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DISCOVER THE WONDERS OF MONTEREY'S OLD FISHERMAN'S WHARF

Monterey, CA. A visit to the beautiful Monterey Peninsula just isn't complete without a rendezvous with Old Fisherman's Wharf in downtown Monterey that was built in 1845 for regular passenger and freight service.

Known as the "Whale Watching Capital of the World" and a top destination of visitors from around the world, Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf (www.montereywharf.com) provides a wide array of award-winning dining, shopping, live theater, special events, whale watching, bay cruises, glass bottom boats, marine life, fishing and sailing, 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, fresh, local and sustainable seafood, steaks including the region's famous clam chowder and calamari. Stop off for a delicious sandwich, oysters, clams and more at one of the local fish markets on the Wharf or enjoy coffee drinks and crepes.

Enjoy salt water taffy, homemade chocolates, caramel apples, cotton candy and many other yummy treats. View sea otters, sea lions, dolphins, whales, sea birds 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. Bring your friends, family, and dogs (on leash) for a wonderful visit from morning to evening. Enjoy the exquisite views and the "best place to walk and people watch" in Monterey County!

Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf has also recently launched their "Enjoy the Wonders of the Wharf" free VIP Card that includes a special free VIP Card which is downloadable from the website, www.montereywharf.com plus three pages of printable coupons that encompass 27 special offers from many of the Wharf's restaurants, shops, whale watching, fishing and sailing companies and the Wharf Theater. The coupons and VIP card can also be shown on a mobile device to the staff at the participating Wharf locations. An added bonus for locals is 2 hours of free parking at the adjacent Wharf parking lot Monday through Thursday.

Step back in time! The Monterey Old Fisherman's Wharf Association has teamed up with noted Monterey Bay Fisheries Historian and author, Tim Thomas, who offers monthly "Wharf Walks" Walking Tours at Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey (www.montereywharf.com) on the first Saturday of every month from 10:00 AM – Noon, Each month, the tours focus on a different

aspect of the fascinating history of Monterey's fishing industry" Tours meet at the head of Old Fisherman's Wharf (near the pink "Harbor House" store, #1 Old Fisherman's Wharf, Monterey. Advance reservations are required by calling Tim Thomas at (831) 521-3304 or via email timsardine@yahoo.com. The tour is for ages 10–adult only and the cost is \$20 for adults and kids are \$15 (10-15 years). Group Rates are also available.

Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf also hosts a myriad of wonderful special events that include Whalefest Monterey, held every January to celebrate the migration of the gray whale. The Great Clam Chowder and Calamari Cook-Off is held on Memorial Day, Rods on the Wharf is held on Veteran's Day, Easter Bunny Scavenger Hunt, Columbus Day Celebration and other fun, family events are found on the Wharf or at the nearby Custom House Plaza. There are often great plays and performances at the historic Wharf Theatre. Children will enjoy the face painting and caricatures as well as the beautiful display of colorful parrots on the Wharf available on some weekends.

Situated near downtown Monterey, Old Fisherman's Wharf is conveniently located along the Monterey Bay Recreation Trail and has plenty of nearby parking. For more information about Old Fisherman's Wharf, go to www.montereywharf.com or call 831.238-0777.