

## THE HALF MOON BAY COASTSIDE A BRIDAL & HONEYMOON OASIS

<u>The Half Moon Bay Coastside</u>, a vibrant coastal region in California located approximately 45 minutes south of San Francisco, is the ideal setting for romantic weddings and honeymoons. Boasting small-town charm and spectacular natural beauty, this seaside haven is filled with fields of wild flowers, majestic mountains, artisan shops, farm-fresh restaurants and plethora of accommodations. Whether it's a spectacular coastal wedding overlooking the Pacific or an intimate garden ceremony, Half Moon Bay will please any bride and groom while astounding guests with its natural beauty. Conveniently located near the San Francisco and San Jose airports, the area provides easy access for out-of-towners.

Below is a roundup of Half Moon Bay's most beautiful sites for ceremonies, receptions, honeymoons and top wedding services.

# - CEREMONY & RECEPTION SITES -

#### Half Moon Bay Golf Links Two Miramontes Point Road Half Moon Bay, CA 94019 (650) 712-2217 www.halfmoonbaygolf.com

Rated as "Best Outdoor Venue" by CA Meetings and Events Magazine, this seaside resort is located on more than 300 gorgeous acres of parkland, lakes and breathtaking ocean side bluffs with access to a beautiful beach. Couples can choose from several beautiful venues on-site that can seat from 40 to 400 guests, complimentary valet parking service, and an exclusive photographer to guide couples to the most spectacular views on the golf course. Also an ideal reception space, the site comes complete with a customized room set-up and clean up, tables, chairs, elegant linens, silverware, glassware, an oak parquet dance floor, and a premier sound system. The highly acclaimed Mullins Bar menu offers a variety of tasty hors d' oeuvres stations, individual appetizers, three-course main dishes, and an assortment of delicious desserts.

# Hastings House Garden Weddings 347 Mirada Road Half Moon Bay, CA 94019 (650) 726-2513

## www.hastingshouseweddings.com

Couples seeking a romantic garden wedding will find The Hastings House to be the ideal site. Situated on a half-acre right on the edge of the Pacific Ocean, this serene, enchanted spot is adorned with a garden in bloom throughout the year. The fragrant lore of the garden combined with the ocean breeze will leave couples starry-eyed and their guests captivated by the natural beauty.

# La Costanera 8150 Cabrillo Hwy Montara Beach, CA 94037 (650) 728-1600

## www.lacostanerarestaurant.com

Perched on a seaside bluff with easy access to Montara Beach, this gorgeous three-level 10,000square-feet building features breathtaking ocean views and lots of flexible event space for ceremonies (outdoor only), receptions, rehearsal dinners and bridal showers. Couples can choose to buy out the entire restaurant or reserve individual sections. The main floor houses the restaurant, mezzanine level, and the Greenhouse, a semiprivate dining area with a fireplace and atrium. Glass doors open to an ocean view patio, complete with a fire pit for outdoor dining or an intimate ceremony. The lower level holds the bar and lounge, an ideal space for receptions, social hours and after-parties until 2 a.m. Glass doors open onto a beachfront patio, whose glorious panorama of sea and sky makes it quite the romantic spot for ceremonies.

# Long Branch Saloon & Farms 321 Verde Road Half Moon Bay, CA 94019 (650) 726-3117

## www.longbranchfarms.net

Long Branch Farms western backdrop makes the perfect setting for weddings and receptions. Specially themed offerings include having the bridal party arrive in a horse drawn carriage, hosting the ceremony in the pasture, barnyard dancing and a Western Casino Night with various games. Authentic Western Fare can be created by their featured Half Moon Bay caterer.

# Mavericks Event Center 107 Broadway Avenue Half Moon Bay, CA 94019 (650) 728-2739 x3

# www.maverickseventcenter.com

Brides seeking a stunning oceanfront setting for their big day will fall in love with Mavericks Event Center. With indoor and outdoor celebration spaces above a beautiful protected cove, this venue is the perfect spot for a romantic wedding by the sea. Embraced by a grove of trees and overlooking the Pacific, the ceremony garden can accommodate seating for up to 150 guests with views of the ocean, sailboats and marine life. The spacious ballroom, lined with windows facing the sea, leads to an outdoor deck offering a picturesque backdrop for beautiful wedding memories. Managed and catered by the Half Moon Bay Brewing Company, their expert culinary team creates a tempting array of coastal cuisine menus, for either a standing reception or seated multi-course dinner.

## Mill Rose Inn 615 Mill Street Half Moon Bay, CA 94019 (650) 726- 8750 www.millroseinn.com

A storybook outdoor garden wedding is exactly what Mill Rose Inn has to offer couples. A gorgeous year-round English country garden with spectacular blooms creates a colorful and fragrant location for 20 to 150 guests. Move the celebration indoors to a 375 square feet room bordered by windows and touched by classic European elegance, or hold the reception outdoors and take full advantage of the seaside views and breathtaking landscaping. A catered reception package provides an exquisite meal, fresh linens, china and silverware, coffee, waiters, and

bartenders, and a complimentary cake cutting. A wedding coordinator and consultant will be provided as part of the wedding package. The entire inn, consisting of six guestrooms, can be rented. Guests will enjoy a gourmet champagne breakfast.

