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The Wine Lovers' Travel Guide to

CALIFORNIA

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+ TOP OUTDOOR
ADVENTURES

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A photograph of a person's legs in blue jeans hanging from a wooden pier. The person is barefoot, and their feet are positioned over the ocean. The background shows a vast, calm sea under a clear sky. The image has a warm, slightly desaturated color palette.

NEW PERSPECTIVES

Monterey serves
up year-round
outdoor fun.

MONTEREY BAY
NATIONAL MARINE
SANCTUARY COVERS
MORE ACRES THAN
YELLOWSTONE
NATIONAL PARK.

“A poem, a stink, a grating noise, a quality of light, a tone, a habit, a nostalgia, a dream.” That’s how John Steinbeck describes the down-at-the-heels district at the center of his 1945 novel, *Cannery Row*.

The smells and sounds of the sardine canneries have long disappeared from Ocean View Avenue in Monterey. Those factories now house gift shops, chic wine-tasting rooms and seafood restaurants. Yet, the infinite ocean landscape along this rugged Pacific coastline remains stunningly poetic—a dream.

GET OUTSIDE

With more than 500 underwater species, **Monterey Bay Aquarium** rules as Monterey's main tourist attraction, but even on its foggiest days, this peninsula beckons travelers outdoors.

You can simply watch the sea lions sunbathe at the wharf, or rent a kayak from **Adventures by the Sea** and float among them and the otters. Bicyclists can pedal along the 18-mile stretch of the **Monterey Bay**

Coastal Recreation Trail, from Castroville to Pacific Grove. Venture farther off the coast on a whale-watching trip with **Monterey Bay Whale Watch**. This is one of the few areas in the world where the leviathans gather year round, so nearly every excursion will deliver glimpses of whales and dolphins.

You'll struggle to put your camera down at California's scenic crown jewel, **Point Lobos State Natural Reserve** in Big Sur, but do your best to stay in the moment. You won't want to miss the diverse trees, plants, wildlife and panoramic coastal views that greet you at every turn. If time allows, a day trip to **Pinnacles National Park** merits the hour drive, especially to witness the waterfall that cascades through Bear Gulch Cave.

WHERE TO EAT

Stationed in Monterey's first firehouse (built in 1910), **Montrio Bistro** serves small and medium plates that are perfect for a family-style meal. Just don't expect to share the slow-cooked 48-hour bacon served with bacon-cashew butter, pickled apples and local honey. Order two, just to

be safe. For a seafood feast that's fresh off the boat, have lunch at the unpretentious **Phil's Fish Market**, located in the ocean-side industrial area of Moss Landing. From cioppino and clam chowder to oysters, salmon and crab, if it swims, it's probably on the menu.

WHERE TO DRINK

Sip around Carmel on foot. For \$65, a **Wine Walk-by-the-Sea** tasting passport covers visits to nine of 15 tasting rooms within one square mile. The roster includes **Galante Vineyards**, Carmel's first tasting room, which is run by the great-

grandson of the town's founder. If you've never tried churro- or sushi-flavored beer, stop by **Fieldwork Brewing**, Monterey's newest taproom. It's quickly developed a cult following for the inventive brews. In addition to an extensive wine and cocktail menu, the notoriously haunted **Restaurant 1833** carries a worldly collection of absinthe. The green fairy is served flaming, in what's known as the "Russian Style."

A SOUVENIR

Skip novelty shops along Cannery Row that peddle overpriced T-shirts with screen-printed otters and get lost inside the **Cannery Row Antique Mall**. Set in a former 1920s canning company, the Central Coast's largest antique mall displays vintage treasures and collectibles from more than 100 dealers.

—Jess Lander



WHERE TO STAY

Treebones Resort in Big Sur perfected "glamping" long before the word became commonplace. If available, book the Human Nest, a wood-woven "bird's nest" that doubles as a cozy, secluded abode for two. Otherwise, the resort has a community of sunset-facing yurts, and it offers amenities like ocean-air yoga and a sushi bar.

In Carmel, pack the pups for a stay at the famously pet-friendly **Cypress Inn**, a historic boutique hotel co-owned by motion-picture legend Doris Day. Paws are even welcome at Terry's Lounge Yappy Hour, where guests can indulge in handcrafted cocktails that honor Day's hunky costars like Cary Grant and Kirk Douglas.

