

5th Annual Christmas on the Wharf Festivities to be held on Weekends - Dec. 3rd through 19th, 2021

November, 2021. Monterey, CA. Save the dates! This holiday season, bring your family and friends to create wonderful memories at Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf!

Check out the Entertainment Schedule Below*

Here's an At a Glance look at our event and many more details, too.

At a Glance

What:

Fisherman's Wharf Association is proud to sponsor and hold its **"5th Annual Christmas on the Wharf"** weekend festivities on Old Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey, California. Christmas on the Wharf features free weekend live entertainment including holiday choirs, youth dancers, singers, Santa visits and beautiful holiday decorations.

Please bring an unwrapped new toy to donate to a less fortunate family on the Monterey Peninsula via the Salvation Army - Monterey Peninsula Corps. There is a Salvation Army Toy Barrel in front of Abalonetti's Bar & Grill now through the holiday season.

When:

Christmas on the Wharf will span three weekends from Friday, December 3rd through Sunday, December 19th:

Friday evenings (December 3rd, December 10th, December 17th) from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

The majestic 23-foot Christmas tree will be surrounded by illuminated sea creatures and lots of festive decorations down the Wharf for fun photo ops.

Santa Claus will be on site for Santa Visits at his house next to Abalonetti's Bar and Grill.

Available for purchase will be delicious holiday cookies, different types of hot cocoa and hot coffee and cider at various Wharf merchants including Grotto Market, Dock Side Fish Market, Water + Leaves and other businesses on the Wharf.

Saturdays (December 4th, 11th, 18th) from 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

The majestic 23-foot Christmas tree will be surrounded by illuminated sea creatures and lots of decorations down the Wharf.

Santa Claus will be on site for Santa Visits at his house next to Abalonetti's Bar and Grill.

There will be **Holiday Safety Afternoon on the Wharf on Saturday, December 4th from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm**. Representatives from the Monterey Police Department will be on site with giveaways. There will also be a fire engine, Monterey Fire Boat demonstrations in the Monterey Harbor and representatives from the Monterey Fire Department.

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Sundays (December 5th, 12th and 19th) from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

The majestic 23-foot Christmas tree will be surrounded by illuminated sea creatures and lots of decorations down the Wharf.

Available for purchase will be delicious holiday cookies, different types of hot cocoa and hot coffee and cider at various Wharf merchants including Grotto Market, Dock Side Fish Market, Water + Leaves and others.

Enjoy the Brighten the Harbor Lighted Boat Parade and special boat trips by Princess Monterey Whale Watch and Discovery Whale Watch that evening, too.

Where:

Old Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey, California. Directions: GPS to 101 Washington Street. Parking in the Waterfront Lot adjacent to Old Fisherman's Wharf. Parking is also available in the nearby City of Monterey East and West Garages in Downtown Monterey off of Del Monte/Franklin/Tyler. It is also available in the Heritage Harbor Parking Lot off of Pacific and Scott Street. Rent a bicycle or ride your own, rent a Segway or simply stroll to the Wharf via Downtown Monterey or the Rec Trail.

Directions: <https://www.montereywharf.com/map.html>

A big thank you to the event's valued sponsors: T-Mobile, KSBW TV, Central Coast ABC, Estrella TV Costa Central, Monterey Herald and Monterey State Historic Park.

Information: www.montereywharf.com or call (831) 238-0777

More Details About Christmas on the Wharf:

"Christmas on the Wharf" will feature holiday musical entertainment including choirs and community caroling, a dazzling array of beautiful holiday lights and decorations, a 23-foot Christmas tree, holiday-themed inflatables on display, silhouetted lit trees, tin soldiers, free Santa "meet and greet" visits, photo ops with Santa, and much more. There will also be giant holiday-lighted sea life animals and holiday-themed inflatables on display.

Families are encouraged to come meet Santa and his elves to create special memories. Enjoy free Santa visits at his "house" and have a photo op for kids and family. There will also be a Toy Drop at Santa's

house for Salvation Army - Monterey Peninsula Corps plus donations are encouraged in the red Salvation Army kettle at the head of the Wharf.

Each weekend of Christmas on the Wharf, there will be available for purchase several different types of hot cocoa, coffee drinks, hot apple cider and cookies at various Wharf merchants including Grotto Fish Market/Kokomo's, Dock Side Fish Market, Water + Leaves and others.

The three candy shops on the Wharf, Carousel Candies, Candy World and the Wharf Chocolate Factory, will offer an array of very special holiday sweet treats for purchase during December, too.

