



## Perfect Days in Cambria

### Family Fun – Sand Pebbles Inn

The Sand Pebbles Inn is the ideal location for families visiting Cambria and Moonstone Beach. Enjoy comfortable and spacious accommodations in a child-friendly environment. The staff at Sand Pebbles is especially adept at insuring that guests of any age will have the opportunity to experience the area to its fullest and leave with many wonderful family memories. There is also a variety of indoor games, and family movies in our DVD collection.

#### Day 1

The drive to Cambria is beautiful whether you take Highway 101, 1 or 46. You'll know you are not in the city any more when you see the small farms and cows along the way. After unpacking, enjoy a family-walk on the beach and challenge the kids on who can find the most interesting rocks or seashells. You may be lucky enough to find a moonstone after all, you're on Moonstone Beach! For dinner, try the Old Stone Station restaurant, which has a great kids menu and plenty for the parents (they are known for their steaks). After dinner, check out our DVD collection of family-friendly films.

#### Day 2

Start the day with our complimentary continental breakfast before heading off to visit the Hearst Castle, a 165-room monument on 127 acres of gardens, terraces, pools and walkways. Be sure to buy your tickets ahead of time. There is great information on their website so the kids can check it out in advance and learn a little bit about the history of William Randolph Hearst. For lunch try Sebastian's Restaurant, near the San Simeon pier and enjoy the setting of this historic site or take your lunch to the beach and enjoy the beauty of San Simeon Cove and State Park.

Afternoon on Moonstone Beach is a great time for a sandcastle competition. Afterwards, take a family stroll on the boardwalk before getting ready for dinner. The Moonstone Beach Bar & Grill is a family-friendly beachfront restaurant and is a mere 600 yards walking distance from the Inn.

#### Day 3

After enjoying our complimentary breakfast, head out for a family biking trip. Cambria Bike Outfitters has great bikes and is only 2 miles from Sand Pebbles Inn. There are plenty of flat roads that are perfect for a family outing or enjoy a ride on Fiscilini Ranch while taking in the views of the ocean. After a morning of bike riding, take a trip out to the Piedras Blancas rookery to view the elephant seals. This is on Highway 1 about 12 miles north of Sand Pebbles Inn, and is home to about 15,000 animals. The area is open for viewing every day of the year and there is no admission fee or reservation required. Don't forget your camera, as there will be plenty of photo opportunities. For lunch, try the San Simeon Restaurant, which is only 8 miles south from Piedras Blancas.

The rest of the day is perfect for beach and water activities or maybe some kite flying. We suggest Robin's restaurant for your last evening in Cambria. This eclectic international restaurant serves exciting,

seafood and vegetarian dishes and is located in the middle of the village, ideal for an after dinner stroll around the village.

## Day 4

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the inn and maybe one more visit to the beach...last chance to collect a few more moonstones. Maybe a little photography competition to see if anyone in the family is the next Annie Lebovitz! You are sure to have many wonderful family memories to take home from your visit to Cambria.

## Just for Grown Ups – Blue Dolphin Inn

The Blue Dolphin Inn offers spectacular oceanfront views and a sophisticated environment. In addition to our beautifully appointed deluxe guestrooms, the Inn features six specialty oceanfront rooms themed to showcase several locations around the world where dolphins are found to play; the Sea of Japan, Saldanha Bay, Key Biscayne, Anaho Bay, Aegean Sea and Estero Bay...this is our way of celebrating these amazing creatures. The Blue Dolphin Inn is ideal for couples interested in quality time together while enjoying the Pacific Ocean as your backdrop.

## Day 1

A beautiful drive in any direction is a great time to catch up with friends or loved ones, have quiet conversations, listen to your favorite music and just enjoy the natural beauty of the Central Coast. People who have not visited the area are generally surprised at the magnificence of the scenery.

Late afternoon or early evening is a perfect time to take a short drive to downtown Cambria, which has wonderful shops filled with local art, jewelry and memorabilia. For dinner, try Madeline's Restaurant (reservations are recommended). This quaint yet sophisticated restaurant has great food and the chef tries to visit every table. The upscale ambience is perfect for great conversation and they feature some of the best local wines. After dinner, visit the Moonstone Beach Bar for a nightcap before heading back to the Inn and falling asleep to the soothing sounds of the Pacific Ocean.

