

Monterey, California, USA

A marine sanctuary city where sea otters float in kelp beds and Steinbeck's ghost haunts Cannery Row — though cruise calls here are now a rarity after the city ended passenger landing services in 2023.

Former tender port (city ended cruise services 2023)

Historical call: 8-10 hrs

USD

English

Marine Sanctuary — strict wildlife rules

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender (anchor in bay) — city ended cruise landing services Feb 2023; verify with your cruise line before sailing

Best For: Marine life, Monterey Bay Aquarium, Steinbeck history, coastal cycling

Walk to center: Old Fisherman's Wharf: 2 min from tender dock; Cannery Row: 25 min (1.2 mi)

Don't Miss: Sea otters at Breakwater Cove; clam chowder on Fisherman's Wharf; Aquarium kelp forest

Getting around: **Taxi** ✅ \$6–\$10 · **Rideshare** ✅ Uber, Lyft

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Whale Watching from Fisherman's Wharf** — Monterey Bay sits above a deep submarine canyon, making it one of the world's premier whale-watching spots year-round.
- Monterey Bay Aquarium** — One of the top aquariums on the planet, anchored at the end of Cannery Row.
- Coastal Trail Bike Ride** — Rent a bike or e-bike near the wharf and cruise the flat, paved Monterey Bay Coastal Recreation Trail from Fisherman's...
- Path of History Walking Tour** — Follow yellow tiles in the downtown sidewalks linking California's oldest public building (Custom House, 1827) through...
- 17-Mile Drive & Pebble Beach** — The legendary scenic toll road through the Del Monte Forest showcases the Lone Cypress, Bird Rock, Fanshell Beach, and...

BEST WALKS

- Fisherman's Wharf to Cannery Row Coastal Stroll** 1.2 miles one-way | 25 min | Flat & paved — Walk west from Municipal Wharf along the Monterey Bay Coastal Recreation Trail through Breakwater Cove (sea lions on the Coast Guard...
- Path of History — Downtown Monterey** 0.6-mile loop | 60-90 min | Flat — From Custom House Plaza (right at the tender landing), follow yellow sidewalk tiles through Old Monterey's Spanish and Mexican-era...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		63°	48°	6d
Jun		67°	53°	1d
Aug		70°	56°	1d
Sep		71°	55°	2d
Oct		68°	52°	4d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:35AM–7:41PM · Jun 5:48AM–8:27PM · Aug 6:24AM–8:00PM · Sep 6:49AM–7:17PM · Oct 7:14AM–6:33PM

USD

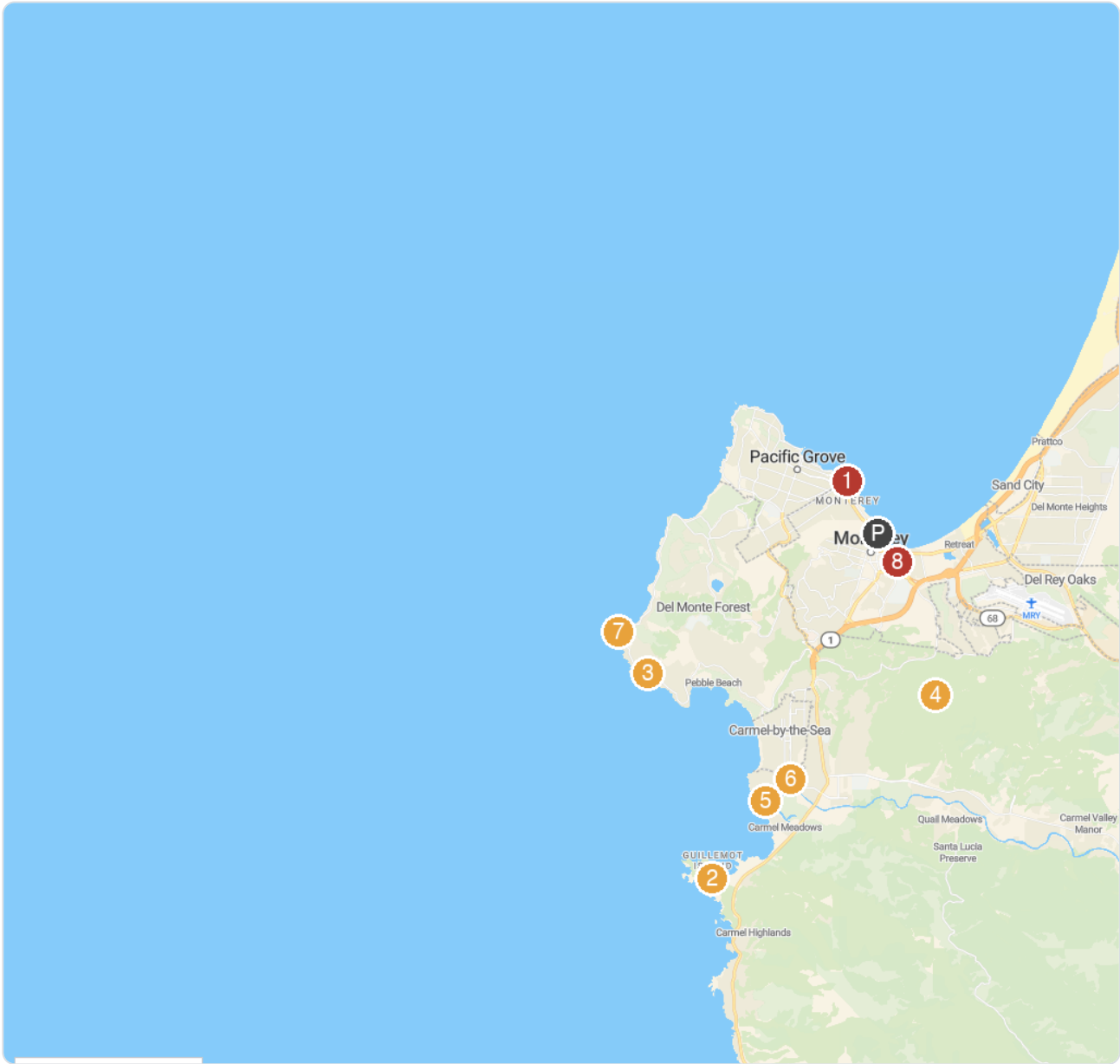
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Verify the call before you go: Monterey voted to end cruise passenger landing services in February 2023. Some itineraries still list it — confirm with your line that the call is...

Monterey, California, USA — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Monterey Bay Aquarium | World-renowned aquarium showcasing Monterey Bay's marine life. | 2 Point Lobos State Natural Reserve | Scenic reserve for hiking, wildlife, and stunning ocean views. |
| 3 Lone Cypress | Iconic cypress tree on a cliff along the 17-Mile Drive. | 4 Jacks Peak Park | Park with Monterey Peninsula's highest point, offering panoramic views. |
| 5 Carmel River State Beach | Sandy beach popular for birdwatching, kayaking, and ocean views. | 6 Carmel Mission Basilica | Historic Spanish mission, museum, and active Catholic church. |
| 7 Cypress Point Club | Exclusive, world-famous private golf course with ocean views. | 8 Dennis The Menace Playground | Large, unique playground for children in Monterey's park. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |