



**EAT, DRINK, AND BE MERRY
ALONG CALIFORNIA'S HALF MOON BAY COASTSIDE**
*Celebrate the Holidays with Nights of Lights, Christmas Tree Farms, Artisan Shopping,
And So Much More!*

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HALF MOON BAY, CA – NOVEMBER 17, 2021 – Located approximately 30 miles south of San Francisco, [The Half Moon Bay Coastsides](#) offers a cheerful and memorable holiday season for everyone. Stroll along Half Moon Bay's festive [Main Street](#) for some holiday shopping to find the perfect artisanal gift. Snuggle up together at a cozy inn with hot cider and enjoy the comforts of the holidays. Find the perfect Christmas tree and celebrate the merry season at [Nights of Lights](#).

Below is a summary of holiday festivities, dining experiences, and more along the Half Moon Bay Coastsides. To plan a trip, visit www.visithalfmoonbay.org to access information on the region's cozy inns and luxury coastal resorts, renowned restaurants, farm visits, golfing, wine tasting, fishing, whale watching, surfing and much more.

Special Note: All locations are in Half Moon Bay unless otherwise noted.

- FESTIVITIES -

Nights of Lights

Nov 26-Dec 17; 6-8pm

The [22nd Annual Nights of Lights](#) is a month-long celebration featuring beautiful holiday lights, artisan shopping, and weekly festivities on Friday nights along Main Street in downtown Half Moon Bay.

- **Friday, November 26:** Kick off the holiday season at the annual Christmas Tree Lighting. Kids will be invited to make ornaments and decorate the tree. *Mac Dutra Park, 504 Main Street.*
- **Friday, December 3:** Enjoy a lighted parade down Main Street followed by a visit from Santa himself!
- **Friday, December 10:** Find the perfect gift at this local holiday market along Main Street.
- **Friday, December 17:** Get into the spirit with holiday caroling and live music.

Coastside Holiday Festival

December 3, 3-9pm

Shop from 20 local artisans and enjoy kids face painting/activities, holiday libations, food trucks and more! *IDES Hall, 735 Main Street.*

Holiday Boutique at La Piazza

December 18-19, 10 am-5pm

This two-day event features local artisans and lots of holiday shopping. *604 Main Street.*

- HOLIDAY SHOPPING -

Festive Main Street!

From locally designed jewelry and stylish accessories to home decor and specialty gift items, Main Street in downtown Half Moon Bay is a shopper's paradise for finding the perfect gifts. Stroll amongst rows of shops with holiday-themed hand painted windows and streets of twinkling lights while taking in holiday décor at a plethora of shops. The windows of the downtown Half Moon Bay businesses will be adorned with art showcasing the theme "Songs of the Season" inspired by the lyrics of Christmas carols that will be performed on the final Friday of Nights of Lights. Saturday, Nov 27 is Small Business Saturday and Main Street offers a wonderful opportunity for finding rare gifts while supporting locally-owned boutique shops. *Many shops will be open to 8pm on Friday nights during Nights of Lights. Free parking.*

North Pole Express

Hoping for that perfect gift you've dreamt about all year? Well, better make sure your letter gets to Santa! There's no need to send it certified, just drop it off at one of these two shops and Santa will send a reply back confirming he got your note.

- Drop it in the special bright red mailbox outside of Surf Factory. While you're there, be sure to pick up some gifts for the surfer in your life. *521 Main Street, (650) 440-4540.*
- Find the perfect toy at Fog Town Toys and drop your letter by Dec 12. *330 Main Street, (650) 726-4556.*

Unique Gifts & Decor

Stop by Jupiter & Main for a wide assortment of blown glass ornaments for the tree, along with tree toppers and other holiday decor. Warm up your home with festive holiday candles with scents of peppermint and evergreen, and warm up your belly with a variety of seasonal drinking chocolates for the kids and cocktail mixers like Gingerbread Old-Fashioned syrup and Hot Buttered Rum mix for the grown-ups. There's also lots of unique stocking stuffers and gifts, plus free holiday gift wrapping. *432-B Main Street, (650) 889-3001.*

Stylish Finds

For the fashionista in your life, Crows Nest has exactly what you need - a carefully curated selection of the latest styles, cozy comforts, and classics from designers like Citizens of Humanity, Tracey Tanner, Cosabella, and many more. *406 Main Street, (650) 726-2000.*

– CHRISTMAS TREE FARMS –

Oh Christmas Tree!

