

THE HALF MOON BAY COASTSIDE WELCOMES LEISURE TRAVELERS Stunning California Seaside Destination Provides Much Needed Respite

HALF MOON BAY, CA – FEBRUARY 4, 2021 – The Half Moon Bay Coastside has reopened for tourism, welcoming leisure travelers to this magnificent ocean escape located just 30 miles south of San Francisco. Visitors from within the state of California are permitted to immediately enjoy hotels, restaurants, shops, and outside recreation, while anyone arriving from out of state is encouraged to quarantine for 10 days. All businesses have health and safety protocols in place according to the guidelines of the San Mateo County Health Department.

"We are so happy to welcome back visitors to the Half Moon Bay Coastside," says Krystlyn Giedt, President & CEO of the Half Moon Bay Coastside Chamber of Commerce & Visitors' Bureau. "Our area offers the best of Northern California in one place with an array of safe socially-distanced outdoor adventures."

Year-round Outside Activities

With a steady temperate climate, visitors can enjoy outdoor activities year-round such as horseback riding on the beach, golfing, kayaking, and paddle boarding. There are more than 25 miles of pristine beaches and hundreds of hiking and biking trails to explore.

The Perfect Roadtrip

Regarded as one of the most scenic routes in the world, California's coast-hugging Rt. 1 winds directly through the Half Moon Bay Coastside. The 1.3 mile <u>Devil's Slide Trail</u> is the only part of Hwy. 1 that is closed to cars, allowing visitors to walk and bike along some of California's most dramatic coastline. The area is home to harbor seals, bottlenose dolphins, sea lions, northern elephant seals, and whales.

A Wide Range of Accommodations

From lavish five-star luxury resorts to intimate inns and seaside retreats, travelers can select from many <u>lodging options</u> for a relaxing getaway from the daily stressors of life. Lodging offers something for everyone and every budget - romantic couple escapes, fun-filled family vacations, as well as peaceful solo retreats. *To make hotel reservations*, <u>click here</u>.

Farm Fresh Cuisine

The Coastside boasts a <u>wide range of cuisines</u> with many incorporating fresh products from the local farms, docks, and ranches. Diners can choose from food from around the world such as Italian, Mediterranean, French, Thai, Indian, and much more. *Restaurants are open for outdoor dining and takeout/delivery*.

Local Artisan Shopping

Historic Main Street provides an opportunity not only for a <u>leisurely day of shopping</u> but also for visitors to give back to the community by supporting family-owned businesses. Unique artisan shops offer goods that can only be found locally. A sampling of businesses includes gift stores, surf shops, bookstores, art galleries, and tasting rooms. *Retail businesses are open for in-store shopping at 25% of normal capacity*.

Please note that individual businesses are open on their own schedule. For more information on what travelers can expect when visiting the Half Moon Bay Coastside, <u>click here</u> or call (650) 726-8380.

About the Half Moon Bay Coastside

The Half Moon Bay Coastside is a charming seaside respite 30 miles minutes south of San Francisco. Nestled between the Santa Cruz Mountains and the Pacific Ocean, this breathtaking region consists of four distinct areas - the North Coast, Half Moon Bay, the South Coast and the Redwood Region. Featuring the best of Northern California all in one place, visitors will enjoy miles of white sandy beaches, redwood forests, a historic downtown filled with local artisan shops, beautiful state parks, fields of wildflowers, and trails along ocean bluffs and mountain ridges as far as the eye can see. A sampling of activities includes horseback riding on the beach, farm fresh dining, shopping, biking, hiking and world-class golfing and surfing.

For more information on visiting Half Moon Bay, visit www.visithalfmoonbay.org or call (650) 726-8380. Like our Facebook page and follow us on Twitter @visithmb and Instagram @visithalfmoonbay.

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