



**EAT, DRINK, AND BE MERRY  
ALONG CALIFORNIA'S HALF MOON BAY COASTSIDE**  
*Celebrate the Holidays with Nights of Lights, Christmas Tree Farms, Artisan Shopping,  
And So Much More!*

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**HALF MOON BAY, CA – NOVEMBER 2, 2022** – Located approximately 30 miles south of San Francisco, The Half Moon Bay Coastside offers a cheerful and memorable holiday season for everyone. Stroll along Half Moon Bay's festive Main Street for some holiday shopping to find the perfect artisanal gift. Snuggle up together at a cozy inn with hot cider and enjoy the comforts of the holidays. Find the perfect Christmas tree and celebrate the merry season at Nights of Lights.

Below is a summary of holiday festivities, dining experiences, and more along the Half Moon Bay Coastside. To plan a trip, visit [www.visithalfmoonbay.org](http://www.visithalfmoonbay.org) to access information on the region's inns and luxury coastal resorts, renowned restaurants, farm visits, golfing, wine tasting, fishing, whale watching, surfing and much more.

Special Note: All locations are in Half Moon Bay unless otherwise noted.

**- FESTIVITIES -**

**Nights of Lights**

***Nov 25-Dec 16; 6-8pm***

The 23rd Annual Nights of Lights is a month-long celebration featuring beautiful holiday lights, artisan shopping, and weekly festivities on Friday nights along Main Street in downtown Half Moon Bay. *Many shops will be open to 8 p.m. Free parking.*

- **Friday, November 25: Tree Lighting** - Kick off the holiday season at the annual Christmas Tree Lighting. Kids will be invited to bring ornaments to decorate the tree. *Mac Dutra Park, 504 Main Street.*
- **Friday, December 2: Annual Lighted Parade and Santa Claus** - Enjoy a lighted parade down Main Street followed by a visit from Santa himself, plus a Kids' Zone with fun activities for children of all ages.
- **Friday, December 9 : Ugly Sweater Party** – Everyone is invited to bring out their best (or worst?) ugly holiday sweater for the Ugly Sweater Party. The panel of sweater experts will award prizes for the most atrocious attire.

- **Friday, December 16 : Holiday Movie Night** - “There’s room for everyone on the Nice List!” Bring the whole family for an outdoor screening of Elf, the holiday favorite starring Will Ferrell. *Cunha’s Country Store parking lot. 448 Main Street.*

### **Holiday Carolers**

Enjoy the magic of the holiday season with the joyous melodies of Dickens-era costumed carolers singing holiday classics. Carolers will perform at The Ritz-Carlton porte cochère, lobby, Ocean Lawn and Navio on December 3, 10, and 17 from 2-4 pm and on December 24 & 25 from 11 am-1 pm and 4-6 pm. *One Miramontes Point Road, (650) 712-7000. Media Contact: Shelly Auyeung (650) 712-7007, [shelly.ayueung@ritzcarlton.com](mailto:shelly.ayueung@ritzcarlton.com).*

## **- HOLIDAY SHOPPING -**

### **Festive Main Street!**

From locally designed jewelry and stylish accessories to home decor and specialty gift items, Main Street in downtown Half Moon Bay is a shopper’s paradise for finding the perfect gifts. Stroll amongst rows of shops with holiday-themed hand painted windows and twinkling lights while taking in holiday décor at a plethora of shops. Saturday, Nov 26 is Small Business Saturday and Main Street offers a wonderful opportunity for finding rare gifts while supporting locally-owned boutique shops.

