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Resting on a narrow shelf between the Santa Ynez Mountains and the Pacific coast, Santa Barbara is one of Southern California's foremost vacation areas. A scenic approach is by way of US 101.

Santa Barbara traces its history back to the earliest days of Spanish settlement in Upper California. In 1602 Spanish conquistador Sebastián Vizcaino sailed into Santa Barbara Bay and named it for the saint born on that day. A military fortress was established in 1782; the mission was founded 4 years later by Father Fermín Francisco de Lasuén.

Santa Barbara's heritage is evident in its many whitewashed, tile-roofed buildings and Spanish street names. Among the city's historic adobe buildings are the 1817 Casa Covarrubias, 715 Santa Barbara St., the 1836 Historic Adobe, next to the Covarrubias and the 1826 Hill-Carrillo Adobe at 11-15 E. Carrillo St. Most of the structures are closed to the public but may be seen on a self-guiding walking tour. Maps are available from the *Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce Visitor Centers* 526 at 1 Garden St.

Chase Palm Park, along the beach at 236 E. Cabrillo Blvd. just below Stearns Wharf, is the site of free summer concerts and a Sunday arts and crafts show. It also offers a carousel, fountains and a playground; phone (805) 564-5418. SEA Landing, 301 W. Cabrillo Blvd., on Santa Barbara's harborfront, offers personal watercraft rentals, sport fishing and diving charters, dinner excursions and whale-watching cruises; phone (805) 963-3564.

Next door to Santa Barbara, the wealthy enclave of Montecito has many early 20th-century Mediterranean and Spanish Colonial Revival mansions. Among them at 1387 E. Valley Rd. is Casa del Herrero, a beautifully preserved 1925 home surrounded by formal gardens. Ninety-minute tours are given Wed. and Sat. at 10 and 2; children under 10 are not permitted on tours. Reservations are required; phone (805) 565-5653.

The 6,600-acre Cachuma Lake Recreation Area, 30 minutes northwest of Santa Barbara on SR 154, is home to fish, deer, bobcats and 275 species of birds, including wintering bald eagles. In addition to the usual amenities of a first-rate public park with camping facilities (including rental cabins and yurts), Cachuma offers miniature golfing, pools and naturalist-guided lake cruises. For general information, phone (805) 686-5054 or (805) 686-5055. See *Recreation Areas Chart*.

Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center: 1 Garden St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101. Phone: (805) 965-3021.

Self-guiding tours: Maps of the Red Tile Walking Tour, which covers a section of downtown roughly

bordered by Victoria, Santa Barbara, de la Guerra and State streets, are available from the information center near Stearns Wharf and at the County Courthouse visitors center. Some half-dozen winery tasting rooms comprise the core of the city's Urban Wine Trail, along Anacapa and Yanonali streets between US 101 and the waterfront. Maps are available at the information center near Stearns Wharf.

Shopping areas: Sears and Macy's anchor the more than 40 establishments in La Cumbre Plaza at State Street and La Cumbre Road. The more than 80 upscale shops and many restaurants of Paseo Nuevo, on State Street between Cañon Perdido and Ortega streets, are anchored by Macy's and Nordstrom.

ALAMEDA PARK, bounded by Arrellaga, Sola, Anacapa and Garden sts., has picnic areas, a playground and more than 70 species of trees. **Hours:** Daily dawn-dusk. **Cost:** Free. **Phone:** (805) 564-5433. (75)

