



PUMPKINS ABOUND ALONG THE HALF MOON BAY COASTSIDE, CA
*Enjoy a World-Renowned Pumpkin Festival, Pumpkin-Inspired Dishes,
Spa Treatments and More!*

HALF MOON BAY, CA – SEPTEMBER 20, 2017 - There is no better place to celebrate the wonders of the fall season than along the Half Moon Bay Coastsides. Fondly regarded as the pumpkin capital of the world, this beautiful coastal region, located approximately 35 minutes south of San Francisco, produces more than 3,000 tons of pumpkins every year. Visitors will delight in the area's brilliant orange pick-your-own-pumpkins and scenic backdrop of rich fall colors. The local menus are brimming over with pumpkin-inspired delights such as pumpkin sandwiches, pumpkin ice cream, pumpkin spice lattes, and even pumpkin beer on tap!

Below is a summary of pumpkin-related events, dining experiences, spa treatments, and more along the Half Moon Bay Coastsides. To plan a trip, visit www.visithalfmoonbay.org and also download [iCoastsides](#) to access information on the region's cozy 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.

- EVENTS -

15th Annual Bernese Mountain Dog Day (free!)

Oct. 1, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Join over 130 Bernese Mountain Dogs at Farmer John's Pumpkin Farm for the 15th Annual Mountain Dog Day! Berner friends will be accompanied by John's Bernese, Clara Honey, along with her cousin Chloe who will welcome their old and new pals. Farmer John will be ready to give hayrides for his furry friends. 800 North Cabrillo Highway, (650) 726-4980, www.farmerjohnspumpkins.com.

10th Annual Hand-Blown Art Glass Pumpkin Patch

Oct. 7-8, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Half Moon Bay Art Glass will transform the grounds of La Nebbia Winery into a glistening glass pumpkin patch featuring the work of glass blower Douglass C. Brown. This artistic installation will feature hundreds of one-of-a-kind glass pumpkins available for purchase, each one personally handcrafted by Brown, who works year-round to create this spectacular display. For those who wish to create their own piece of art, HMB Art Glass offers several classes each day year-round. La Nebbia Winery will be open for guests to partake in wine tasting and to purchase bottles of wine, while bocce ball courts will offer fun for everyone. Classes start as low as \$59 per person. Ask for the "NewClient40" special rate for up to 50% off website pricing. La Nebbia Winery, 12341 San Mateo Road on Hwy. 92, (650) 283-5626, www.hmbartglass.com.

44th Annual Safeway World Championship Pumpkin Weigh-Off (free!)

Oct. 9, 7 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Superstar Gourd Growing Greats and their hard-to-believe, titanic orange orbs gather for the Safeway World Championship Pumpkin Weigh-Off in the World Pumpkin Capital of Half Moon Bay. A special \$30,000 bonus mega-prize will be awarded to any grower who breaks the world record at Half Moon Bay, considered the "Super Bowl of Weigh-Offs." A host of veteran growers contend for the coveted title, the \$30,000 world record prize and thousands in additional prize money. In a pay-by-the-pound system, the winner will take home a hefty \$7 per pound for the champion mega-pumpkin. Superstar grower Cindy Tobeck's monster 1,910-pound weigh-off champion mega-gourd obliterated a formidable field of heavyweight contenders in winning the 2016 Safeway World Championship Pumpkin Weigh-Off. The grand champion gourd (along with the top five overall) will be on display at the Half Moon Bay Art & Pumpkin Festival on October 14-15. *IDES Grounds, 735 Main Street, (650) 726-9652, www.miramarevents.com. Media Contact: Tim Beeman, (650) 726-3491, tim@miramarevents.com.*

47th Annual Half Moon Bay Art & Pumpkin Festival (free!)

Oct. 14 & 15, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Half Moon Bay celebrates its bountiful fall harvest and autumn splendor with a special display of gigantically enormous heavyweight champion pumpkins, four stages of stellar live music, the Great Pumpkin Parade, a bone-chilling Haunted House, harvest-inspired crafts, home-style foods, expert pumpkin carver Peter Hazel sculpting a monster 10,000+ pound pumpkin, photos with the grand champion mega-gourd, pie-eating and costume contests, pumpkin carving for fun, and so much more! With so much to see and do, visitors can use [iPumpkin](#), the official mobile application of the Half Moon Bay Art & Pumpkin Festival, to navigate their way through the festival. *Admission is free. Main Street, (650) 726-9652, www.miramarevents.com. Media Contact: Tim Beeman, (650) 726-3491, tim@miramarevents.com.*

