

# HALF MOON BAY

COASTSIDE CALIFORNIA

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

**HALF MOON BAY, CA – NOVEMBER 14, 2018** – Located approximately 45 minutes south of San Francisco, The Half Moon Bay Coastside offers a cheerful and memorable holiday season for everyone! Stroll along Half Moon Bay's pleasant 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 at your fingertips. Explore fields of Christmas trees and celebrate with festive events such as a boat lighting decorating competition and an old fashioned holiday parade at Night of Lights.

Below is a summary of holiday festivities, dining experiences, spa treatments, and more along the Half Moon Bay Coastside. To plan a trip, visit [www.visithalfmoonbay.org](http://www.visithalfmoonbay.org) and also download iCoastside 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 –

### **Santa Claus is Coming to Town!**

***Nov. 24, 1-3 p.m.***

Santa Claus will be at Fog Town Toys for Polaroid pictures, hot chocolate, cookies, and free in-store toy raffles all day long! Complimentary gift wrap, toy assembly, and delivery will be offered for everyone. As a Toys for Tots donation site, customers can give back to the community by donating gifts for children to celebrate the holidays. *Fog Town Toys, 330 Main Street, (650) 726-4556, [www.fogtowntoys.com](http://www.fogtowntoys.com).*

### **Pescadero Christmas Fair**

***December 1 & 2, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.***

Enjoy local handmade crafts and holiday goodies at the Pescadero Christmas Fair. This is a great opportunity to find stocking stuffers and gifts for the whole family while getting into the holiday spirit. *I.D.E.S. Hall, Stage Road 22, Pescadero.*

### **Pillar Point Harbor Lighted Boat Festival - Dec. 1-31 (free!)**

***31<sup>st</sup> Annual Boat Decorating Contest – Dec. 8, 6 – 8 p.m. (free!)***

Get into the holiday spirit by heading over to Pillar Point Harbor to stroll along the boats festively adorned with holiday lights and other trimmings throughout the month of December. The annual boat decorating contest will be held on December 8 starting at 6 p.m. where the best-decorated boat will be chosen. Local shops in the Half Moon Bay area will be serving holiday snacks and drinks for attendees to enjoy. Santa Claus will make a special appearance along with the Half Moon Bay Choir and San Mateo Elks Band, who will be performing holiday music. *Pillar Point Harbor, #9 Johnson Pier, Princeton-By-The-Sea, (650) 726-4382.*

## **Night of Lights (free!)**

*Dec. 7, 6 – 9 p.m.*

Night of Lights is an annual old-fashioned holiday event hosted in downtown Half Moon Bay on the first Friday in December. Visitors will enjoy trees decorated in dazzling lights while doing some holiday shopping in locally owned stores. The event features a tree lighting ceremony followed by Santa taking children's requests in Mac Dutra Park, the Parade of Lights down Main Street, carolers and musical entertainment, roasted chestnuts, and activities for the kids. For more information, visit [www.visithalfmoonbay.org/local/night-lights](http://www.visithalfmoonbay.org/local/night-lights). Main Street. Media Contact: Krystlyn Giedt, (650) 726-8380, [krystlyn@hmbchamber.com](mailto:krystlyn@hmbchamber.com).

### **– LOCAL RICHES –**

## **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 Highway 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:

- **A. Repetto Nursery** – In addition to a plethora of Christmas trees, this farm has some of the best deals on fresh flowers ideal for a holiday centerpiece. *12331 San Mateo Road, (650) 726-6414, [www.repettonurseryflorist.com](http://www.repettonurseryflorist.com).*
- **H. Pastorino & Son Company** - Open daily through December 24, the barn is transformed and filled with the magic of Christmas along with holiday trim, ornaments, trees, gifts, garland, poinsettias, and fresh wreaths. *12391 San Mateo Road, (650) 726-6440, [www.pastorinofarms.com](http://www.pastorinofarms.com).*
- **Lemos Family Farm** – Get in the holiday spirit at Lemos Family Farm where there are enough seasonal decorations to even make Scrooge smile. Pick out a Douglas Fir, Incense Cedar, or a variety of other pines, while the kids enjoy a holiday hayride, train ride, or a pony ride. *Begins the day after Thanksgiving. 12320 San Mateo Road, (650) 726-2342, [www.lemosfarm.com](http://www.lemosfarm.com).*
- **Santa's Tree Farm** – On November 17, Santa's Tree Farm will open for the holidays, inviting customers to pick out their own Christmas tree. As added bonus, everyone who purchases a tree will receive complimentary hot cider and candy canes. Be sure to stop by the Sleigh Bells Gift Shop, open weekends Nov. 17-Dec. 24 to pick up festive holiday decorations. *78 Pilarcitos Creek Road, (650) 726-2246, [www.santastreefarm.com](http://www.santastreefarm.com).*