### **North Pole Express**

Hoping for that perfect gift you’ve dreamt about all year? Well, better make sure your letter gets to Santa! There’s no need to send it certified, just drop it off at Fog Town Toys (include a self-addressed stamped envelope and he’ll write back). Also, Santa will be checking out some of the toys his elves made while paying a visit to children on November 26 from 1-3 p.m. Parents can take pictures and kids can make wish lists while enjoying hot cocoa and cookies. *330 Main Street, (650) 726-4556.*

### **Artisan Shopping**

Stop by Jupiter & Main for a wide assortment of quirky ornaments for the tree, from rainbow unicorn Santas to icons such as David Bowie, Grace Jones and Willie Nelson. Also featured for the holiday season are hot chocolates from Hungary, seasonal bitters and mixers for cocktails and of course, all the cozy men’s flannels, sweaters and jackets - perfect for gifting. *432-B Main Street, (650) 889-3001.*

Juno’s Little Mercantile becomes a holiday wonderland with fanciful ornaments such as gnomes, mushrooms and fancy cats in clothes, as well as the most delicious smelling candles from Boy Smells and Voluspa perfect for setting a holiday mood. Boissier confections arrives in impeccable holiday-inspired packaging just right for stocking stuffing or hostess gifting. *435 Main Street (650) 440-4331.*

## – CHRISTMAS TREE FARMS –

### Oh Christmas Tree!

A winter visit to the Christmas tree farms around Half Moon Bay is a cheerful and fun-filled tradition for many families. With lots spread out along San Mateo Road (Hwy. 92) and Cabrillo Highway (Rt. 1), visitors can get into the holiday spirit while picking out their own Christmas tree. Below is a selection of local tree farms open to visitors. Most have trees starting Thanksgiving weekend but call to confirm.

- **4-C's Christmas Tree Farm** – select from a wide array of gorgeous firs and spruces at affordable prices. Choose to chop it down or get a pre-cut tree. Saws are provided, and the staff is even willing to help with difficult chopping jobs by whipping out their electric saw. *678-698 San Mateo Road (Hwy 92), (650) 726-9614.*
- **Cozzolino Tree Farm** – choose from a variety of top-notch trees including Noble and Nordman Firs, plus poinsettias, wreaths, mistletoe and garlands. *501 San Mateo Rd, (650) 504-8206.*
- **Pastorino Farms** - this barn turns into a Christmas wonderland of ornaments, trees, gifts, garland, poinsettias, and fresh wreaths for sale. *12391 San Mateo Road, (650) 726-6440.*
- **Repetto's Nursery and Florist** – In addition to Christmas trees, this farm has some of the best deals on fresh cut flowers ideal for decorating and holiday centerpieces. *12331 San Mateo Road, (650) 726-6414.*
- **Santa's Tree Farm** –Santa's Tree Farm will be inviting customers to cut down their own Christmas tree. Grab a saw and head out amongst the 487-acre farm to choose from six different kinds of trees. Be sure to stop by the Sleigh Bells Gift Shop, open on weekends, to pick up festive holiday decorations. Santa will pay a visit on weekends starting Nov 25 through Dec 18, from noon – 3 p.m. There's also weekend train rides and Mrs. Claus' Kitchen will be serving up some goodies. *78 Pilarcitos Creek Road, (650) 726-2246.*
- **Tom & Pete's Produce** - founded in 1964, this family farm sells fresh produce and offers a wide selection of trees at good prices. *270 Main St, (650) 726-7500.*

## – ACCOMMODATIONS –

### Cozy Up & Save at the Beach House Hotel

Enjoy complimentary hot spiced apple cider and Christmas cookies all day and special holiday savings at the [Beach House Hotel](#), a luxuriously appointed New England-style boutique property overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Guests can get into the holiday spirit and cozy up by the inviting lobby fireplace or in the comfort of their own room. All 54 junior suites feature a patio or balcony and a fireplace. Special amenities include a pool and hot tub, complimentary parking and continental breakfast and a fitness center. From November 13, 2022-February 28, 2023, get 10% off the room rate for a two-night stay and 15% off for stays three or more nights. Valid Sundays-Thursdays. *4100 North Cabrillo Highway, (650) 712-0220.*

### **Suite Holidays**

Experience the magic of the season on the coast at The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay. This holiday season, families are invited to decorate their very own holiday tree and hang stockings on their fireplace to enjoy in the privacy of their guestroom or suite. Head to the holiday game and movie room in The Observatory where guests can utilize the Xbox and PlayStation experiences during the day, and come evening families can enjoy movie screenings of classic holiday films. Game Room open December 1-25 from 10 am to 5 pm. Movie Screenings on December 24-25 from 6-10 pm. *One Miramontes Point Road, (650) 712-7000. Media Contact: Shelly Auyeung (650) 712-7007, [shelly.ayeung@ritzcarlton.com](mailto:shelly.ayeung@ritzcarlton.com).*

