

Monterey Bay Region: Family Fun Itinerary



FAMILY FUN MONTEREY STYLE

Instead of just coming down for the day, make it a full weekend of fun for mom, dad and the kids! This family itinerary gives two adults and two children a weekend full of great times.

DAY 1

- You arrive at Monterey's **InterContinental The Clement** on Cannery Row, a family-friendly hotel that's right in the center of this weekend's action. Once you've settled in, make sure to visit the staircase that goes from the lobby to the second floor; the light sculpture there is sure to charm both children and adults.
- Head over to Old Monterey for dinner at **Rosine's Restaurant**. Family-run and family-focused, Rosine's ensures that children and adults can have a wonderful dining experience together.

DAY 2

- A Pacific Grove family tradition, breakfast at **Toasties Cafe** is the perfect way to fuel up before hitting the **Recreation Trail**, located just a short walk away.
- Rent a surrey from **Adventures by the Sea at Lovers Point**, and pedal the coast as a team! Surreys are four-wheeled, pedal-powered vehicles that can carry up to six people. For a little less togetherness, you can each rent individual bikes and explore the Recreation Trail.
- **Bubba Gump Shrimp Co.** is a favorite among both children and adults, and is in a perfect location right in the middle of Cannery Row. Enjoy the seafood while you soak up the great ocean views. www.bubbagump.com
- Lions and tigers and bears, oh my! It's time to hop in a different four-wheeled vehicle—your car—for a ride out to Salinas Valley's **Wild Things**. You won't just meet lions and tigers and bears but also elephants, kangaroos, porcupines and many more types of animals. www.wildthingsinc.com
- Carmel's **The Forge in the Forest** has a history that can be seen in every corner. Children will love looking at the authentic forge from its previous incarnation as a blacksmith shop. Even the pickiest eater will find something to love on their wide-ranging menu.

DAY 3

- Take a morning stroll down Cannery Row to **Cafe La Strada**, a perfect spot for morning pastries and coffee. Take an outside table with a view of both the bike path and the ocean, and divide your time between people watching and wildlife watching.
- Follow the Recreation Trail back the way you came, and it will bring you to the **Monterey Bay Aquarium**. You called ahead before you arrived, and arranged a 50-minute behind-the-scenes tour. Get a different perspective on the Aquarium's amazing exhibits, and learn all about the

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creatures that live there from the people who take care of them. www.montereybayaquarium.org

- Is it June 6? Then it's time for the **Cannery Row Block Party**. If you have a big appetite, you can compete in the rib eating and ice cream contests. Watch a magic show, get a balloon animal, listen to live music and more.