### **– ACCOMMODATIONS –**

**Celebrate & Save at the Beach House Hotel**

**Nov. 15, 2018 - Mar. 31, 2019**

Enjoy special holiday savings at this luxuriously appointed New England-style boutique hotel overlooking the Pacific Ocean. For the perfect winter getaway, guests can purchase the “Winter Wave” Package - stay for two nights and receive 10% off or the “Stay-n-Save” Package - stay for three nights and receive 15% off. All 54 junior suites feature a patio or balcony and a fireplace. Special amenities include a pool and hot tub, complimentary continental breakfast, a fitness center, and evening wine and cheese reception on weekends. Both packages are valid for November 15, 2018 through March 31, 2019 when the rates are at their lowest. 4100 Cabrillo Hwy. (650) 712-0220, [www.beach-house.com/half-moon-bay/](http://www.beach-house.com/half-moon-bay/)

### **Enjoy Holiday Savings with the Winter Bliss Package**

**Dec. 1 - 31, 2018**

Situated on dramatic bluffs overlooking the Pacific Ocean, The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay features 261 luxurious guestrooms, outdoor firepits, world-class dining, two championship golf courses, tennis courts, and coastal walking trails. The grand seaside resort and spa invites guests to take a break from the holiday planning and shopping for a little pampering with the “Winter Bliss Package.” This relaxing package features a stay in a Coastal View or Terrace Fire Pit room, a Sugar Plum Facial at The Ritz-Carlton Spa to revitalize and restore fatigued skin, a seasonally inspired welcome pastry amenity, valet parking and resort fee. Rates start at \$1,120 per night. One Miramontes Point Road, (650) 712-7000, [www.ritzcarlton.com](http://www.ritzcarlton.com). Media Contact: Shelly Auyeung (650) 712-7007, [shelly.ayeung@ritzcarlton.com](mailto:shelly.ayeung@ritzcarlton.com).

– SPA –

### **Holiday Pampering at The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay**

Guests can enjoy a relaxing getaway at The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay with the resort’s luxurious seasonal spa treatments that are perfect for the holidays. Available December 1-31, 2018. One Miramontes Point Road, (650) 712-7000, [www.ritzcarlton.com](http://www.ritzcarlton.com). Media Contact: Shelly Auyeung (650) 712-7007, [shelly.ayeung@ritzcarlton.com](mailto:shelly.ayeung@ritzcarlton.com).

- **Sugar Plum Facial**  
This winter, nourish fatigued skin and restore its natural moisture balance with the seasonal Sugar Plum Facial. This treatment includes special features such as an arctic berry enzyme exfoliate, cranberry pomegranate masque, sugar plum whip moisturizer, and more. 80 minutes; \$285 on the weekdays and \$305 on the weekends.
- **Complimentary Seasonal Foot Scrub**  
Guests will receive a complimentary holiday scented foot scrub with any 80-minute regularly priced massage. Choose from pine, pomegranate, or peppermint.