## Moss Beach Distillery 140 Beach Way Moss Beach, CA 94038 (650) 728-5595

## www.mossbeachdistillery.com

Perched atop the bluffs along the California coastline, Moss Beach Distillery provides unparalleled views of the Pacific in a peaceful setting. After a gorgeous outdoor ceremony, couples can hold their reception in one of the private dining facilities that cater up to 150 guests. Moss Beach Distillery's professional staff will customize a brunch or dinner menu to perfectly match the needs of the couple. The heated outdoor patio is also a favorite place to hold a reception marked by breathtaking views of the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve and a one-of-a-kind view of the sunset over the horizon.

## Oceano Hotel and Spa 280 Capistrano Road Half Moon Bay, CA 94019 (650) 726-5400

## www.oceanohalfmoonbay.com

With a spectacular location overlooking picturesque Pillar Point Harbor, this luxurious seaside escape boasts panoramic views of the harbor, Pacific Ocean, and coastal mountain range. Rated "Best Wedding Venue" by the San Francisco Chronicle, this spot is perfect for an outdoor wedding in the gorgeous Wedding Garden or right on the beach, as well as an indoor wedding in the elegant Grand Ballroom and Atrium with 4,400 square feet of space. Indoor or outdoor receptions are complete with customized gourmet cuisine, and luxurious linens and silverware. Weddings are custom-tailored, with the optional help of onsite planners to assist with every detail. After the party, guests can stay in suites overlooking the Pacific Ocean. The full service Oceano Spa offers the bride, groom, and wedding party a spot for relaxation either in preparation for the wedding, or as a moment to unwind after the celebration.

#### Pasta Moon 315 Main Street Half Moon Bay, CA 94019 (650) 726-5125 www.pastamoon.com

Pasta Moon welcomes weddings of any size, from small groups of 25 to grand banquets of 200. The restaurant has four different dining rooms with various configurations to fit specific needs, each with choices from their extensive Italian wine list and several menus offering the freshest seasonal ingredients. A perfect spot for a wedding reception, The Garden Room overlooks Pilarcitos Creek and the restaurant's lush garden and seats up to 35 guests. The Music Box Lounge is a charming space to celebrate seating up to 80 guests, or fitting 125 for a standing cocktail reception. The use of a baby grand piano is available for an additional \$200 fee. The Quorum Dining Room is an intimate setting for a small reception that seats up to 22 guests on one banquet table. The Main Dining Room boasts impeccable Italian charm and is bordered by windows allowing natural light to fill the room. It seats up to 65 to 75 guests, and is available for full buy out. Lastly, the Creekside Garden is a lush creek-side garden that is a truly magical space that can accommodate up to 150 guests seated and 200 for standing.

## The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay One Miramontes Point Road Half Moon Bay, CA 94019 (650) 712-7000 www.ritzcarlton.com/HMB

Classic elegance characterizes any wedding at The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay. Perched on a cliff overlooking the Pacific, the hotel boasts a ceremony and reception with sweeping ocean views. The Grand Ballroom has 7,100 square feet of grand elegance with vaulted ceilings and chandelier lighting. The room is the largest in the area, seating 300 guests comfortably. The Miramontes Room, Terrace, and Observatory is an area for up to 75 guests, bordered by windows opening up to views of the majestic Pacific coastline.

#### Sam's Chowder House 4210 North Cabrillo Highway Half Moon Bay, CA 94019 (650) 712–0245 x4 www.samschowderhouse.com

With stunning views of the Pacific Ocean from every seat, Sam's Chowder House offers a casual and romantic venue for an engagement party, rehearsal dinner, oceanfront wedding, and reception. Voted "Best Waterfront Dining" and "Best Seafood in the Bay Area" by San Francisco's *Best of the Baylist*, Sam's offers six distinct indoor and outdoor venues to accommodate parties from 16 to 300 guests. Options include a beachfront lawn, extensive outdoor patios, and access to a beautiful sandy beach for outdoor ceremonies. For larger indoor receptions up to 300 guests, couples can rent the entire restaurant. For a special experience, guests can enjoy an authentic three-course New England Style Lobster Clambake, complete with traditional clam chowder, a seafood feast, and dessert.

# San Benito House 356 Main Street Half Moon Bay, CA 94019 (650) 726-3425

# www.sanbenitohouse.com

Housed in a 1905 building in downtown Half Moon Bay, beautiful gardens beckon with a deck, gazebo, and massive fire pit for evenings under the stars. A perfect venue for a ceremony and reception, San Benito House offers customizable packages to make weddings one of a kind. With several exquisite food and beverage packages, the staff ensures a dazzling wedding can be had on any budget. Each menu comes with hors d'oeuvres, a buffet table, chairs, linens, glassware, china, and flatware.

