



CHRISTMAS ON THE CENTRAL CALIFORNIA COAST

FEATURING CAMBRIA CHRISTMAS MARKET
AND HEARST CASTLE

DECEMBER 10 - 13, 2024

\$1599 / PP DOUBLE OCCUPANCY \$1999 / PPN SINGLE OCCUPANCY



DAY ONE

Depart Stockton at 1:00pm and travel to the town of San Simeon along the beautiful central coast. Upon arrival we check in to Cavalier Oceanfront Resort for a three-night stay. The resort is nestled on a scenic seaside bluff overlooking the Pacific Ocean that offers us an authentic Central Coast experience. Located just three miles from Hearst Castle along the iconic Highway 1, our hotel will be the perfect home base for exploring local beaches, the nearby Elephant Seal rookery, Hearst Castle and the quaint seaside village of Cambria. Following check in the remainder of the evening will be yours to enjoy, take a lovely walk on the hotel grounds and the hotel restaurant located here.

DAY TWO

Following our hosted breakfast, we enjoy a short scenic ride to the Covell's Horse Farm, located in the historic area of Cambria. The horse farm specializes in Clydesdales and we will experience a 1.5-hour tour on our own private wagon that will take you across the ranch property of 2,000 acres of both Monterey Pine Forest and open pastures with gorgeous ocean views. You'll see anywhere from 50-60 Clydesdale horses living out on the land, as well as having up close and personal opportunities with unlimited pictures! Following our visit we will have an opportunity to walk the lovely shops and boutiques located in the downtown area of Cambria. In the early afternoon we return to the hotel with a chance to freshen up. We enjoy a hosted dinner at the historic and quaint Cambria Pines Lodge, home to the spectacular Cambria Christmas Market. The market is inspired by the Christmas Markets in Germany and the perfect way to share those traditions and holiday cheer. The most specular part of this event is the Christmas lights display! You will walk through the lighted tunnel entrance and experience over 2 million lights, holiday displays, it is truly a walk into the winter wonderland of Christmas and a magical unique holiday event! Return to the hotel at the end of the evening.

DAY THREE

Following our hosted breakfast, we enjoy a short scenic ride on the coast for a visit to the Elephant Seals Viewing areas providing boardwalks and view platforms where we can visit with a docent to educate us on the Elephant Seal Wildlife located here. Following our walking tour, we will have the opportunity to visit the Elephant Seal Visitors Center, full of guide books and merchandise pertaining to this area. Return to our hotel with time to freshen up before our early hosted dinner in the historic area of Cambria. Then it's off to San Simeon home of Hearst Castle, all decorated for the Christmas Holidays! William Randolph Hearst started to build a fabulous estate on his ranchland overlooking the village of San Simeon in 1919. He called the estate "La Cuesta Encantada"- Spanish for the The Enchanted Hill. By 1947, the hilltop complex included a twin-tower main building, three sumptuous guesthouses, and 127 acres of terraced gardens, fountains, and pools. We will discover and learn why the holiday season was so special to him and his guests. Share in the splendor as you wind your way through the grounds, the main rooms and the guest house. This special Holiday Tour is full of holiday decorations, Christmas Trees and thousands of holiday lights. (B,D)

DAY FOUR

We check out of coast side hotel, enjoy breakfast before we board our motor coach and travel towards home. Our California Coastal tour would not be complete without a visit to Casa de Fruta. The fruit orchard was established in 1908 by the Zanger family this wonderful road side attraction has always catered to the traveler with fresh fruits, chocolates, nuts and sweets of all kinds. Enjoy this very special place, bring home fresh fruit or maybe do a bit of Christmas shopping, it has something for everyone