

Christmas on the Wharf

Live entertainment and dazzling decorations

A holiday event for locals and visitors that is well worth the drive or flight! Visitors from all over the state, nation and world come to Monterey and stop off at Old Fisherman's Wharf to enjoy the **Christmas on the Wharf** festivities, which will span four weekends. Bring your family and friends to create beautiful memories at Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf, with dazzling decorations on display throughout December.

In addition to beautiful decorations, Christmas on the Wharf features free weekend live entertainment, including holiday musical performances such as choirs, youth dancers, a variety of singers, and Santa visits at his Santa House on the Wharf. Check out the California sea lions, otters, seagulls and other marine life surrounding Old Fisherman's Wharf.

Festive holiday decorations and photo ops can be enjoyed daily during

the month of December through January 2, 2024. Musical and dance performances at various times during the weekend will be held on:

Fridays (December 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd) from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturdays (December 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd) from 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Sundays (December 3rd, 10th, 17th) from 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Old Fisherman's Wharf will have its majestic 23-foot Christmas tree, surrounded by giant illuminated sea creatures and beautiful decorations up and down Old Fisherman's Wharf, including silhouetted lit trees, tin soldiers, holiday-themed inflatables and much more.

Santa Claus will be on-site for fun Santa Visits at his Santa house on **Friday nights, Saturdays and Sundays December 8th – 23rd.**

There will also be a special **Holiday Safety Afternoon on the Wharf**



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on Saturday, December 9th, from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. Representatives from the Monterey Police Department will be on-site with holiday safety information and giveaways. There will also be a fire engine, Monterey Fire Boat demonstrations in the Monterey Harbor, and representatives from the Monterey Fire Department.

Caroling on the Wharf in December: During Christmas on the Wharf, the public is invited to come and sing Christmas carols during **"Community Caroling on the Wharf"** on Sunday, **December 3rd, 10th and 17th from 5 - 6:30 pm** at the head of the Wharf. This fun caroling event each Sunday will be coordinated by members of His Grace Ministries International Church. Bundle up, bring friends and family and join us in celebrating the holiday season!

Co-hosted by Fisherman's Wharf Association, the very special **Brighten the Harbor Lighted Boat Parade** will be held on **Sunday, December 3rd from 5:15 - 7:00 pm.** Come and enjoy the beautiful lights on the boats that pass by Old Fisherman's Wharf at **5:30 pm** and return to pass by on their way back, as well. Many of the lights on the boats will remain lit throughout the holiday season in the Monterey Harbor.

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 several different types of hot cocoa, coffee drinks, hot apple cider and cookies available for

purchase at various Wharf merchants, including Dock Side Fish Market near the top of the Wharf, among 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-themed sweet treats for purchase during December, too.

There will also be great Christmas shopping for stocking stuffers and holiday gifts, al fresco and indoor dining, whale watching, fishing, sailing, glass bottom boat rides,

strolling, watching marine life and more fun this holiday season on the Wharf.

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! There is lots of parking in the nearby Waterfront parking lot.

The Wharf's festive holiday decorations will stay up until January 2, 2024.

For more information, go to www.montereywharf.com, call 831-238-0777 or email info@montereywharf.com.



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