

## January

[Whalefest Monterey](#)      **January 27 - 28, 2018**      **Old Fisherman's Wharf, Monterey**

Whalefest Monterey is held in January during the migration of the gray whales, although whales are spotted in the Monterey Bay year-round. The weekend features a wide array of fun activities at Old Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey near the Custom House.

[The Half Marathon at Pebble Beach](#)      **January 27, 2018**      **Pebble Beach**

The Half Marathon, 10k, and 5k will run throughout Pebble Beach, with the majority of each course featuring scenic views of 17-Mile Drive and the breathtaking property before finishing with a post-race champagne brunch at The Inn at Spanish Bay.

## February

[AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am](#)      **February 5 - 11, 2018**      **Pebble Beach Resorts**

Top PGA Tour professionals team up with Hollywood celebrities, world renowned musicians and the captains of industry as they compete for a \$6.6 million purse. Foursomes rotate to MPCC Shore Course, Spyglass Hill and Pebble Beach Golf Links Thursday through Saturday.

## March

[Jazz Bash by the Bay](#)      **March 2 - 4, 2018**      **Monterey Conference Center**

The Jazz Bash by the Bay has been a wall-to-wall weekend of traditional jazz and swing since 1980. The festival brings together the many colorful forms of the roots of early jazz: traditional jazz, swing, gypsy jazz, ragtime, blues, zydeco and big bands.

[Next Generation Jazz Festival](#)      **March 9 - 11, 2018**      **Monterey Conference Center**

Over 1,300 of the nation's top student musicians to play their hearts out at the Next Generation Jazz Festival (NGJF) in downtown Monterey. The event is free to the public.

[Relais & Châteaux GourmetFest](#)      **March 15 - 18, 2018**      **Carmel-by-the-Sea**

Relais & Châteaux GourmetFest is a four day foodie extravaganza featuring an exclusive roster of Relais & Châteaux Chefs and wine estates based at L'Auberge Carmel in Carmel-by-the-Sea.

## April

[Pebble Beach Food & Wine](#)      **April 5 - 8, 2018**      **Pebble Beach Resorts**

Enjoy four days of the best in food and wine with an epic epicurean event, Pebble Beach Food and Wine. 60 celebrity chefs and 250 wineries assemble at Pebble Beach to bring you the culinary experience of a lifetime. Enjoy lunches, dinners, wine tastings and cooking demonstrations.

[Pacific Grove Good Old Days](#)      **April 14 - 15, 2018**      **Lighthouse Avenue, Pacific Grove**

Home to the County's largest arts and crafts show, with over 225 art and food vendors in downtown, a parade down Pine Avenue, live entertainment on four stages, old-fashioned games and contests and lots of family fun.

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**[Sea Otter Classic](#)**

**April 19 - 22, 2018**

**Laguna Seca Recreation Area**

Sea Otter Classic is the largest cycling festival and consumer trade show in North America. Over four days, it includes a wide variety of bike races and fun rides for every kind, level and age of rider, an expo with more than 250 exhibitors, club zones, a product demo area, a ride zone, stunt shows and kids activities.

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**[Big Sur International Marathon](#)**

**April 29, 2018**

**Big Sur**

The Big Sur Marathon is 26.2 miles of the most beautiful coastline in the world - and, for runners, the most challenging. At the Expo, participants in the Marathon will pick up their race bibs, goody bags and check out fitness apparel and equipment.

## May

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**[Ferrari Challenge](#)**

**May 3 - 6, 2018**

**Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, Salinas**

Get an adrenaline rush as Ferrari's take on the challenging 2.238 mile course at the iconic Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca.

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**[Winemakers' Celebration](#)**

**May 5, 2018**

**Dolores Street, Carmel-by-the-Sea**

Over 100 wines made from 42 different varietals will be available for sampling at the Winemakers' Celebration in Carmel-by-the-Sea. Guests will also have the rare opportunity to ask questions and discuss the wines with the winemakers themselves.

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**[Salinas Valley Fair](#)**

**May 17 - 20, 2018**

**Salinas Valley Fairgrounds, King City**

Enjoy the atmosphere of an old-fashioned county fair, complete with carnival, bull-riding, craft and 4-H exhibit, music and more.