– HOLIDAY SHOPPING –

### **Bottle Your Gift For the Holidays**

**Dec. 8**

Perfect for the holiday dinner table or to give as a present, wine lovers can take part in “Barrel to Bottle” at La Nebbia and refill their empty wine bottles at a big savings. For a personalized holiday gift, guests can create customized labels for their loved ones and friends. *Barrel to Bottle pricing starts at \$6 per 750ml bottle; 12341 San Mateo Road, (650) 726-9463, [www.lanebbiawinery.com](http://www.lanebbiawinery.com).*

## **Holiday Ornament Hand-Blown Art**

***Offered through February 15, 2019***

Learn how to blow hot glass to make a special ornament that will be the perfect gift or addition to a Christmas tree. Pieces are typically ready the next day for pick up or mailed for a small fee. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost of the class is \$40. *La Nebbia Winery, 12341 San Mateo Road on Hwy. 92, (650) 283-5626, [www.hmbartglass.com](http://www.hmbartglass.com).*

## **– HOLIDAY DINING –**

### **Thanksgiving Feast at Pasta Moon**

Foodies will enjoy a farm-to-table experience with Pasta Moon's special menu this Thanksgiving! In celebration of the fall season, Chef Kim Levin has created fresh and festive delicacies such as pear prosciutto pizza with roasted garlic, Greek Oaks Creek Farms Granny Smith apple salad with honey mustard vinaigrette, hand carved Diestel Farms Turkey brined with Italian aromatics, and a sweet duo of pumpkin pie and apple crostata with nutmeg spiced whip cream. Available November 22 from 12 p.m. – 8 p.m. *315 Main St. C, (650) 726-4125, [www.pastamoon.com](http://www.pastamoon.com).*

### **Ritz Holiday Feasts and Drinks**

There are plenty of reasons to celebrate this season, and The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay is packed with holiday festivities. Reservations are required for all holiday dining events and early reservations are strongly recommended. *One Miramontes Point Road, (650) 712-7000, [www.ritzcarlton.com](http://www.ritzcarlton.com). Media Contact: Shelly Auyeung (650) 712-7007, [shelly.ayueung@ritzcarlton.com](mailto:shelly.ayueung@ritzcarlton.com).*

- **Thanksgiving Harvest Brunch in Navio**  
*November 22, 2018 - 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.*

Gather with family and friends for a delightful brunch inspired by the autumn season's finest ingredients and traditional Thanksgiving fare. *\$260 per person; \$190 per child ages 5 to 12 (children four and under complimentary), exclusive of tax and gratuity. Advance purchase required.*

- **Thanksgiving Dinner in Navio**  
*November 22, 2018 - 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.*

Chef Jason Pringle presents a special prix fixe, four-course Thanksgiving dinner menu with delicious choices such as Dungeness crab with Meyer lemon crème fraiche and caviar, king salmon gravlax with beets, mustard, horseradish, and roasted pumpkin bisque with lobster. *\$199 per person, \$145 per child ages 5 to 12 (children four and under complimentary), exclusive of tax and gratuity. Wine pairing option available. Available to overnight guests only.*

- **Weekend of Thanks Navio Brunch**  
*November 24 & 25 - 12 to 2:30 p.m.*

Enjoy the classic favorites of Navio Brunch including dishes highlighting local fall produce and traditional Thanksgiving dishes. *\$149 per person exclusive of tax and gratuity, \$99 per child ages 5 to 12 (children four and under complimentary).*

- **Christmas Weekend Brunch in Navio**  
*December 22 & 23 - 12 to 3 p.m.*

Reconnect with family and friends over a holiday brunch featuring market-driven dishes and classic Christmas favorites. *December 22 - \$129 per person exclusive of tax and gratuity; \$79 per child ages 5 to 12 (children four and under complimentary). December 23 – Features a Mimosa Bar and additional holiday specialties. \$149 per person; \$99 per child ages 5 to 12 (children four and under complimentary).*

- **Christmas Eve Dinner in Navio**

***December 24 - 5 to 9 p.m.***

On Christmas Eve, create new holiday memories at Navio while enjoying Chef Jason Pringle's five-course, Christmas Eve tasting menu featuring creative seasonal dishes as well as traditional holiday fare. *\$175 per person exclusive of tax and gratuity, \$105 per child ages 5 to 12 (children four and under complimentary).*

