyons, the PBL Club, and associates found the Ricketts' Pacific Biological Lab and establishing the PBL Club. Hank Ketchum, Elton DeLini, Bruce Ariss, and Gus Arriola were members of the original PBL club.

1957 Hadin Wadkin saves "Doc's Lab" by purchasing Ed Ricketts' Pacific Biological Lab and establishing the PBL Club. Hank Ketchum, Elton DeLini, Bruce Ariss, and Gus Arriola were members of the original PBL club.

1950s Sardine industry collapses.

1945 In 1945, Steinbeck's novel *Cannery Row* is published.

1940s Monterey becomes known as the "Sardine Capital of the World." Before the second World War, Sicilian and Japanese Americans dominate the fishing industry. More than half of the fishing companies on Fisherman's Wharf are owned by Japanese-Americans. In 1942, Monterey's Japanese-Americans are forced to relocate to detention camps far inland.

1938 The State of California acquires Custom House in 1938 and designates it California State Historical Monument #1.

1914-1919 The demand for canned fish during the first World War leads Monterey's fishing and canning operation to become the area's primary industry, replacing tourism. Norwegian fishery engineer Knut Howden opens his "state-of-the-art" cannery on Cannery Row.

1904 The Monterey Military Reservation changes its name to the Presidio of Monterey in honor of the Spanish Royal Presidio of Monterey.

1879 In August, 1879, author Robert Louis Stevenson arrives and settles into the French Hotel while courting Fanny Osborne. In 1892, he writes "The Old Pacific Capital."

1820s Mexico gains independence from Spain and in 1821, Monterey swears allegiance to Mexico.

July 7, 1846 Commodore John Drake Sloat raises the American flag over Monterey's Custom House and claims California for the United States. Later that year, Robert Semple and Walter Colton, using Vicente Zamorano's press, publish the first newspaper in California, entitled the *Californian*.

1848 The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo is signed, ceding California and other Mexican territories to the United States. James Marshall arrives in Monterey with samples of gold discovered near Sacramento.

1849 The first American public building, Colton Hall, is completed in Monterey. On September 1, the California Constitutional Convention begins in Colton Hall. On October 13, the delegates ratify the new Constitution. San Jose is chosen as the new state capital, ending Monterey's 75 years as California's capital.

September 9, 1850 On September 9, 1850, California enters the Union as the 31st state.

1850s In the early 1850s Chinese fishermen begin arriving at the Monterey area. Portuguese shore whalers establish whaling stations on Monterey Bay.

1854 The Old Jail. In 1854, a few years after California achieved statehood, Monterey built this jail to serve the requirements of Colton Hall, which was then the courthouse. This jail was in use by the City of Monterey until 1956.

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