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**[Carmel Art Festival](#)**

**May 18 - 20, 2018**

**Mission Street, Carmel-by-the-Sea**

Gallery events, lectures, receptions and demonstrations take place at several art galleries in addition to a plein-air painting competition where final works are showcased on Mission Street.

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**[Spring Classic](#)**

**May 18 - 20, 2018**

**Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, Salinas**

Spring Classic is an exciting vintage car race with unlimited sound that primarily celebrates the '70s, '80s and '90s. The three-day event is a relaxed showcase for phenomenal race cars that appeal to racing and automobile enthusiasts nationwide.

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**[California Roots Music & Arts Festival](#)**

**May 25 - 27, 2018**

**Monterey County Fair & Event Center**

The California Roots Music and Arts Festival is a three-day event packed with live music, fantastic food, refreshing beverages, creative artwork and sustainable practices. Reggae acts from around the globe culminate at the Monterey County Fairgrounds for good vibes during the Memorial Day weekend.

## June

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**[Artichoke Festival](#)**

**June 2 - 3, 2018**

**Monterey County Fair & Event Center**

The Artichoke Festival is a commemoration of all things artichoke. The event has artichoke cooking demos, artichoke-themed art, an artichoke parade, artichokes (and other vegetables) for sale at the farmers' market, and of course artichokes prepared in every way imaginable.

# 2018 Events

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## [Spartan Race](#)

June 9, 2018

Toro Park, Salinas

Become a dignified Spartan at Toro Park and take on the "Super Course" where you will be challenged with grueling hills, punishing obstacles and mouthy drill sergeants to push you along the way. The 8+ mile Spartan Race packs more than 25 signature Spartan obstacles including the barb wire crawl, tire drag, fire jump and monkey net.

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## [Monterey Wine Festival](#)

June 9 - 10, 2018

Custom House Plaza, Monterey

With hundreds of wines offered for tasting, wine lovers will find an embarrassment of riches awaiting them at the Monterey Wine Festival. The event also includes the West Coast Clam Chowder Competition.

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## [Carmel Valley Art & Wine Celebration](#)

June 16, 2018

Carmel Valley Village, Carmel Valley

The Art & Wine Celebration showcases over 60 artists, local wines and strolling musicians at restaurants, shops and galleries throughout Carmel Valley Village.

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## [FIM Superbike World Championship](#)

June 22 - 24, 2018

Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, Salinas

The sounds of motorcycles will again roar through the central California hillsides as the FIM Superbike World Championship returns to Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca. The FIM Superbike World Championship features riders, teams and manufacturers racing high-performance bikes very similar to the ones right off the showroom floor.

## July

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### [4<sup>th</sup> of July Events](#)

July 4, 2018

Monterey County

Celebrate Independence Day (and your day off) where California was first born! Monterey, Pacific Grove, Carmel-by-the-Sea and Spreckels each throw their own hometown bashes.

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### [Monterey Beer Festival](#)

July 7, 2018

Monterey County Fair & Event Center

The Monterey Beer Festival brings over 80 beers from dozens of breweries where you will have the chance to taste unusual offerings from major beer companies as well as fantastic beers from unknown brewing companies from around the world.

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### [Carmel Bach Festival](#)

July 14 - 28, 2018

Carmel-by-the-Sea

The Carmel Bach Festival has a 80-year history where musicians from the around the world perform in various venues including the Sunset Center, Carmel Mission Basilica, Church in the Forest, Pebble Beach and All Saints Church.

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### [California Rodeo Salinas](#)

July 19- 22, 2018

Salinas Sports Complex, Salinas

Each July, the West comes alive in Salinas with the California Rodeo Salinas at the Salinas Sports Complex. Though the California Rodeo Salinas itself takes place for only four days, surrounding events such as the Rodeo Carnival, the Kiddie Kapers Parade and Cowboy Poetry provide a two-week long warm-up to the main event.

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### [Feast of Lanterns](#)

July 20 - 28, 2018

Pacific Grove

A tradition lasting for over a century, the Pacific Grove Feast of Lanterns is a community celebration. This event in Pacific Grove includes a lantern pageant, children's activities, and a pet parade.

