

San Luis Obispo County:

Ask a Local-Half Day Tour Ideas



LOCAL DAY TRIPS IN AND AROUND SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

Half-day itinerary ideas to make the most of your time in San Luis Obispo County, *California's Natural Escape*. www.sanluisobispo.com

Local Suggestions

- Visit the Elephant seals near **Piedras Blancas Lighthouse**. At **Hearst Castle** see the National Geographic Theater Movie “Building the Dream” and tour Mr. Hearst’s castle. Marvel about all you have seen over lunch in Cambria. www.hearstcastle.org
- Glide across Morro Bay in a kayak for close up bird watching, then hike or bike up Black Mountain above the **Morro Bay Golf Course** for views of the bay and coastline.
- Visit the **Natural History Museum** in Morro Bay then head outside for a walk along the bluff tops of **Montaña de Oro State Park**. Visit the Spooner’s Cove Ranch house to see costumed docents interpret history of the area. www.slostateparks.com/montana_de_oro
- Take a wild Hummer Tour ride on the **Oceano Dunes** then visit winery tasting rooms in the **Edna Valley** to savor the wines and the serenity of the vineyards.
- For a walk with nature, stroll along the boardwalk between Grover Beach and Pismo Beach to visit the Monarch Butterfly grove (November to February). Wander out on the **Pismo Pier** to see if the fish are biting and then enjoy a bowl of Clam Chowder.
- Shop for art and antiques in Morro Bay and Cayucos. Take a walk on the **Cayucos Pier** to check out the surfers. Admire hand-blown glass in Harmony and Cambria before a picnic lunch overlooking the ocean at **Leffingwell Landing Park** on Moonstone Drive.
- After you visit **Old Mission San Luis Obispo**, enjoy lunch in Mission Plaza and stroll along the creek to the Art Center galleries to see the current exhibits. To balance out the art and culture visit **Bubble Gum Alley**.
- Explore the **Village of Arroyo Grande** and walk through history when you cross the swinging bridge to the **Heritage House Museum** and old school house. Enjoy a guided nature walk through the Oso Flaco Lake Natural Area, part of the **Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Preserve**. www.dunescenter.org
- Tour the back roads around Paso Robles for an agricultural adventure, visiting U-Pick farms and roadside stands, shopping for fruit and produce. Stop at a small winery to sample their wares and take home a souvenir bottle. www.pasowine.com and www.slowine.com