

**Monterey Bay Whale Watch Excursion – Thurs, August 22, 2019 \$90**

Bus check-in 6:00am - Departs 6:30am Tour check-in 8:30am Departs 9:00am

Snacks and drinks are available to purchase on the boat.

Bring a sack lunch for a picnic or visit one of the nearby restaurants after the tour.

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Tour 9:00 am – 1:00 pm 3.5 to 4 hours on the vessel

***!! THIS IS IT - THE TRIP WE'VE BEEN WANTING ALL SUMMER!!***

The Monterey coast is one of the best places in California — or perhaps in the world — to watch whales and other marine life. The Bay is a prime feeding location for Humpback and Blue Whales and dolphins, they often spend several days in the same spot. Plankton, krill, squid, and anchovies are all carried to the ocean's surface by a perfect combination of wind, the angle of the coastline and the earth's rotation.

Besides the whales, people often see Pacific white-sided dolphins, Bottlenose dolphins, Risso's dolphins, Harbor porpoises and Dall's porpoises in the bay. Local tour operators say it's not unusual to see a thousand or more dolphins at a time. The trips are led by marine biologists who fully narrate and answer questions.

The Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary is the largest United States Marine Sanctuary, encompassing 5,312 square miles extending from the Gulf of the Farallon National Marine Sanctuary in the north to San Simeon, south of Bi Sur. This extremely rich area centers around the Monterey Submarine Canyon, comparable in size and shape to the Grand Canyon. The canyon extends over 50 miles offshore, reaching depths near 12,000 feet.

In fact, the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary is almost like Africa's Serengeti plains, rich in wildlife. More than 30 species of marine mammals, 180 species of seabirds and shorebirds, and at least 525 species of fish live in it.

Dress warmly, layers are best. It is always cooler on the ocean than on land. Long pants with a jacket and closed soft sole shoes are recommended.

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