## Day 2

Take off to visit the Hearst Castle and enjoy your "breakfast to go" along the beach or at one of the beautiful scenic spots along the 7-mile drive to the castle visitors' center. This famous home, which took 28 years to build, is fascinating for novices and historic architecture buffs alike. The home is furnished with an impressive collection of Spanish and Italian antiques and art. For lunch, try Sebastian's Restaurant, near the San Simeon pier. While eating, enjoy playful seals near the pier, kayakers paddling by, and surfers out for a ride. After lunch, do a little wine tasting at some of the local wineries and add to your collection. The Central Coast has many up-and-coming wineries and many refer to it as "the next Napa." We suggest contacting The Wine Wrangler ([www.thewinewrangler.com](http://www.thewinewrangler.com)) or The Grapeline ([www.gogrape.com](http://www.gogrape.com)) for full and half-day tours...leave the driving to them!

## Day 3

Start the day and take your "breakfast to go" to the beach or enjoy it on our patio, then rent scooters for a drive up the Santa Rosa Creek and visit the Linn's Farm: home of the original Olaliberry. Return for a drive up the beautiful and rugged Highway 1 to Ragged Point, which is situated along the ocean cliffs just south of the Monterey/San Luis Obispo County line. The Ragged Point Cliffside Trail cuts across the edge of the steep, rugged, north-facing cliff where the San Luis Obispo coast turns into the Big Sur coast. The Cliffside Trail ends at the black sand beach and rocky shore at the base of Black Swift Falls, a 300-

foot tiered waterfall. Benches are perched on the cliff for great views of the sheer coastal mountains plunging into the sea. This is the most southern point of Big Sur and is quite breathtaking.

Afternoon is perfect for water and beach activities. There is year-round hiking, bicycling, surfing, tide pooling, beach combing, rock hunting and fishing.

After a day of activities, we suggest a trip in to town for dinner at The Sow's Ear. Reservations are recommended for this popular restaurant.

## Day 4

Let us know what time to deliver breakfast. After a couple of full days of activities, this is a great day to sleep in late, listen to the ocean and have breakfast in your room. Maybe one more leisurely stroll on the boardwalk... We hope you'll be back to visit soon!

## I Want to be Alone – Moonstone Cottages

Moonstone Cottages is comprised of three individually designed, freestanding cottages, all with ocean views. They are the most private accommodations on Moonstone Beach and ideal for a complete escape from the rest of the world. Marlena Dietrich would have loved Moonstone Cottages!

## Day 1

You'll enjoy the drive whether coming alone for a retreat or arriving with a significant other for a romantic escape. Each of the cottages is free standing, giving you the utmost in privacy. The sound of the ocean is the perfect backdrop for personal introspection, crystallizing that idea for your next book or a romantic getaway.

If you are up for a very short trip downtown, visit the Black Cat Bistro – considered one of the finest restaurants on the Central Coast. It showcases the sophistication that is coming to the area yet still retains a casual atmosphere. They feature traditional American cuisine with an eclectic European influence. After dinner, enjoy a glass of wine and your favorite book by the fireplace at Moonstone Cottages.

## Day 2

We will deliver your continental breakfast in the morning so you can plan breakfast in bed and a leisurely start to your day. Or you might enjoy an early morning run on the beach and breakfast later. Just let us know what you prefer! A relaxing stroll through downtown Cambria is great for retail therapy and people watching. For lunch try Indigo Moon right on Main Street – rated one of the top restaurants in Cambria by Trip Advisor.

Afternoon is great for combing the beach for moonstones – some of the local jewelers can show you the results of the finished product. We also know the best therapists in town...just let us know and we'll make your reservation for a relaxing massage.

Your next big decision will be dinner and we suggest a stroll down to Moonstone Beach Bar & Grill. It is very casual, right on the ocean and a very short 100-yard walk from Moonstone Cottages. This is a fun place to meet other visitors to Moonstone Beach and some of the interesting locals.

## Day 3

Enjoy Breakfast in your cottage or take it down to the beach and start your day with the seagulls and pelicans. After spending some time with your favorite book (reading it or writing it!), take the short drive

north of town and try the Moonstone Gardens Restaurant, which is situated on 3 acres overlooking the Pacific Ocean. There is a gift shop, a wood gallery and a nursery and some of the original plants of the exotic gardens have grown quite massive.

Even if you've been to Hearst Castle, it is a beautiful drive and worth the visit just to see the Neptune pool. The art collection might inspire you to try a private art lesson next to the boardwalk. Let us know and we will arrange for one of the artists to share their secrets.

We suggest that you try Madeline's Restaurant in downtown Cambria for dinner. The chef tries to visit every table making this a very personal experience. After dinner, enjoy a stroll through town and visit some of the shops and boutiques featuring local artists.

## Day 4

Let us know what time you would like to have breakfast delivered. You might want to sleep in late and enjoy breakfast by the fireplace. If you are feeling a little more adventurous, we can arrange to have a bicycle delivered to your cottage for one last ride along the Pacific Ocean.