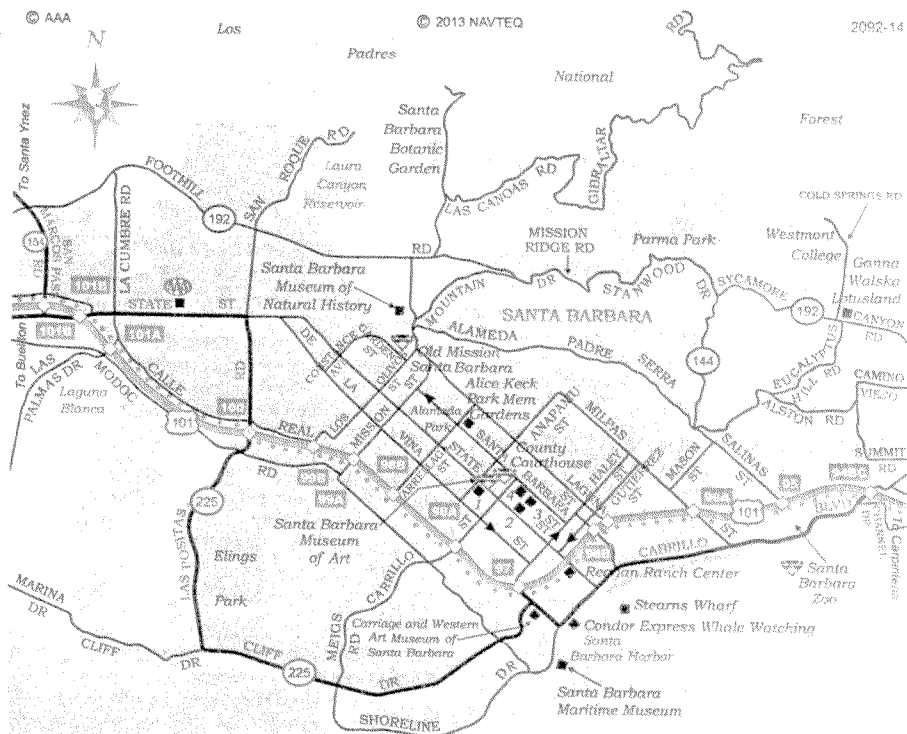
ALICE KECK PARK MEMORIAL GARDENS, 1500 Santa Barbara St. at jct. Arrellaga and Santa Barbara sts., contains a pond and a 4.5-acre botanical garden landscaped with native ground covers, trees, shrubs and flowers. **Hours:** Daily dawn-10 p.m. **Cost:** Free. **Phone:** (805) 564-5418.

CARRIAGE AND WESTERN ART MUSEUM OF SANTA BARBARA, 129 Castillo St. at Pershing Park, displays Western saddles by makers such as Ed Bohlin, Loomis and the Visalia Saddle Co.; horse-drawn wagons and stagecoaches by Abbott and Downing; and other equipment and articles used by pioneer Santa Barbara families. **Hours:** Mon.-Fri. 9-3. Guided tours depart the third Sun. of the month 1-4. Closed major holidays. **Cost:** Donations. **Phone:** (805) 962-2353.

CASA DE LA GUERRA is downtown at 15 E. De la Guerra St. Built in the 1820s by the fifth Presidio Commandant José de la Guerra, the Casa was the economic, political and social center of the pueblo of Santa Barbara. Today the restored home is a museum featuring original furnishings, a history of the de la Guerra family and temporary exhibitions.

Tours: Guided tours are available. **Time:** Allow 30 minutes minimum. **Hours:** Sat.-Sun. noon-4. Closed major holidays. **Cost:** (includes El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park) \$5; \$4 (ages 62+); free (ages 0-16). **Phone:** (805) 966-6961, or (805) 965-0093 for tour information.

CONDOR EXPRESS WHALE WATCHING is at 301 W. Cabrillo Blvd. Passengers climb aboard a 75-foot catamaran in Santa Barbara Marina for a whale-watching cruise narrated by trained naturalists. In summer and winter, the 4.5-hour cruise travels near several islands with a large population of blue and humpback whales. During the spring season, the



Santa Barbara Area Attractions

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- 1 Karpel's Manuscript Library Museum
- 2 Casa de la Guerra
- 3 Santa Barbara Historical Museum
- 4 El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park

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2.5-hour cruise journeys along the coast or near islands to see gray whales. Other marine life may be seen.

Hours: Cruise departs daily at 9, noon and 3, mid-Feb. to mid-May; at 10, rest of year. **Cost:** Late May to mid-Sept. \$99; \$50 (ages 5-12). Early May to late May and mid-Sept. to mid-Feb. \$89; \$50 (ages 5-12). Rest of year \$50; \$30 (ages 5-12). **Phone:** (805) 882-0088 or (888) 779-4253. (11)

COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 1100 Anacapa St., was completed in 1929 and is a fine example of Spanish-Moorish-style architecture. Architectural highlights include specially designed windows, staircases, balconies, a turret, and a Roman-style arch and fountain at the entrance. Murals and Tunisian tile decorate the interior, while the 85-foot clock tower offers fine views of the city and coast.

