



Santa Barbara

Things to do & See

For a variety of information regarding things to do and see in Santa Barbara, we recommend you visit the Santa Barbara Conference & Visitors Bureau website at www.santabarbaraca.com

Transportation to Downtown Santa Barbara

1. Below are two local taxi companies, however, there are many more to choose from:
 - <http://www.santabarbarayellowcab.com/>
 - <http://www.sbgoldcab.com/>
 - Uber and Lyft (downloadable apps) are very available in Santa Barbara.
2. Driving to El Paseo Mall Downtown Santa Barbara (Central State Street)
 - 101 South
 - Take Carrillo Street Downtown exit (approximately 11.5 miles, 16 minutes)
 - Turn left at the bottom of the exit
 - Turn right on Chapala Street
 - Cross Canon Perdido Street
 - Turn left into the city parking lot
3. City Bus (MTD):
 - 24x Express Bus schedule: <http://www.sbmtd.gov/download/Schedules/24x.pdf>
 - 24x bus from outside of Sierra Madre Villages

Downtown Santa Barbara

Shopping, dining and cultural and historic attractions are within easy walking distances or by taking the open-air trolley or electric shuttle. Charming Spanish-style walkways and plazas invite visitors to explore the area's Chumash Indian and early Spanish history on foot.

DOWNTOWN SANTA BARBARA

The Santa Barbara Courthouse

Completed in 1929, from this graceful Spanish-Moorish structure one can see a panoramic view of the area from its 85-foot clock tower.

Historic Adobes

Several historic adobes can be found in the downtown area

Santa Barbara Historical Museum

The museum includes unique artifacts and art, photographs, furnishings and textiles dating back to the 15th century. Two early 19th century buildings are adjacent to the museum library: Casa Covarrubias, built in 1817, and an adobe constructed in 1836.

Santa Barbara Museum of Art

The museum is known for its American and Asian collections.

Among the American artists represented are Sargent, Hopper and O'Keeffe. The Asian collection includes work from China, Japan, India, Tibet and Southeast Asia.

WATERFRONT



Just blocks from downtown Santa Barbara you will find the Pacific Ocean. By walking down State Street or taking the electric Downtown-Waterfront Shuttle, you can easily get to Stearns Wharf which extends over the sea. There is something for everyone to do on Stearns Wharf (built in 1872).

Every Sunday throughout the year along Cabrillo Boulevard, beginning at Stearns Wharf, there is an Arts & Crafts Show which showcases the work of local artisans.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS

Mission Santa Barbara



The "Queen of the Missions" was founded by Spanish Franciscan friars in 1786. An earthquake destroyed the original adobe buildings in 1812, and the existing buildings you see today were completed in 1833.

Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History

Nine halls feature exhibits, dioramas and marine displays. The Chumash Indian Hall showcases the role of the tribe in the region's history.

WINE COUNTRY

Recognized as one of the world's premium wine-producing regions for chardonnay and pinot noir varietals, the county is home to more than 60 wineries and some 20,000 acres of planted vineyards. For locations of the wineries, go to the Santa Barbara Conference & Visitors Bureau website:

www.santabarbaraca.com

DINING



Santa Barbara promises a culinary adventure for anyone who loves to wine and dine. The restaurant community combines excellent food with an ambiance of casual luxury and hacienda hospitality. For a list of all restaurants, please go to: www.santabarbaraca.com

NORTH COUNTY

An easy drive from Santa Barbara can take a visitor up to the beautiful and picturesque areas of Santa Ynez Valley, Los Olivos, Solvang, Los Alamos and Ballard.

WHALE WATCHING

Santa Barbara is one of the best whale watching spots in the world.

During the year, as many as 27 species of whales and porpoises visit the Santa Barbara Channel.

Condor Cruises

www.condorcruises.com

Captain Don's Whale Watching
(805 969-5217)

Santa Barbara Sailing Center/Double Dolphin Cruises
(800 350-9090)

BEACHES, NATURE, & OTHER OUTDOOR SITES



East Beach

Featured as one of the "Top 10 Beaches" in the nation by cable TV's Travel Channel, this is the city's most popular beach. East Beach stretches from Andree Clark Bird Refuge in the east to Stearns Wharf at its west end.

West Beach

West Beach parallels the entrance to Santa Barbara Harbor.

Leadbetter Beach

Located between West Beach and Shoreline Park, the waves are moderate here and popular with beginning surfers.

Arroyo Burro Beach Park

Nicknamed "Hendry's Beach" by locals, Arroyo Burro is located under the bluffs of Hope Ranch.

Mesa Lane Beach

A fairly well-concealed local secret, Mesa Lane Beach is located at the bottom of a 1,000 step staircase at the end of Cliff Drive.

Butterfly Beach

Butterfly Beach is located opposite the historic Four Seasons Resort in Montecito. At low tide, you can walk from here to Each Beach.

BIKING

Biking is big in Santa Barbara and offers visitors a fun way to enjoy the fresh ocean air while seeing all the sites. For further information regarding biking, you can contact the following:

Santa Barbara Adventure Company (www.sbadventureco.com)
Wheel Fun Rentals
(www.wheelfunrentals.com)