

BLSE Monterey: Eating, Entertainment, and Excursions

Enjoy all that Monterey has to offer! Here's a start...

Eating

[Alta Bakery and Café](#)- Serving breakfast, coffee, lunch, and pizza in the historic Cooper Molera Adobe on Munras Ave.

[Alvarado Street Brewery](#)- Neighborhood brewery featuring “hop forward” ales and IPAs.

[Britannia Arms Pub & Restaurant](#)- For those thinking Oxford next summer!

[Captain + Stoker](#)- Coffee shop and roastery focusing on direct trade specialty coffee.

[Carmel by the Sea Farmers' Market](#)- Check out local certified organic produce, eggs, plants, and specialty items. Thursdays year-round, near Devendorf Park.

[Melville Tavern](#)- An American comfort food tavern serving burgers, pasta, and of course seafood. On Washington St.

[Montrio](#)- Local fine dining, awarded one of the “five greenest Monterey restaurants.”

[Nacho Bizness](#)- Seasonal, local taco bar.

[Old Monterey Café](#)- A “breakfast anytime” café/dinner with home-made, quality food and gorgeous waffles.

[Other Brother Beer](#)- Brewery and taproom located in Seaside, CA.

[Pacific Bowls and Rolls](#)- Sushi nearby!

[Parker-Lusseau Pastries](#)- Right on Munras Ave., a French-style bakery featuring macrons, tarts, cookies, and breads.

[Pearl Hour](#)- A cocktail bar and night spot with live music in Monterey. Their website quotes Steinbeck: “It is the hour of pearl—the interval between day and night when time stops and examines itself” (*Cannery Row*).

[The Wild Plum Café & Bakery](#)- Fresh, organic breakfast, lunch, and kids' options.

Entertainment

[Big Sur](#)- Visit this spectacular coastline deemed an American National Scenic Byway and California Scenic Highway, less than an hour from Monterey.

[Carmel Bach Festival](#)- In its 86th season of Bach by the sea. July 15-29.

[Cannery Row](#)- Made famous by John Steinbeck, a charming waterfront street with restaurants and boutiques.

[Del Monte Beach](#)- Right down the block from MIIS!

[The Links at Spanish Bay](#)- One of several public golf courses in the area.

Also check out the adjacent [Rip Van Winkle Open Space and Pebble Beach](#).

[Lovers Point Park and Beach](#)- Popular beach and park for swimming, picnicking, and surfing.

[Monterey Bay Aquarium](#)- A major aquarium with penguins, jellies, sharks and more on Cannery Row in Monterey.

[Monterey Bay Kayaks](#)- Rent kayaks at Monterey Bay or Elkhorn Slough tidal salt marsh; or take a sea kayaking class.

[National Steinbeck Center](#)- Travel to nearby Salinas to learn about the author's creative legacy.

[Old Capitol Books](#)- Local new and used bookstore on Alvarado St. also offering workshops, readings, and events with writers and artists.

[Old Fisherman's Wharf](#)- Historic pier with fishing, whale watching, shopping, and dining.

[Om studios](#)- Local yoga, barre, and Pilates studio in Monterey.

[Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History](#)- One of the oldest natural history museums in the U.S, with coastal flora, fauna, and historical artifacts.

[Pacific House Museum](#)- Housed with the Monterey State History Park, a unique adobe museum of California history from the Native American era and spanning Spanish, Mexican, and U.S. military rule.

Excursions (aka, getting around)

[Adventures by the Sea](#)- Traditional and electric bike rental with multiple locations in Monterey. A great, green way to get around the bay!

[For recreational biking, see the Top 10 Monterey Bike Rides site.](#)

[Airport Shuttle Service](#)

[Free trolley](#)- Open during the summer; it stops downtown and at Fisherman's Wharf, Cannery Row, and the Aquarium, from 10am-6pm.

[Monterey-Salinas Transit](#)- Local bus transportation serving greater Monterey.

Also.... Errands

"Big Box" shopping slightly farther afield: [Target](#) in Sand City and [Walmart](#) in Marina

[Trader Joe's](#)- A BLSE and MIIS favorite for nearby groceries.

[Walgreens](#)- On Alvarado Street.