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8-5, Sat.-Sun. and holidays 10:45-30. Free 45- to 60-minute guided tours are given daily at 2 (also Mon.-Tues. and Fri. at 10:30).

Closed Christmas. **Cost:** Donations. **Phone:** (805) 962-6464.

EL PRESIDIO DE SANTA BARBARA STATE HISTORIC PARK is at 123 E. Canon Perdido St. Founded April 21, 1782, the Santa Barbara Royal Presidio was the last in a chain of four military fortresses built by the Spanish along the coast of Alta California. Now a state park, El Presidio is the only reconstructed presidio in California. It serves as a living history site and offers a range of programs interpreting the Spanish, Mexican and Native American heritage of Santa Barbara.

Historic buildings within the park include the 1788 El Cuartel, the second-oldest surviving structure in California; the restored Cañedo Adobe; the reconstructed Padre's Quarters; Chapel; Commandant's office; *Cocina*, or kitchen; and the Northeast Corner, which includes the foundations of a two-story observation tower. A video is shown as part of the tour.


Hours: Daily 10:30-4:30. Closed major holidays. **Cost:** (includes Casa de la Guerra) \$5; \$4 (ages 62+); free (ages 0-16). **Phone:** (805) 965-0093.

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GANNA WALSKA LOTUSLAND is at Cold Spring and Sycamore Canyon roads. In 1941 Polish opera singer and socialite Ganna Walska bought a 37-acre estate she called Lotusland, which she spent the next 43 years transforming into a botanical garden filled with exotic cactuses, succulents, ferns and bromeliads. Accessible only by taking a guided 2-hour tour, the garden also features fountains, a horticultural clock and ponds with lotuses and water lilies.

Comfortable walking shoes are recommended. **Time:** Allow 2 hours minimum. **Hours:** Tours are given Wed.-Sat. at 10 and 1:30, Feb. 15-Nov. 15. **Cost:** \$35; \$10 (ages 5-18). Reservations are required. **Phone:** (805) 969-9990 Mon.-Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-1 for reservations.

KARPELES MANUSCRIPT LIBRARY MUSEUM, 21 W. Anapamu St. between State and Chapala sts., is thought to be the world's largest private holding of important original documents. Exhibits deal with history, science, exploration, music, literature and art. Included are letters by Charles Darwin, Albert Einstein, Abraham Lincoln, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and George Washington. **Hours:** Wed.-Sun. noon-4. Closed Jan. 1, Thanksgiving and Christmas. **Cost:** Free. **Phone:** (805) 962-5322.

 **OLD MISSION SANTA BARBARA** is at E. Los Olivos and Laguna sts. Called the "Queen of the Missions," Old Mission Santa Barbara was founded Dec. 4, 1786, the Feast of St. Barbara. Completed in 1820, it is one of the best preserved of the missions. The original living quarters for missionaries and guests are now museum rooms that feature collections of period artifacts.

The mission church contains examples of 18th- and 19th-century Mexican art, and a Moorish fountain, built in 1808, graces the front of the mission. **Hours:** Daily 9-5. Last admission is 45 minutes before closing. Closed Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. **Cost:** \$5; \$4 (ages 65+); \$1 (ages 5-15). **Phone:** (805) 682-4713, ext. 166.

REAGAN RANCH CENTER is at 217 State St., next to the train depot. The docent-led tour showcases memorabilia, art, papers and objects associated with the 40th president of the United States. Originally an actor in the 1930s-'50s, President Ronald Reagan entered politics first as California governor in the '60s and later as commander-in-chief 1981-89. Exhibits explain his background, faith and legacy; in one case is his leather-bound Bible, which he swore on during both inaugurations. Proudly featuring "Gipper" is his actual Jeep Scrambler, while just inside the front door is a 5,000-pound, graffiti-covered section of the Berlin Wall.

