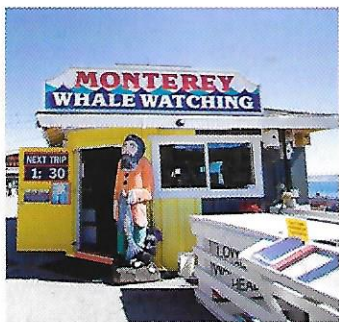


Year-Round Fun

Weather in Monterey County is generally mild, making it a recreational destination year-round. A few of the highlights for January and February include:

Celebrate Monterey, January at **Old Fisherman's Wharf** (see page 57 above). Whale-watching, interactive exhibits, wharfside music and talks about protecting the world's oceans are highlights of this annual celebration. Seeing giant ocean mammals migrate along the coast.



- **Highway 1 south of Monterey, along the Big Sur coastline** (above right). This scenic, winding road that clings to cliffs above the Pacific is one of the most spectacular sea-view drives anywhere. Big Sur's deep forests, hearty roadhouse food, public and private campgrounds, rugged terrain for hiking, and restaurants with a view (such as the 1950s and '60s Beat-and-hippie favorite Nepenthe) enhance this beautiful road trip.

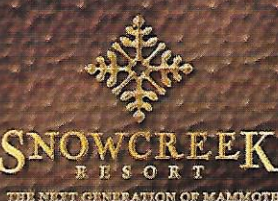


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- **Golfing along the Monterey Peninsula.** The Monterey County area is a year-round golfing destination renowned for its epic coastal courses. One of the premier seasonal highlights is

the **AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am**, a PGA Tour event that will take place February 6–12 this year.

- The new destination restaurant **Cultura Comida y Bebida** in downtown Carmel serves an authentic and innovative take on Mexican cuisine. The winter salad with roasted delicata squash (left), wild mushroom empanadas and artisan mescal are among the restaurant's distinctive offerings. —D.A.



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