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Big Sur Coast

A rugged stretch of California's central coast between Carmel and San Simeon. Bordered to the east by the Santa Lucia Mountains and the west by the Pacific Ocean, it's traversed by narrow, 2-lane State Route 1, known for winding turns, seaside cliffs and views of the often-misty coastline.

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Highlights & Facts For The Ideal Experience



Big Sur Coast, CA

Trip Length: Roughly 125 miles

Best Time To Go: Year round.

What To Watch Out For: Rainstorms have been know to cause landslides along this route. If you plan on swimming watch out for strong currents, cold water. Also with surfers along much of the coastline swimming is not generally advised.

Must See Nearby Attractions:

- 1** Northern Unit of Los Padres National Forest (located in the Santa Lucia Range Mission, San Luis Obispo, CA)

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Traveler's Notes



Garrapata State Park, CA

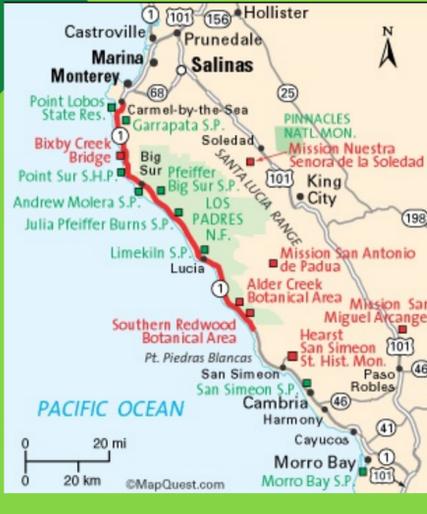
Wildflowers always seem to be blooming, California Condors are flying overhead throughout Big Sur. California Sea Otters are rafting in the kelp beds. These are just a few of the natural wonders that make Big Sur a great place to visit.

No exploration of California's central coast is complete without a sojourn to Carmel-by-the-Sea, a town as well known for its shopping as it is for its most famous former civil servant, the Honorable Mayor Clint Eastwood. This quaint amalgamation of art galleries, boutiques, hotels, shops, fine restaurants and whimsically styled homes evokes a storybook ambiance that can be appreciated by romantics of all ages.

17-Mile Drive is widely recognized as one of the most scenic drives in the world. The famous coastal landmark runs through Pacific Grove to Pebble Beach, from the dramatic Pacific coastline to the majestic Del Monte Forest.

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What To See Along the Way



- Monterey
- Pacific Grove
- 17-Mile Drive
- Carmel-by-the-Sea
- Point Lobos State Reserve
- Garrapata State Park
- Point Sur State Historic Park
- Andrew Molera State Park
- Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park
- Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park
- Nacimiento-Fergusson Road
- Jade Cove
- Hearst Castle
- Morro Bay

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Facts & More Information To Plan Your Trip!



Hearst Castle

Monterey: Located on California's rugged central coast. Its Cannery Row, one-time center of the sardine-packing industry, was immortalized by novelist John Steinbeck. Today, it's a popular strip of gift shops, seafood restaurants and bars in converted factories. Also famous is Monterey Bay Aquarium, with thousands of marine animals and plants on display in underwater and interactive exhibits.

Pacific Grove: Pacific Grove, California has a classic Main Street, USA feel. With one of the oldest continually operating lighthouses in the country and a classic 1932 golf course partially designed by Jack Neville, Pacific Grove holds many old-fashioned charms.

17-Mile Drive: There are approximately 20 stops along the well-marked route, each with a landmark of interest and paved parking for your vehicle. From the trademark Lone Cypress Tree to the Restless Sea, Seal Rock to Spanish Bay and Fanshell Overlook, if the names of these places don't evoke emotion to the active imagination, the sights, sounds and smells should do the trick.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Rated a top-10 destination in the U.S. year after year, Carmel-by-the-Sea is an amazing, European-style village nestled above a picturesque white-sand beach.

Point Lobos State Reserve: Point Lobos State Natural Reserve has often been called "the crown jewel of the State Park System". It continues to be a mecca for people interested in seeing beautiful nature and, magnificent animals, in nourishing their need for the kind of serenity that nature provides, and in pursuing their love of photography, painting, nature study, and poetry.

Jade Cove: A steep trail leads down to a beach where nephrite jade can be found. The cove lies two miles south of Sand Dollar Beach, and just over three miles north of Gorda, California.

Ready, set, go!