Interactive features include a timeline; videos; critics' area, with quotes from President Reagan's challengers; and a "Western White House" touch screen, which plays President Reagan's official phone calls from his home in *Rancho del Cielo* (Sky

Ranch)—including a call about Space Shuttle *Challenger*. A re-created library also shows the president's favorite books by authors Larry McMurtry, Louis L'Amour and William F. Buckley Jr.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. **Hours:** Tues. and Thur. 11-4 (also Mon., June-Aug). Closed major holidays. Phone ahead to confirm schedule. **Cost:** Free. **Parking:** First 75 minutes free in parking lot, \$1.25 per hour thereafter. **Phone:** (888) 872-1776.

SANTA BARBARA BOTANIC GARDEN, 1212 Mission Canyon Rd., consists of 78 acres devoted to native California trees, flowers, shrubs, cacti and other plants. Trails wind through native plant habitats ranging from redwoods to desert. An authentic Japanese teahouse is landscaped in traditional style using California native plants. The home demonstration garden shows the residential use of native plants.


Hours: Daily 9-6, Mar.-Oct.; 9-5, rest of year. Guided 1-hour tours are given Sat.-Sun. at 11 and 2, Mon. at 2. Closed Jan. 1, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas. **Cost:** \$8; \$6 (ages 13-17, ages 60+ and college students and active-duty military with ID); \$4 (ages 2-12). **Phone:** (805) 682-4726.



SANTA BARBARA HISTORICAL MUSEUM, 136 E. De la Guerra St., has historical and artistic exhibitions relating to the local area, as well as the 1817 Casa Covarrubias and the 1836 Historic Adobe that houses the John Edward Borein collection. **Time:** Allow 30 minutes minimum. **Hours:** Tues.-Sat. 10-5, Sun. noon-5. Guided tours are given Sat.-Sun. at 2 p.m. Closed all major holidays and first weekend in Aug. Closed Jan. 1, Thanksgiving and Christmas. **Cost:** \$5. **Phone:** (805) 966-1601.

SANTA BARBARA MARITIME MUSEUM is at 113 Harbor Way on the waterfront in Santa Barbara Harbor. The exhibits tell the story of man's involvement with the sea, from early voyages of discovery through whaling and fishing to underwater exploration. The attractions include historical ship models as well as interactive hands-on exhibits. The Munger Theater shows five informative films daily. Outside exhibits include a 14-foot sail boat built in 1916 and a 45-foot sport-fishing boat built in 1917.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. **Hours:** Thurs.-Tues. 10-6, Memorial Day-Labor Day; 10-5, rest of year. Closed Jan. 1, Thanksgiving and Christmas. **Cost:** \$7; \$4 (ages 6-17, ages 62+ and students and active-duty military with ID); \$2 (ages 1-5); free (military in uniform and to all the third Thurs. of the month). **Phone:** (805) 962-8404.

 **SANTA BARBARA MUSEUM OF ART**, 1130 State St., displays American, Asian and 19th-century European art; contemporary works; Greek and Roman antiquities; a major photographic collection; and changing exhibitions. The collections include works by Edgar Degas, Henri Matisse,

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Claude Monet and Pablo Picasso. The Family Resource Center helps youngsters learn about art through play and interactive exhibits.

Hours: Tues.-Sun. 11-5 (also Thurs. 5-8). Guided 30-minute tours are given at noon and 1. Closed Jan. 1, July 4, Thanksgiving and Christmas. **Cost:** \$10; \$6 (ages 6-17, ages 65+ and students with ID); free (ages 0-5 and active-duty military with ID). Guided tours free with admission. **Phone:** (805) 963-4364.

SANTA BARBARA MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 2559 Puesta del Sol, features exhibits about birds, insects, mammals, marine life, geology, paleontology and American Indians. A 72-foot skeleton of a blue whale is displayed at the entrance. Also featured are antique natural history prints, children's books, a nature trail, an astronomy center and a planetarium.

Hours: Daily 10-5. Closed Jan. 1, last Sat. in June, Thanksgiving, early Christmas Eve, Christmas. **Cost:** Memorial Day-Labor Day \$13; \$9 (ages 13-17 and 65+); \$8 (ages 2-12). Rest of year \$12; \$8 (ages 13-17 and 65+); \$7 (ages 2-12). Planetarium \$4 (with museum admission). **Phone:** (805) 682-4711.