- **Christmas Day Brunch in Navio**

***December 25 - 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.***

On Christmas Day, savor a lavish holiday brunch with a wide array of culinary delights for all to enjoy. *\$260 per person exclusive of tax and gratuity, \$190 per child ages 5 to 12 (children four and under complimentary). Advance purchase required.*

- **Christmas Day Dinner in Navio**

***December 25 - 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.***

Enjoy a memorable Christmas Day Dinner with loved ones in Navio. Chef de Cuisine Jason Pringle will present a six-course Christmas Day Dinner menu highlighting the finest sustainable seafood and meats, local vegetables as well as classic holiday dishes and a festive dessert. *\$225 per person exclusive of tax and gratuity, \$125 per child ages 5 to 12 (children four and under complimentary). Available to overnight guests only. Advance purchase required.*

- **New Year's Eve Weekend Brunch in Navio**

***December 29 & 30 - 12 to 2:30 p.m.***

Celebrate the upcoming New Year with an elaborate spread of seasonally-driven specialties, Navio's brunch favorites. *Saturday, December 29 - \$129 per person exclusive of tax and gratuity, \$65 per child ages 5 to 12 (children four and under complimentary). Sunday, December 30 - Features a Mimosa Bar and additional holiday specialties. \$149 per person exclusive of tax and gratuity, \$99 per child ages 5 to 12 (children four and under complimentary)*

- **New Year's Eve Dinner in Navio**

***December 31 - 6 to 10 p.m.***

Usher in the New Year in award-winning Navio, overlooking the dramatic Pacific Ocean. Chef Jason Pringle's celebratory five-course tasting menu will feature a Champagne toast, artfully presented seasonal dishes and caviar. Afterwards, head to The Conservatory next door and continue the New Year's Eve celebration with live entertainment. *\$345 per person, exclusive of tax and gratuity. Wine pairing option available. Advance purchase required.*

- **New Year's Day Brunch in Navio**

***January 1 - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.***

Start the New Year off right with an indulgent brunch with friends including a

celebratory Mimosa bar. \$260 per person exclusive of tax and gratuity, \$190 per child ages 5 to 12 (children four and under complimentary).

- **Winter Libations at The Conservatory**

During the winter season, guests can enjoy the festive holiday décor and Pacific views at The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay. For festive beverages, sip on wintry cocktails at The Conservatory such as the *Under the Mistletoe* crafted with Tanqueray, Rosemary-infused sweet and sour and topped with Slingshot Cabernet plus a rosemary sprig and Luxardo cherry garnish. Available during the month of December at The Conservatory.

### **Sweet Treats at Harley Farms**

Harley Farms, home to award-winning goat cheese, is offering their seasonal goat milk fudge, peppermint cheesecakes, and peppermint truffles. These delectable treats are perfect to buy for Christmas time! The shop is open Fridays through Sundays from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. 205 North Street, Pescadero, (650) 879-0480, [www.harleyfarms.com](http://www.harleyfarms.com).

## **– ARTS & PERFORMANCE –**

### **2018 Colony of Coastside Artists Open Studios (free!)**

*Nov. 17-18, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.*

Hosted by the Colony of Coastside Artists, nearly 40 local artists will open their homes and studios to the public for this once-a-year showcase of their work. There will be a selection of paintings, drawings, sculpture, jewelry, hot glass, and much more perfect to purchase as holiday gifts for any art-lover. If you are feeling lucky, guests will have the chance to score an original piece of artwork in a random drawing. For more information, visit [www.colonyofcoastsideartists.com](http://www.colonyofcoastsideartists.com).

### **Bach Dancing & Dynamite Society**

*Every Sunday; doors open at 3 p.m.; performances from 4:30 – 7 p.m.*

Get into the holiday spirit with live music! Head to Douglas Beach House for their acclaimed Sunday afternoon performances celebrating jazz and classical music. Founded by Pete Douglas in 1964, this legendary yet low-key venue has hosted the likes of jazz greats such as Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Dizzy Gillespie, Etta James, Dexter Gordon, and Stan Getz. 307-311 Mirada Road, (650) 726-4143, [www.bachddsoc.org](http://www.bachddsoc.org).

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

The Half Moon Bay Coastside is a charming seaside respite located 45 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.

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