A winter visit to the Christmas tree farms around Half Moon Bay is a cheerful and fun-filled tradition for many families. With lots spread out along San Mateo Road (Hwy. 92) and Cabrillo Highway (Rt. 1), visitors can get into the holiday spirit while picking out their own Christmas tree. Below is a selection of local tree farms open to visitors. Most have trees starting Thanksgiving weekend but call to confirm.

- **4-C's Christmas Tree Farm** – select from a wide array of gorgeous firs and spruces at affordable prices. Choose to chop it down or get a pre-cut tree. Saws are provided, and the staff is even willing to help with difficult chopping jobs by whipping out their electric saw. *678-698 San Mateo Road (Hwy 92), (650) 726-9614.*
- **Cozzolino Tree Farm** – choose from Noble and Nordman Firs, flocked trees, poinsettias, wreaths, mistletoe and garlands. *501 San Mateo Rd, (650) 504-8206.*
- **Pastorino Farms** - see a barn turn into a Christmas wonderland of ornaments, trees, gifts, garland, poinsettias, and fresh wreaths for sale. *12391 San Mateo Road, (650) 726-6440.*
- **Repetto's Nursery and Florist** – In addition to Christmas trees, this farm has some of the best deals on fresh cut flowers ideal for decorating and holiday centerpieces. *12331 San Mateo Road, (650) 726-6414.*
- **Santa's Tree Farm** – Santa's Tree Farm will be inviting customers to cut down their own Christmas tree. Grab a saw and head out amongst the 487-acre farm to choose from six different kinds of trees. As added bonus, everyone who purchases a tree will receive complimentary hot cider and candy canes. Be sure to stop by the Sleigh Bells Gift Shop, open on weekends to pick up festive holiday decorations. Santa will pay a visit on weekends starting Nov 26 through Dec 19, from noon – 3 p.m. (except Dec. 4, 1 – 3 p.m.). There's also weekend train rides and Mrs. Claus' Kitchen will be serving up some goodies. *78 Pilarcitos Creek Road, (650) 726-2246.*
- **Tom & Pete's Produce** - founded in 1964, this family farm sells fresh produce and offers a wide selection of trees at good prices. *270 Main St, (650) 726-7500.*

– ACCOMMODATIONS –

Cozy Up & Save at the Beach House Hotel

Enjoy special holiday savings at this luxuriously appointed New England-style boutique hotel overlooking the Pacific Ocean. For the perfect winter getaway, stay three nights or longer and receive 15% off the room rate; stay two nights and receive 10% off over select winter dates. Guests can get into the holiday spirit and cozy up by the inviting lobby fireplace or in the comfort of their own room. All 54 junior suites feature a patio or balcony and a fireplace. Special

amenities include a pool and hot tub, complimentary parking and continental breakfast and a fitness center. Gift certificates are available. Holiday savings are valid through February 28, 2022. 4100 Cabrillo Hwy. (650) 712-0220, www.beach-house.com/half-moon-bay.

Suite Holidays

Experience the magic of the season on the coast at The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay! The “Holiday Suite on the Coast” package includes a beautifully decorated suite with cozy holiday décor, gourmet holiday chocolates and a cookie decorating kit, and a limited-edition Hotel Lobby Holiday Candle as a coveted keepsake. Available between December 1-31, 2021 starting at \$3,200. One Miramontes Point Road, (650) 712-7000. Media Contact: Shelly Auyeung (650) 712-7007, shelly.ayueung@ritzcarlton.com.

– HOLIDAY DINING & TREATS –

Sugar, Spice, and Everything Nice!

Head to Small Town Sweets for delicious holiday treats. Select from decadent collections of chocolates, licorice, saltwater taffy, popcorn, and more. Not to miss - fresh homemade fudge on Fridays. 617 Main Street, (650)713-0782.

Artisan Gifts at Harley Farms

Harley Farms, home to award-winning goat cheese, is offering culinary gift boxes, bath and body collections, and of course their one of a kind cheese assortments. These delectable indulgences are perfect to buy for Christmas time. The shop is open Fridays through Sundays from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Closed Dec 20-25 and Jan 1). 205 North Street, Pescadero, (650) 879-0480.

Freshly Baked Holiday Treats

A plethora of freshly baked goodies line the shelves at Moonside Bakery and Café including Stollen (German-style bread made with rum soaked raisins and currants, hazelnuts and orange and lemon peel, buttered and rolled in vanilla sugar and powder sugar), gingerbread houses and gingerbread house kits, princess cakes, chocolate mousse, mocha buttercream, passion fruit mousse, freshly baked Panetone bread, almond Danish trees, and Linzer tortes (spicy nutty dough made of ground almond, ground hazelnut, cinnamon, cloves and nutmeg, filled with raspberry jam.). 604 Main Street, (650) 726-9070.