SANTA BARBARA ZOO is at 500 Niños Dr. This zoo with a view was once a posh estate owned by a coffee and tea merchant; now it's the lush domain of more than 500 animals representing 160 species. The pink stucco mansion that once presided over manicured lawns and gardens is gone—replaced by open-air habitats built for the less refined but still exacting tastes of giraffes, elephants, gibbons, snow leopards and gorillas. What hasn't changed is the surrounding scenery; the Pacific and Santa Ynez Mountains are just as spectacular as they were back when this was the setting for civilized galas instead of the wild antics of monkeys and meerkats.

Among the zoo's most prized residents: California condors. On the verge of extinction in the 1980s with less than 30 birds left, condors have made a remarkable comeback and now number more than 400 in the wild and in captivity. The California Trails complex describes their success story and lets visitors see the enormous birds up close. You'll also get to see other endangered native animals here such as bald eagles, Channel Island foxes and desert tortoises. Nearby, the zoo's barnyard lets you feed Guinea hogs, Navajo-Churro sheep and San Clemente Island goats, domesticated critters from the Golden State's ranching past. Discovery Pavilion, scheduled to open early 2014, houses a changing exhibit and offers views of staff preparing food for the animals.

Humboldt penguins live in a facility complete with underwater viewing windows. Duncan, a roaring 16-foot-long Tyrannosaurus rex, offers insight into a zoo keeper's duties as part of the seasonal How to Train Your Dinosaur presentation at the outdoor Rolling

Hills Theatre. Don't miss the zoo train, which makes a roundtrip along the park's perimeter, a journey that's particularly popular with kids. **Tours:** Guided tours are available. **Hours:** Daily 10-5; 10-3, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas. Last admission is 1 hour before closing. **Cost:** \$14; \$10 (ages 2-12 and 65+). Train rides \$4.50 \$4 (ages 2-12). Barnyard feed \$2; giraffe feed \$5. Rental strollers, wagons and wheelchairs \$6-\$8. **Parking:** \$6. **Phone:** (805) 962-5339 or (805) 962-6310.

STEARNS WHARF is at the foot of State St. on the east end of the harbor. Built in 1873, Stearns Wharf is one of the oldest working wooden wharves in California. Today the wharf is the site of specialty shops, wine tastings, restaurants and a small museum (the *Ty Warner Sea Center* 529). **Cost:** Free. **Parking:** \$2.50 per hour; 90 minutes free with validation. **Phone:** (805) 564-5531.

Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History Ty Warner Sea Center, 211 Stearns Wharf, has the look of a working marine laboratory. Visitors experience hands-on immersion in the work of the scientists who explore, monitor and discover ways to preserve our oceans. Children may crawl through a 1,500-gallon tide pool tank to see ocean life from a different perspective. Hands-on close encounters with sea creatures, a shark touch pool, and interactive touch screens enhance the visit.

Hours: Daily 10-5. Closed Jan. 1, Thanksgiving, early Christmas Eve and Christmas. **Cost:** \$8; \$7 (ages 13-17 and 65+); \$5 (ages 2-12). **Parking:** First 90 minutes free at Stearns Wharf with validation. **Phone:** (805) 962-2526.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA (UCSB), 2 mi. s. of US 101 via Ward Memorial Blvd. (SR 217), occupies 1,055 acres near the ocean. A major landmark of this 22,000-student campus is the 175-foot-high Stork Tower, which houses a 61-bell carillon heard twice each hour. **Hours:** Free guided 75- to 90-minute campus walking tours depart the visitor center Mon.-Fri. at noon and 2 (also Sat. at noon in Apr.). The visitor center is closed major holidays. Reservations are recommended. **Phone:** (805) 893-2487.

Art, Design & Architecture Museum, UC Santa Barbara is on the University of California, Santa Barbara campus. From Mesa Rd. turn s. on Ocean Rd., then turn left into parking lot 22. The museum is next to Stork Tower and the University Center. Offering more than 8,500 pieces of art, from Pre-Columbian to contemporary, as well as more than 750,000 architectural drawings, historic photographs, writings and three-dimensional objects, the museum rotates six displays each year. **Time:** Allow 30 minutes minimum. **Hours:** Wed.-Sun. noon-5. Closed major holidays. **Cost:** Free. **Phone:** (805) 893-2951.