

Picnics, Bonfires and S'Mores: More Tasty Reasons to Visit Carmel-by-the-Sea This Fall

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There's no better season than fall in Carmel-by-the-Sea, and with the best weather months just ahead, many visitors to the village will want to spend the day at Carmel Beach or enjoy a drive south on stunning Highway 1 to Big Sur or Point Lobos State Reserve. For those guests looking for leisurely lunches on the go, a number of the village's lodging properties offer convenient, deluxe picnic baskets that promise unforgettable outdoor eating experiences.

- ▶ [Hofsas House](#), between 3rd and 4th Avenues on San Carlos Street. Through Oct. 31, guests who book a two-night stay receive a \$25 gift certificate to a popular delicatessen located less than three blocks from the hotel and features a wide array of picnic options. Phone: (800) 221-2548. Website: [hofsashouse.com](#).
- ▶ [L'Auberge Carmel](#), Monte Verde at Seventh. The property's "Big Sur Picnic and Hiking Package" includes two nights' lodging in a courtyard room for two; welcome amenity; signature breakfast; the book "Day Hikes Around Big Sur"; gourmet picnic basket with a selection of sandwiches, homemade chips, and Caesar salad; and a four-course dinner for two at Aubergine. Guests of L'Auberge not on a package also can order picnic baskets. In addition, the hotel offers a bonfire kit, including housemade s'mores, for the perfect nightcap on Carmel Beach. Phone: (831) 624-8578. Website: [laubergecarmel.com](#).
- ▶ [Colonial Terrace Inn](#), 13th Avenue at San Antonio Street. There's a choice of three picnic baskets for two people including sandwiches, fruit, chips, and dessert. Phone: (800) 345-8220. Website: [thecolonialterrace.com](#).
- ▶ [Carmel Country Inn](#), 3rd Avenue at Dolores Street. The property's "Land & Sea Picnic Package" includes an insulated picnic basket; lunch for two; blanket; and the book "Day Hikes Around Monterey & Carmel" featuring maps and trails. Rates start at \$75/couple for the picnic. Bonfire kits with firewood and blankets also are available. Phone: (800) 215.6343. Website: [carmelcountryinn.com](#).



It's never been easier to get to Carmel. Monterey Regional Airport (MRY), a 10-minute drive from downtown Carmel, has recently added direct flights to and from San Diego. Other direct flight routes include San Francisco, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Denver, and Phoenix.

The newly formed Carmel Hospitality Improvement District – a joint organization of the City of Carmel, Carmel Chamber of Commerce and Carmel Innkeepers Association – is working to promote the village's abundant attractions, events, and stunning seaside location. From its incomparable white-sand beach to many choices of distinctive meeting venues and lodging properties, Carmel-by-the-Sea has it all. To help you plan your next meeting in Carmel-by-the-Sea, call (831) 704-6317 or visit <http://www.carmelcalifornia.com> (or <http://www.meetingincarmel.com>).

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