

Santa Barbara Activities

Beaches

In Santa Barbara there is a beach for everyone. From world class cobblestone surf breaks to flat sandy beaches, we have it all. Right across Channel drive, beautiful **Butterfly Beach** is a quick walk from anywhere on property. If just a beach day isn't enough to wear the kids out, take them to **East or West Beach**, where there are volleyball courts and playgrounds nearby. For a more intimate setting you can also visit **Miramar Beach** or **Hammonds Beach**, both are only steps away from the resort.

Hiking

Santa Barbara has miles and miles of excellent trails suitable for a wide variety of ages and endurance levels. From the Carpinteria Bluffs quick hike to the Seven Falls trail, our concierge is happy to recommend some of the best trails in Santa Barbara. Let us print you directions to and from the resort and help you plan a amazing experience.

Parks and Playgrounds

The City of Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation Department manages 21 playgrounds throughout the park system. Playgrounds are often the focal-point of a park and provide opportunities for children to engage in healthy play. Neighborhood Parks generally have smaller playgrounds for younger children, whereas the larger Community Parks tend to have bigger playgrounds for older children. Two notable playgrounds are **Kid's World at Alameda Park**, and the **Shipwreck Playground at Chase Palm Park**.

Biking

Enjoy seeing Santa Barbara's coastline while taking a leisurely bike ride along the bike path. The path can be accessed nearby the hotel and continues through the harbor area, passing mansions, the bird refuge, Stern's Wharf, and the harbor along the way. Beach cruisers can be rented from the **Four Seasons Biltmore Spa** (based on availability). You can also rent a bike for the whole family from **Wheel Fun Rentals** which is right across from the bike path downtown.

Santa Barbara Zoo

Known as one of the world's most beautiful zoos, the Santa Barbara Zoo is located on 30 acres of lush botanic gardens overlooking the Pacific Ocean, Andree Clark Bird Refuge and Santa Ynez Mountains. The Santa Barbara Zoo is dedicated to the preservation, conservation, and enhancement of the natural world and its living treasures through education, research, and recreation. An average Zoo visit lasts 2.5 hours; but many guests spend a half day meandering the grounds, taking in the Pacific Ocean views, and enjoying a picnic lunch or dinner after visiting the animals.

MOXI Museum of Exploration and Innovation

Located in downtown Santa Barbara near the pier, is the newest and most popular children's activity in the area. Leave your expectations about exhibits at the door and get ready to discover, play and engage in a new way at MOXI. Our three floors are filled with loads of interactive experiences, organized around seven themes that all relate to science, technology, engineering, arts and math. A day spent at MOXI will be different each time you visit - with new things to see, new approaches to take, new challenges to solve and new discoveries to uncover.

Santa Barbara Mission

Founded by the Franciscan Friar Fermín de Lasuén on the Feast of St. Barbara, December 4th, 1786, Old Mission Santa Barbara, also known as the Queen of the Missions, has a history unlike any other landmark. The icon of Santa Barbara, Old Mission Santa Barbara is a world-class destination for anyone interested in how Santa Barbara began. From the museum and mausoleum to the retreat center and splendid church, Old Mission Santa Barbara has something to offer everyone. Enjoy its beautiful gardens and surroundings, and discover what makes this mission one of the most unique and interesting destinations in the world.

Botanical Gardens

The Santa Barbara Botanic Garden fosters the conservation of California's native plants through our gardens, research and education, and serves as a role model of sustainable practices. The Garden is a living museum where collections-based research preserves many rare plants and displays them in a beautiful setting. It is one of only 30 gardens accredited by the American Alliance of Museums as a living museum.

Cal Coast Adventures

There is so much to do outdoors in Santa Barbara, and SB Fit tours can provide you with what you need for your adventure. The kids (and you too) can learn how to stand up paddle, take surf lessons, and so much more. They will even deliver many of the rentals including beach chairs and umbrellas. Cal Coast Adventures is your one-stop shop for experiencing Santa Barbara in the most fun and active way possible.

Tours

Sunset Coastal Cruises

Relax in the afternoon sun while you and your friends or family to enjoy sailing aboard Santa Barbara's most popular sailboats. Not only will you get to see some of Santa Barbara's majestic coastline, but frequently you will see California sea lions, dolphins, whales and a variety of exotic birds. See Concierge for reservations.

Tours Schedule: Times varies throughout the year (determined by time of sunset).

Tour Length: 2-hours

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Horse Back Riding

Enjoy miles of trails either in the mountains or along a local beach. Santa Barbara has some of the most peaceful and scenic trails to enjoy a good horseback ride. See Concierge for booking.

Two Breathtaking Options:

Montecito Trail Rides

Breathtaking 2 hour horseback ride along the Pacific Ocean on our Beach Rides or through Montecito on a trail ride! These trips are a great way to experience the beauty of the Pacific and take in Santa Barbara. Romantic sunset Beach rides available as well.

Beach Rides along the Pacific

Beach Rides subject to Tides. They require a low to mid tide. Trail Rides are available any time of day.

Reservations must be made one day in advance.

Attire: Long pants & closed toed shoes.

Hearst Castle Tours

Hearst Castle is a National and California Historical Landmark mansion located on the Central Coast of California, United States. It was designed by architect Julia Morgan between 1919 and 1947 for newspaper magnate William Randolph Hearst, who died in 1951. In 1957, the Hearst Corporation donated the property to the state of California. Since that time it has been maintained as a state historic park where the estate, and its considerable collection of art and antiques, is open for public tours. Despite its location far from any urban center, the site attracts about one million visitors per year. *Reservations strongly encouraged.* See concierge for reservations.

Grand Rooms Tour

Recommended for first-time visitors

Tour highlights include Assembly Room, Refectory, Billiard Room, Theater, Gardens, Neptune Pool and Roman Pool

Accessibly Designed Tour also available

Includes ticket to "Building the Dream" at Hearst Castle Theater

Wine Tours

Sit back, relax and allow one of the knowledgeable wine guides to customize a tour based on your wine preferences and your overall expectations of the day. They will carve out an efficient path to the valley's best vineyards to minimize the driving time and maximize the discoveries. This five-hour private guided tour of the Santa Barbara wine country is our most popular choice. Moving at your own pace, you will visit three to five wineries and enjoy a gourmet picnic lunch served to you at one of the picturesque vineyards. See the concierge for details and reservations.

Tour Includes:

Customized tour to guests' wine preferences and expectations of the day

Dedicated, knowledgeable guide to take care of every need

Gourmet picnic lunch

Includes all tasting fees

Comfortable, private and discreet SUV

Lotusland Gardens Tours

Enjoy a 37- acre botanical wonder containing subtropical and tropical plants from around the world. Lotusland is home to several extraordinary collections including rare cycads, cacti, palms and euphorbias. Lotusland fosters environmental stewardship through classes, seminars, workshops and publications.

Tours available:

February 15 – November 15

Wednesday – Saturday

10:00am & 1:30pm