Fourth Annual Coastside Brewfest

Oct. 21, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Enjoy some of the best breweries on the West Coast at the Fourth Annual Coastside Brew Fest, hosted by Mavericks Community Foundation. Held in the parking lot of Half Moon Bay Brewing Company, guests can enjoy unlimited tastes of their favorite brews from vendors including Alpha Acid Brewing Company, Alvarado Street Brewery, Barebottle Brewery, Deschutes Brewery, Drake's Brewing Company, Fieldwork Brewing Company, Hop Dogma Brewing Company, Temescal Brewing, and many more. Local food trucks offer guests the chance to purchase a wide variety of delicious bites, and the Half Moon Bay Brewing Company restaurant will be open for dining. This year's beneficiary is the Mavericks Coastside Foundation, and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to Coastside Hope. *Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door (includes souvenir glass); designated driver tickets are \$10. Tickets are available at www.coastsidebrewfest.com, 390 Capistrano Road, (650) 728-2739, www.hmbbrewingco.com. Media Contact: Evita Broughton, evita@ellipsespr.com.*

- LOCAL RICHES -

Pick-Your-Own Pumpkin Patches

An autumn visit to the pumpkin fields around Half Moon Bay is a popular annual tradition for many families. Spread out along Highway 92 and Cabrillo Highway (Rt. 1), visitors will discover pumpkins in a wide variety of colors, shapes and sizes in beautiful rural settings. Below is a selection of local pumpkin farms open to visitors:

- **A. Repetto Nursery** - at this pumpkin patch, visitors can choose from more than 30 different pumpkin varieties, meander through a corn maze, and go for a hayride. *12331 San Mateo Road, (650) 726-6414, www.repettonurseryflorist.com.*
- **Arata Pumpkin Farm** – in addition to pumpkins, this family-friendly farm features pony rides, a haunted barn, a petting zoo, a hay maze, and more. *185 Verde Road, (650) 726-7548, www.aratapumpkinfarm.com.*
- **Farmer John's Pumpkin Farm** - life-long farmers Farmer John and his wife Eda grow more than 60 varieties of pumpkins and squash. Visitors can also check out an authentic Native American teepee and take a ride on a vintage tractor. *850 North Cabrillo Highway, (650) 726-4980, www.farmerjohnspumpkins.com.*
- **Lemos Family Farm** - this family farm specializes in year-round activities for children such as pony rides, tractor and train rides, a petting zoo, and more. *12320 San Mateo Road, (650) 726-2342, www.lemosfarm.com.*
- **Pastorino Gifts & Plants** – this family-run farm boasts hayrides, train rides, ponies, pet and feed farm animals, and giant slides. On the weekends, families can enjoy a haunted house and face painting. *12391 San Mateo Road, (650) 726-6440, www.pastorinofarms.com.*
- **Tom & Pete's Produce** - celebrating more than 50 years since its inception in 1964, guests can visit this landmark produce stand to purchase pumpkins throughout the month of October. *270 Main Street, (650) 726-7500.*

Seasonal Bounty Awaits at Local Farmer's Markets

Here's how to partake in the plethora of fresh, local produce (including lots of pumpkins!) available at the Half Moon Bay Coastside's Farmer's Markets:

- Coastside Farmers' Market at Shoreline Station in Half Moon Bay. *Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through December 21, www.coastsidefarmersmarket.org.*
- Pescadero Grown Farmer's Market. *350 Stage Road, Pescadero. Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. through October, www.pescaderogrown.org.*

- ACCOMMODATIONS -

Pumpkin Experience

Located in the heart of the World Pumpkin Capital, The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay is offering a "Pumpkin Experience Package" to celebrate this great gourd. This package includes overnight accommodations, a signature Half Moon Bay Pumpkin Facial (80 minutes) featuring a

nourishing and hydrating pumpkin enzyme masque, and a special welcome pumpkin pastry amenity in the guest room. *Rates start at \$1,139 per night; includes resort fee and overnight valet parking. Valid through Oct. 31, 2017. One Miramontes Point Road, (650) 712 7000, www.ritzcarlton.com. Media Contact: Shelly Auyeung (650) 712-7007, shelly.ayeung@ritzcarlton.com.*

- CULINARY NEWS -

Pumpkin Spice Lattes

PSL fans can look forward to the ultimate pumpkin spice latte at two great spots:

- Just in time for fall, Seville Tapas is bringing back their delectable pumpkin spice latte. Created with Seville's rich coffee blended with warm pumpkin spices, topped with frothy milk, and dusted with signature pumpkin spices, this tasty drink is sure to satisfy that PSL craving. Grab your drink to go or sip it on this tasty latte on the restaurant's dog-friendly patio. 450 Capistrano Road, (650) 563-4181, www.sevilletapas.com.
- The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay has partnered with Northern California based artisan coffee company, Verve Coffee Roasters to create an innovative twist on this fall favorite drink. This one-of-a-kind beverage - named "Pumpkin Patch Spice" – is hand-crafted with a special blend of premium Verve coffee, sweet pumpkin flavors from farm-fresh Half Moon Bay pumpkins, spices, and fresh milk, topped off with Verve's freshly made whipped cream and signature Spiced Mexican chocolate sprinkles. *The Pumpkin Patch Spice will debut on September 21 and is available exclusively at the hotel through the autumn season. One Miramontes Point Road, (650) 712-7000, www.ritzcarlton.com. Media Contact: Shelly Auyeung (650) 712-7007, shelly.ayeung@ritzcarlton.com.*