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[Moss Landing Antique Fair](#)

July 29, 2018

Moss Landing

The quaint fishing village of Moss Landing becomes the antique capital of the world where hundreds of antique booths set up on the streets for the Moss Landing Antique Street Fair, selling antique furniture and every kind of vintage item imaginable.

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August

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[Salinas Valley Half Marathon](#)

August 4, 2018

Salinas Valley

Take in the fresh air and enjoy the breathtaking beauty of the "Salad Bowl of the World" during the Salinas Valley Half Marathon. Runners and walkers will be delighted with stunning sights along Salinas Valley's Foothill and River Roads along the Santa Lucia mountain range.

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[Scottish Games & Celtic Festival](#)

August 4 - 5, 2018

Monterey County Fair & Event Center

This very popular Celtic celebration brings the music, dance and athletic events of the mystical lands of Scotland and Ireland to Monterey County and features events for the whole family.

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[Monterey BaconFest](#)

August 11 - 12, 2018

Monterey County Fair & Event Center

It's bacon! The Monterey BaconFest showcases all things bacon at the Monterey County Fair & Event Center. The event also includes plenty of live music and a "Best of Bacon" competition.

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[Salinas Valley Food & Wine](#)

August 11, 2018

Monterey County Fair & Event Center

Charming Oldtown Salinas turns into a food and wine lovers dream with an incredible lineup of award winning wines, craft brews, live entertainment and culinary delights straight from "The Salad Bowl of the World."

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[U.S. Amateur Championship at Pebble Beach](#)

August 13 - 19, 2018

Pebble Beach Resorts

Golf fans around the world will once again make the pilgrimage to the California coastline, as the tradition continues when Pebble Beach hosts its fifth U.S. Amateur Championship.

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[Sand City West End Celebration](#)

August 17 - 19, 2018

Sand City

Sand City is known for its funky, independent and artistic atmosphere and nowhere is that more on display than the annual West End Celebration. The streets of Sand City shut down and become an open-air artists' fair, showcasing truly unique works from artists throughout Monterey County.

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[Monterey Car Week](#)

August 18 - 26, 2018

Monterey County

Classic automobiles take over the Monterey Peninsula during Monterey Car Week and Concours d'Elegance. All over Monterey County, classic cars take to streets, golf courses, parks and the world-renowned Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, surrounding visitors with automobiles from yesteryear.

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[Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion](#)

August 23 - 26, 2018

Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, Salinas

Described as a museum springing to life, the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion is the largest event held during the famed Monterey Car Week, and is the only event where cars are doing what they were originally intended to do...race.

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[Concours d'Elegance](#)

August 26, 2018

Pebble Beach Resorts

A tradition going back over half a century, the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance is where the world's collector cars meet and compete. Only the 200 best collector cars in the world roll onto the legendary 18th fairway of Pebble Beach Golf Links, and only a handful of those will receive official recognition for style, technical merit and historical accuracy.

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[Monterey County Fair](#)

August 30 - September 3, 2018

Monterey County Fair & Event Center

The annual Monterey County Fair is always fun for all, with livestock exhibition, entertainment, live music, amusement and delicious food.

## September

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[Monterey Greek Festival](#)

September 1 - 3, 2018

Custom House Plaza, Monterey

Every Labor Day weekend, Monterey becomes a part of the Mediterranean as the Monterey Bay Greek Festival takes over Custom House Plaza. While you're munching on dolmades, you can watch traditional dance, listen to music, and even learn a little at a cultural lecture.

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[Festa Italia](#)

September 7 - 9, 2018

Custom House Plaza, Monterey

Embrace your inner Italian at Monterey's Festa Italia. Monterey transforms into a mecca for all things marinara as this Italian Festival takes over Custom House Plaza with Italian favorites like calamari, pizza, pasta, paninis and rice balls.

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[Continental Tire Monterey Grand Prix](#)

September 7 - 9, 2018

Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, Salinas

Fans anxious to see great racing from the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship and Continental Tire SportsCar Challenge will be delighted by the prototypes and grand touring cars battling it out on the Corkscrew during the penultimate race of the season.

