

FOOD & WINE

More Easter ideas, a gold medal and a whole lotta wine news

FOR THE March 31 Easter holiday, Shearwater Tavern in the Carmel Mission Inn is offering tasty specials like salmon Benedict on an English muffin served with cream cheese, a poached egg, house-made hollandaise sauce, capers, and arugula salad. Or, sample the French toast with macerated berries and lemon chantilly cream. Not in the mood for breakfast? Try a special Easter Burger with Havarti cheese, smoked ham, poached egg and hollandaise chimichurri sauce. They also have the ever-popular chicken-and-waffle with

spicy honey and mango chutney coleslaw. The restaurant's regular breakfast menu will be available, too, with entrees priced from \$12 to \$21. Additionally, guests can wake up with a full coffee bar featuring Carmel Roasters coffee. For a little "hol-

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iday buzz," the folks there recommend a refreshing mimosa made with fresh juice, or a Bloody Mary.

The Carmel Mission Inn is at 3665 Rio Road, and its website is carmelmissioninn.com.

Boats and a bunny

Enjoy the fresh air and the sights and sounds of the harbor during Easter weekend festivities at Old Fisherman's Wharf. Once again, the waterfront promenade is getting ready for a spring celebration meant to entice visitors and locals to come down and join the fun.

The wharf will be decked out with a variety of holiday-themed decorations, providing the perfect backdrop for selfies and group photographs. Businesses will have an assortment of Easter-inspired merchandise, ranging from brightly colored confections available at Candy World, Carousel Candies, and the Wharf Chocolate Factory, to an array of Easter-themed souvenirs in the gift shops.

The kids can meet the Easter Bunny, who will be greeting guests and posing for snapshots from 1 to 6 p.m. in front of



The Easter Bunny will make an appearance on Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf, with opportunities to meet kids and snap a few photos.

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Abalonetti's Bar and Grill. And of course, the Wharf's restaurants will feature an array of special dishes for the occasion.

Many merchants are also offering gift certificates for a variety of aquatic adventures. From whale-watching and fishing expeditions, to sailing and glass-bottom boat tours, these vouchers make great gifts to tuck into Easter baskets — or for Moms, Dads and grads, if you'd like to plan ahead.

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