Thanksgiving Feast at Pasta Moon

Foodies will enjoy a farm-to-table experience with Pasta Moon's special menu this Thanksgiving! Start the meal with roasted ratatouille soup, clam chowder, or a choice of two seasonal salads with fresh local greens and herbs. Choose from five entrees such as Diestel Farms Turkey brined with Italian aromatics, Guinness braised beef short ribs, linguine New England lobster, and more. A plethora of sides is served including sausage spinach parmesan stuffing, whipped buttermilk gold potatoes, and sweet potato casserole. It'll be hard to choose from one of the three desserts: a duo of pumpkin pie and apple crostata; Ghirardelli butterscotch pudding; and warm molten chocolate cake with vanilla chocolate gelato. *Price per person: \$88. A special menu for children under the age of 12 is available for \$25.* 845 Main Street, (650) 726-5125.

Thanksgiving at HMB BrewCo.

Enjoy a feast fit for a king at Half Moon Bay Brewing Co! Specialties include roasted pumpkin salad; slow roasted turkey with mashed potatoes, stuffing, local Brussels sprouts, cranberry sauce, and gravy; fresh dungeness crab (subject to availability); and house made pumpkin cheesecake. Open on Thanksgiving from 11am-5pm, also serving the full menu. *390 Capistrano Road, (650) 728-2739. Media Contact: Laura Acton, laura@hmbbrewingco.com.*

Holiday Comfort

With homemade dishes and heaps of old-fashioned charm, the beloved 120+ year old Duarte's Tavern is a delight any time of year, but it really shines during the holidays. In a cozy dining room strewn with wreaths, you can chase away winter chills with a steaming bowl of artichoke soup and a slice of pie fresh from the oven. Plus, from now until New Year's Eve, toast the season with a delicious spiked eggnog. *202 Stage Road, Pescadero, (650) 879-0464.*

Hangover Soup

Partied a little too much this holiday season? Head to La Costanera for Hangover Soup. A great option for the winter months, Chef Carlos Altamirano's Aguadito de Pollo includes a plethora of delicious flavors, jalapeño, garlic, ginger, cilantro, zucchini, mushrooms and more. Available through January 2, 2022. *260 Capistrano Road, (650) 728-1600. Media Contact: Tory Weiss, tory@lgprinc.com.*

– ART & PERFORMANCE –

Holiday Ornament Hand-Blown Art

Offered through Jan 18

Make a special glass ornament that will be the perfect gift or an addition to a Christmas tree. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost of the class is \$45 (\$40 for kids 12 and under). *Located at La Nebbia Winery, 12341 San Mateo Road on Hwy. 92, (650) 283-5626, www.hmbartglass.com.*

Bach Dancing & Dynamite Society

Sundays: doors open at 3 p.m.; performances from 4:30 – 7 p.m.

Get into the holiday spirit with live music! Head to the Bach Dancing & Dynamite Society for their acclaimed Sunday afternoon performances celebrating jazz and classical music. Founded by Pete Douglas in 1964, this legendary yet low-key venue has hosted the likes of jazz greats such as Count Basie, Duke Ellington, and Dizzy Gillespie. On December 5, legendary S.F. vocalist Kim Nalley is sure to get you in the holiday spirit! *307-311 Mirada Road, (650) 726-4143.*

Coastal Repertory Theatre

Weekends from Dec. 3 -19, the Coastal Repertory Theatre is offering *The Santaland Diaries* by David Sedaris, adapted by Joe Mantello. In this bittersweet one-man show, a struggling actor strapped for cash takes a job as an Elf at Macy's Santaland, and his hilarious observations are more naughty than nice! The show is recommended for those sixteen and older. *1167 Main Street, (650) 204-5046.*

About the Half Moon Bay Coastside

The Half Moon Bay Coastside is a charming seaside respite located 30 miles south of San Francisco. Nestled between the Santa Cruz Mountains and the Pacific Ocean, this breathtaking region consists of four distinct areas - the North Coast, Half Moon Bay, the South Coast and the Redwood Region. Featuring the best of Northern California all in one place, visitors will enjoy miles of white sandy beaches, redwood forests, a historic downtown filled with local artisan shops, beautiful state parks, fields of wildflowers, and trails along ocean bluffs and mountain ridges as far as the eye can see. A sampling of activities includes horseback riding on the beach, farm fresh dining, shopping, biking, hiking and world-class golfing and surfing. For more information on visiting Half Moon Bay, visit www.visithalfmoonbay.org or call (650) 726-8380. Like our Facebook page and follow us on Twitter @visithmb and Instagram @visithalfmoonbay.

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