### **– HOLIDAY DINING & TREATS –**

#### **Sugar, Spice, and Everything Nice!**

Head to Small Town Sweets for delicious holiday treats. Select from decadent collections of chocolates, licorice, saltwater taffy, popcorn, and more. Not to miss - fresh homemade fudge on Fridays. *617 Main Street, (650) 713-0782.*

#### **Artisan Gifts at Harley Farms**

Harley Farms, home to award-winning goat cheese, is offering culinary gift boxes, bath and body collections, and of course their one of a kind cheese assortments. These delectable indulgences are perfect to buy for Christmas time. The shop is open Fridays through Sundays from 11 am – 4 pm. *205 North Street, Pescadero, (650) 879-0480.*

#### **Freshly Baked Holiday Treats**

A plethora of freshly baked goodies line the shelves at Moonside Bakery and Café including Stollen (German-style bread made with rum soaked raisins and currants, hazelnuts and orange and lemon peel, buttered and rolled in vanilla sugar and powder sugar), gingerbread houses and gingerbread house kits, princess cakes, chocolate mousse, mocha buttercream, passion fruit mousse, freshly baked Panetone bread, almond Danish trees, and Linzer tortes (spicy nutty dough made of ground almond, ground hazelnut, cinnamon, cloves and nutmeg, filled with raspberry jam.). *604 Main Street, (650) 726-9070.*

#### **Thanksgiving at HMB BrewCo.**

Enjoy a feast fit for a king at Half Moon Bay Brewing Co! Specialties include roasted pumpkin salad, slow roasted turkey with all of the fixings, and pumpkin cheesecake. The regular menu will also be available. Open on Thanksgiving from 11am-5pm. *390 Capistrano Road, (650) 728-2739. Media Contact: Laura Acton, [laura@hmbbrewingco.com](mailto:laura@hmbbrewingco.com).*

#### **Holiday Comfort**

With homemade dishes and heaps of old-fashioned charm, the beloved 120+ year old Duarte's Tavern is a delight any time of year, but it really shines during the holidays. In a cozy dining room strewn with wreaths, you can chase away winter chills with a steaming bowl of artichoke soup and a slice of pie fresh from the oven. Plus, from now until New Year's Eve, toast the season with a delicious spiked eggnog. *202 Stage Road, Pescadero, (650) 879-0464.*

## **Hangover Soup**

Partied a little too much this holiday season? Head to La Costanera for Hangover Soup. A great option for the winter months, Chef Carlos Altamirano's Aguadito de Pollo includes a plethora of delicious flavors, jalapeño, garlic, ginger, cilantro, zucchini, mushrooms and more. Available through January 2. 260 Capistrano Road, (650) 728-1600.

## **– ART & PERFORMANCE –**

## **Make Your Own Glass Blown Ornaments**

### ***Offered through Jan 18***

Make a special glass ornament that will be the perfect gift or an addition to a Christmas tree. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost of the class is \$50 (\$45 for kids 12 and under). Located at La Nebbia Winery, 12341 San Mateo Road on Hwy. 92, (650) 283-5626, [www.hmbartglass.com](http://www.hmbartglass.com).

## **Coastal Repertory Theatre**

Weekends from Dec 1-18, the Coastal Repertory Theatre is featuring *Christmas in OZ*, an enchanting, full-length Broadway-style musical treat for the entire family, overflowing with unforgettable songs, exciting dance numbers, and magical special effects. It's Christmas Eve, and somewhere in Kansas, Dorothy is lonely for her friends back in OZ. She returns to the Emerald City just in time for the big holiday celebration. But the holly is quickly stripped of its jolly when a sassy sorceress named Nefariosa crashes the party and kidnaps Santa Claus. 1167 Main Street, (650) 204-5046.

## **About the Half Moon Bay Coastside**

The Half Moon Bay Coastside is a charming seaside respite located 30 miles 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](http://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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