Epicurean Pumpkin Delicacies

Relish in a deliciously pumpkin filled menu at The Conservatory with pumpkin soup, roasted red curry squash salad, a baked sugar pie pumpkin sandwich, and a pumpkin ice cream dessert topped with spiced hot chocolate sauce and pumpkin seed brittle. In Navio, Chef Jason Pringle will work closely with Farmer John at local Daylight Farms to showcase different pumpkin and squash varieties grown especially for Navio and featured on a majority of the dishes on the restaurant's daily tasting menu. One Miramontes Point Road, (650) 712-7000, www.ritzcarlton.com. Media Contact: Shelly Auyeung (650) 712-7007, shelly.ayeung@ritzcarlton.com.

Mangia Bene! – Pumpkin Italian-Style

Late September – October

Pamper your taste buds in the cuisine of Southern Italy with a festive twist from Via Uno. From late September and throughout October, indulge in a variety of pumpkin dishes including the restaurant's signature *Zuppa di Zucca*, butternut squash soup, and *Insalata di Zucca*, grilled butternut squash salad with arugula, goat cheese, and amaretti cookies. Mangia bene! 2810 Cabrillo Highway 1 North, Half Moon Bay, (650) 560-8858, www.viaunorestaurant.com

Seaside Pumpkin Delights

Sam's Chowder House is serving up a variety of festive specials this pumpkin season including: pumpkin gnocchi with brown butter and sage; grilled king salmon with roasted pumpkin puree, charred baby leeks and aged balsamic; and pumpkin cheesecake with an Oreo cookie crust. Plus,

guests can look forward to daily pumpkin specials throughout October. *4210 Cabrillo Hwy N, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019, (650) 712-0245, <http://www.samschowderhouse.com/>.*

Pumpkin Dessert

Head to Cameron's Restaurant & Inn, an eclectic British-style restaurant for pumpkin dessert! Indulge in pumpkin pie with a scoop of pumpkin ice cream. If you're lucky, you'll happen to be here on a day when they're serving up their homemade pumpkin soup. *1410 S. Cabrillo Highway, (650) 726-5705, www.cameronsinn.com.*

- WINE, BREW & COCKTAIL NEWS -

Spiked Pumpkins!

Moss Beach Distillery is spiking the pumpkin drinks this fall season. Try a new take on pumpkin spiced drinks with their popular Pumpkin Spice Martini, made with Irish cream and pumpkin spice liqueur shaken together and served up in a martini glass with a cinnamon-sugar rim. This sweet twist on pumpkin beverages will be available throughout fall. *140 Beach Way, Moss Beach, CA 94038, (650) 728-5595, www.mossbeachdistillery.com.*

Pumpkins are Brewing

A beloved destination known for its award-winning, handcrafted beer, sustainable coastal cuisine, and scenic outdoor patio, Half Moon Bay Brewing Company is the place to be this fall for a variety of special events and offers:

- **Pumpkin Harvest Ale** – Half Moon Bay Brewing Company is thrilled to announce the re-release of one of its signature beers: Pumpkin Harvest Ale. This full-bodied Amber Ale is made with locally grown sugar pie pumpkins that are roasted with a secret blend of spices added to the brew kettle, resulting in a subtle pumpkin pie spice flavor balanced by a biscuity maltiness.
- **Pumpkin Menu (October 1-31)** – Guests can enjoy the delights of fall throughout October with a special pumpkin menu that pairs perfectly with the Brewing Company's renowned Pumpkin Harvest Ale and Barrel-aged limited release beers. Enjoy mouthwatering butternut squash soup, Brussel sprout salad with pumpkin vinaigrette, and decadent desserts including tasty pumpkin ice cream.
- **Pumpkin Harvest Dinner (November 8)** – Back by popular demand, this annual harvest Dinner celebrates the spectacular abundance of the area's coastal farms and breweries, featuring produce exclusively from local Pescadero farmer Simms Organics and Brewmaster James Costa's hand-crafted Pumpkin Harvest Ale.

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- SPA NEWS -

HMB Pumpkin Wrap

Pamper yourself this fall at the Oceano Coastal Spa with a pumpkin wrap. Take in the aromatic blend of chai, cinnamon, nutmeg, and clove with a relaxing treatment that includes a full body scrub, warm pumpkin mask, and orange blossom massage that promotes circulation and relieves muscles aches. *90 minutes for \$180 (normally \$225); Package valid through Oct. 31; excludes Saturday's; 270 Capistrano Road, (650) 263-2008, www.oceanocoastalspa.com.*

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About the Half Moon Bay Coastsides

The Half Moon Bay Coastsides is a charming seaside respite located approximately 35 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 wild flowers, 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, download Half Moon Bay's free app iCoastsides or call (650) 726-8380. For the latest news on the area, visit www.visithalfmoonbay.org/blog, join us on Facebook www.facebook.com/visithalfmoonbay and follow us on Twitter @visithmb and Instagram @visithalfmoonbay.

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