

# **Christmas on the Wharf And the All Things Gingerbread Holiday Photo Contest**

## **Courtesy of the City of Monterey, Wharf Parking is Free through January 3, 2021**

December 18, 2020. Monterey, CA. The holiday season is in full swing and Fisherman's Wharf Association's holiday decor is dazzling! Courtesy of the City of Monterey, parking is FREE through January 3, 2020.

The majestic 30-foot Christmas Tree is surrounded by brightly colored sea creatures that are especially beautiful when illuminated at night, including a sea otter, octopus, sea horses, dolphins and more. The Wharf added a synchronized music and light show on the Christmas Tree flanked by the Grinch and Frosty the Snowman.

The Wharf merchants decorated their businesses soon as well. So, take a stroll, a boat excursion, shop for great gifts for your friends and family at the Wharf gift stores and order delicious food To Go/Curbside. It's time to buy local and support our local businesses and take photos to capture wonderful memories.

### **More Gingerbread Fun - New!**

**Several of the Wharf merchants have stepped forward with some delightful gingerbread items. Carousel Candies has created a Gingerbread Man with Fudge (see photo) - two types.**

**Candy World had Gingerbread Taffy which proved to be so popular it recently sold out.**

**Old Fisherman's Grotto- is offering Ginger Snap Crusted Petrale Sole, Gingerbread pudding and Gingerbread Ice-Cream and Scales Seafood & Steaks is offering Ginger Snap Crusted Salmon, Gingerbread pudding and Gingerbread Ice Cream. Old**

**Old Fisherman's Grotto also created a fun Gingerbread House on display, too!**

### **About the All Things Gingerbread Holiday Photo Contest**

Everyone is invited to take a photo during the month of December at Old Fisherman's Wharf holding anything involving gingerbread, such as a gingerbread cookie or fudge or other gingerbread food item, a gingerbread house, a gingerbread ornament, a toy, printed picture or any item with gingerbread to celebrate the holiday season.

Please include a one-sentence photo caption, your name, address, email and phone number.

Send your photo submission to [info@montereywharf.com](mailto:info@montereywharf.com) before December 31, 2020.

Please indicate in the email submission if the photo can be used on the Wharf's social media with your photo credit (who took the photo and what it describes). The subject line of the email should state Wharf Gingerbread Photo Contest Entry.

There will be a total of 3 winners and the first-place winner will receive \$100 in Wharf Dollars, the second-place winner will receive \$50 in Wharf Dollars and third place winner will receive \$25 in Wharf Dollars to be redeemed at any Wharf merchant. Winners will be notified by January 15, 2021.

The Wharf merchants will soon be offering some gingerbread items, starting with a delicious Gingerbread Man Fudge at Carousel Candies.

### **About the History of Gingerbread**

Baking a recipe full of spice would remind our early American settlers of their homeland. As years passed, the recipes like gingerbread that passed down through generations were always baked for holidays, mostly Christmas.

The popularity of gingerbread during the holidays can also be attributed to the belief that spices heated you up in the winter! Queen Elizabeth I's retinue also included a royal gingerbread maker and she did a banquet where she had gingerbread men made to represent foreign dignitaries and people in her court.

If you're local to Monterey County and want to come to the Wharf to take a photo, take advantage of the 2-hour free parking (Mondays-Thursdays) for Monterey County locals with ID and the Locals Menus on the Wharf.

For more information about Whalefest Monterey, go to the Whalefest page on [www.montereywharf.com](http://www.montereywharf.com) or call (831) 238-0777.

### **About Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf**

A visit to the beautiful Monterey Peninsula just isn't complete without a rendezvous with Old Fisherman's Wharf. Built in 1845 for regular passenger and freight service and celebrating its 175<sup>th</sup> birthday, the Wharf was a main location for the filming of the hit HBO series, Big Little Lies, Season One.

Known as the "Whale Watching Capital of the World" and a top destination of visitors from around the world that attracts 4 million visitors per year, Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf features 12 restaurants, 3 candy shops, 1 ice cream store, 1 tea and coffee store, 8 gift shops, 4 whale watching firms, 2 fishing companies and sailing, glass bottom boat rides, Bay cruises, fish markets and the Wharf Theatre.

Enjoy award-winning dining, special events, viewing an array of marine life, and strolling leisurely in a gorgeous setting overlooking the Monterey Bay. Savor delicious cuisine at a myriad of fabulous restaurants featuring stunning views and award-winning Italian food, sustainable seafood, steaks including the region's famous clam chowder and calamari. Enjoy salt water taffy, homemade chocolates, caramel apples, cotton candy and many other yummy treats.

View sea otters, sea lions, dolphins, whales, seabirds and other wildlife up close and personal that also share the Wharf. Watch people who have gone out and caught their own fish on the local and chartered fishing boats return with their own "catch of the day". Celebrate the first location in Monterey County where tender abalone was cooked and served in a restaurant. Check out the many fun shops to find the perfect memento of your visit and a variety of unique gifts.

The 11th Annual Whalefest Monterey will be held virtually from January 26-29, 2021 at 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. More details to be posted on [montereywharf.com](http://montereywharf.com).

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