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[Monterey Jazz Festival](#)

September 21 - 23, 2018

Monterey County Fair & Event Center

The Monterey Jazz Festival attracts all of the top names in jazz, and boasts art exhibits, jazz clinics and seminars. The Festival features over 500 artists performing on eight stages spread over the Monterey County Fair and Event Center.

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[Monterey Beach SportsFest](#)

September 22 - 23, 2018

Monterey

The Monterey Beach Sportsfest is a celebration of wellness both for people and for the ocean we love and enjoy so much. Join in on two exciting days of competitive events in the waters and along the shore of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

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[The Pure Insurance Championship](#)

September 25 - 30, 2018

Pebble Beach Resorts

Junior golfers get the chance to play with champions like Ben Crenshaw, Isao Aoki, Tom Kite, Sandy Lyle, Tom Watson and Fuzzy Zoeller at the First Tee Open at Pebble Beach. This competition, broadcast on The Golf Channel, earns money for The First Tee, a charity that gives disadvantaged youngsters the opportunity to play golf.

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[California International Airshow](#)

September 29 - 30, 2018

Salinas Municipal Airport

Watch jaw-dropping aeronautical acrobatics from the Patriots Jet Team, Metal Mulisha, the Pemberton's Wing Suit Jump, Robosaurus and more. There will also be military demos, military fly-bys and military/civilian aircraft displays.

## October

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[Taste of Carmel](#)

October 4, 2018

Carmel Mission, Carmel-by-the-Sea

Over 30 outstanding Carmel restaurants provide enticing and varied selections of appetizers, main courses and desserts, along with fine wines from 20 area vineyards at the historic Carmel Mission.

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[Butterfly Parade & Bazaar](#)

October 6, 2018

Pacific Grove

Pacific Grove celebrates its heritage every October with the Butterfly Parade and Bazaar which celebrates the return of the Monarch Butterfly.

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[Pirelli World Championship](#)

October 26 – 28, 2018

Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, Salinas

One of North America's finest and longest running auto racing series, the Pirelli World Challenge, will crown their 2017 champions at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca. The popular Series boasts a paddock of more than 70 race cars and consists of six classes of vehicles.

## November

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[Big Sur Food and Wine](#)

November 1 - 3, 2018

Big Sur

Indulge in fantastic food, great wines and exquisite scenery at the Big Sur Food and Wine Festival. Local and visiting restaurateurs, resorts and wineries from all over will team up for dinners and tastings at unique Big Sur locations.

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[Cowboy Poetry & Music Festival](#)

November 3, 2018

Monterey County Fair & Event Center

Pack those chaps and spurs for a wranglin' good time with some of the nation's top balladeers and cowboy/girl poets featured during the Monterey Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival. This event hosts several great shows, open mic sessions, a western art and gear sale among other festivities.

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[Monterey Bay Half Marathon](#)

November 11, 2018

Monterey

The Half Marathon on Monterey Bay takes runners through historic downtown Monterey, over to Cannery Row, down the shore of Monterey Bay, into downtown Pacific Grove, and back along the coast to the grand finish at Custom House Plaza.

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[TaylorMade Pebble Beach Invitational](#)

November 13 - 18, 2018

Pebble Beach

The Callaway Golf Pebble Beach Invitational attracts professional and amateur golfers of all stripes to Pebble Beach. The Invitational gives spectators a special chance to watch their favorite golfers in a more intimate and relaxed environment; viewers can even walk down the fairway right behind the golfers.

# 2018 Events

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**Christmas at the Inns**

**November 27 - 28, 2018**

**Pacific Grove**

It's Pacific Grove at its most picturesque, as ten of the town's bed and breakfasts and inns deck their halls and open their doors so you can share their holiday cheer in Victorian-era splendor.

**December**

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**Christmas in the Adobes**

**December 7 - 8, 2018**

**Monterey**

Step back into Monterey's past during Christmas in the Adobes. See the adobes by candlelight and enjoy refreshments and live performances as volunteers in period attire welcome you into historic homes decorated in historical style.

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**First Night Monterey**

**December 31, 2018**

**Monterey**

First Night Monterey celebrates the lively arts scene in Monterey County with its family-friendly celebration of the arts on New Years Eve. Over thirty venues hold concurrent performances and activities for both children and adults, culminating in a convergence on Custom House Plaza to ring in the New Year.

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