Live entertainment will be featured each weekend (schedule will be posted on montereywharf.com). There will also be great Christmas shopping, dining, whale watching, fishing, sailing, glass bottom boat rides, strolling, watching marine life and more fun this holiday season on the Wharf.

The Wharf businesses will be beautifully decorated with hundreds of colorful holiday lights and a majestic lit Christmas tree. There will also be many Christmas specials provided by Wharf merchants.

Holiday decorations will stay up for more family photo ops until January 3, 2022.

On Saturday, December 11th, T-Mobile will be on site with an informative display and lots of free giveaways.

Adjacent to Old Fisherman's Wharf, the Monterey Magic Show will feature Magic Shows at the Stanton Center and there will be Ice Skating By the Bay (Nov 19-Jan 2) nearby on the Custom House Plaza.

On Friday and Saturday evenings, December 10th and 11th, the Wharf will be a stop off site during the Christmas in the Adobes tours in Downtown Monterey.

The Wharf is also a great place to view the Monterey Yacht Club's Lighted Boat Parade on Sunday, December 5th and there will be special boat trips by Princess Monterey Whale Watch and Discovery Whale Watch that evening, too

Many of the restaurants, stores and other businesses are open 365 days a year and everyone is invited to enjoy their special celebrations at the Wharf.

***Christmas on the Wharf Entertainment Schedule (subject to change)**

Friday, Dec. 3rd

Christmas on the Wharf event begins!

Santa Visits 5 pm - 9 pm

Saturday, Dec. 4th

Santa Visits - 11 am - 9 pm

1 pm - 4 pm - Holiday Safety Afternoon on the Wharf with Monterey Police Dept, Monterey Fire Dept (Fire Engine, Fire Boat Displays, Giveaways)

1 - 2 pm – Holly and Tim Baldwin (Singers/Guitarist) - The Bard and the Bird

The Bard and the Bird is an American singer-songwriter duo who offer high-energy acoustic folk music with roots in bluegrass and old-time music.

2 pm – 3 pm Carmel Presbyterian Church Choir

The Carmel Presbyterian Church Choir is a volunteer choir of 20-25 members that sings at the 9:30am Service each Sunday. We lead the church in singing hymns and singing a prepared anthem or spiritual each week. During the Christmas season, we lead a Christmas Carol Sing-a-long at Christmas on the Corner (December 3rd) at Carmel Pres, following Carmel-by-the-Sea's annual tree lighting at 6:00PM. We invite you to join us then, and at our Christmas Eve Candlelight Services where we will be singing at the 7:00pm traditional service. More details are at www.carmelpres.org/christmas.

4 - 5 pm - DLI Choir

The Joint Service Choir is comprised of a number of service members from each branch of service. They are available to sing the national anthem, service songs, holiday music, and songs for any occasion!

5 - 6 pm – Peninsula Harmony Company

For over 25 years The Peninsula Harmony Company has been bringing Christmas cheer to their clients' parties and special events with their wonderful rich harmonies and fun-loving spirit. Each member of the group is a seasoned professional with 25 to 30 years of musical and theatrical experience and each is a talented soloist performer having appeared on Peninsula stages in many leading roles. Their delightful blend of voices and personalities will enchant your guests and create the perfect festive atmosphere at your next special event!

Sunday, December 5th

1 - 2 pm - Katherine Lavin

Katherine Lavin is a 13-year-old singer/songwriter who has been performing locally at music festivals and restaurants since 2018. Come out to enjoy a special holiday set of songs on December 5th, 12th, and 19th! Search "Katherine Lavin Music" on social media or visit <https://www.KatherineLavinMusic.com> for more information!

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5:30 pm - Brighten Your Harbor Lighted Boat Parade and some Wharf boat trips to reserve in advance (Discovery Whale Watch & Princess Monterey Whale Watch)

Friday, Dec. 10th

Carmel Dance Center - 5 - 8 pm

Carmel Dance Center offers a wide variety of Dance Programs ranging from ages 16 months on up.

Christmas in the Adobes Celebration from 5 pm - 9 pm.:

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Saturday, Dec. 11th

T-Mobile on site with display and giveaways

1 - 2 pm - Monterey Chamber Singers

Bringing quality classical, jazz and popular choral music to the Monterey Peninsula.

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Sunday, Dec. 12th

1-2 pm DLI Choir

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2-3 pm Katherine Lavin

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Friday, Dec. 17th

5-8 pm – Carmel Dance Center

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Saturday, Dec. 18th

2-5 pm – Carmel Dance Center

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Sunday, Dec. 19th

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