Thomas Fogarty Winery 19501 Skyline Boulevard Woodside, CA 94062 (650) 851-6777 www.fogartywinery.com

Perched high on a ridge with breathtaking views of the San Francisco Bay, Thomas Fogarty Winery features an expansive lawn, enclosed patios, and fireplaces, lending an elegant country air to any event. Renowned for their award-winning wines, this venue feels like a retreat. The winery holds only one wedding per day for up to 216 guests, giving couples the gorgeous area exclusively. Eight-hour rentals include access to the lawn area, the outdoor pavilion, the hill house for dining and dancing, a bridal and groom changing room, valet parking, and tables and chairs.

## The Beach House Hotel 4100 North Cabrillo Highway Half Moon Bay, CA 94019 (650) 712-0220 www.beach-house.com/half-moon-bay

The Beach House Hotel is a luxuriously appointed New England-style boutique hotel overlooking the Pacific Ocean and Pillar Point Harbor. Refined yet relaxed, this property features 54 junior suites, all with a patio or balcony, and fireplaces. Special perks include complimentary continental breakfast, fitness center, oversized bathrooms including separate tub and shower, and an evening wine and cheese reception on weekends.

#### Half Moon Bay Inn 400 Main Street Half Moon Bay, CA 94019 (650) 560-9758 www.halfmoonbayinn.com

Located on Main Street in a restored 1932 Spanish Revival building, this cozy inn is ideal for a honeymoon. Luxurious guestrooms are appointed with beautiful European furnishings, plush pillow top mattresses, Italian linens, marble baths, complimentary wifi, and flat screen TVs.

## Inn at Mavericks 346 Princeton Avenue Half Moon Bay, CA 94019 (650) 421-5300 www.innatmavericks.com

Located in the quaint village of Princeton-by-the-Sea, the Inn at Mavericks sits on a small bluff overlooking picturesque Pillar Point Harbor and the Pacific Ocean. Guests will enjoy relaxing on the veranda of their elegant waterfront suite while listening to the ocean waters gently lapping against the soft sand and rocks just a few feet away. The Inn at Mavericks features six spacious suites, all with spectacular views of the harbor and the ocean beyond. Each of the suites boast private verandas, fireplaces, Tempurpedic beds, and elegant bathrooms outfitted with deep soaking tubs. The Inn offers a special "Honeymooner" package that includes a bottle of champagne, a bottle of merlot or chardonnay, and a box of truffle.

#### Mill Rose Inn 615 Mill Street Half Moon Bay, CA 94019 (650) 726- 8750 www.millroseinn.com

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This romantic inn is tucked away at the end of a quiet street and features six luxurious suites styled with European antiques, bay windows, fireplaces, original watercolor artworks, and fresh flowers. Newlyweds can relax in the cozy library, outside in the English country garden, or in the Jacuzzi spa. A complimentary gourmet breakfast, afternoon wine and cheese, and evening pastries and drinks are served daily.

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## Pacific Victorian Bed & Breakfast 325 Alameda Avenue Half Moon Bay, CA 94019 (650) 712-3900 www.pacificvictorian.com

This intimate four-room Victorian-style inn is nestled in a scenic coastal setting a few blocks from the beach. Guestrooms have private baths with whirlpool tubs, luxurious linens and Victorian décor. Each morning, guests are treated to a complimentary full breakfast. It is the perfect spot for new couples looking for an intimate, tranquil honeymoon retreat.

# The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay

# **One Miramontes Point Road**

# Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

# (650) 712-7000

## http://www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/california/half-moon-bay

Highly luxurious, this grand seaside resort and spa is situated on dramatic bluffs overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Reminiscent of the seaside lodges of the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, the hotel features 261 luxurious guestrooms and outdoor fire pits, world-class dining, two championship golf courses, tennis courts, and coastal walking trails.

#### Seal Cove Inn 221 Cypress Avenue Moss Beach, CA 94038 (800) 995-9987 www.sealcoveinn.com

# Surrounded by an oasis of secluded beaches and tree-lined paths tracing the ocean bluffs, this serene hideaway is the perfect exclusive hideaway. The stylish rooms come with luxurious fine linens, fireplaces, sitting areas with desks, and a private patio or decks. Honeymooners can enjoy a gourmet breakfast, and an evening reception with local wine. Upon request, couples can experience uncompromising serenity by purchasing the "Nourish Your Soul" package, which includes an in-room couple's massage, a bottle of locally sourced sparkling wine upon arrival, and delight in the spacious Cypress Grove Suite.

# Elegant Cheese Cakes 103 Harvard Avenue #2 Half Moon Bay, CA 94019 (650) 728-2248

www.elegantcheesecakes.com

Elegant Cheese Cakes creates beautiful custom cakes for weddings, both traditional and cheesecakes, which are sculpted with imported chocolate. Owner and pastry chef Susan Morgan has been designing and shipping cakes nationwide since 1988. Elegant Cheese Cakes have been featured in Modern Bride, In Style, Vogue, Better Homes and Gardens, Brides, Bon Appetit, Gourmet, Good Housekeeping, and was the recipient of the "Top 25 Trendsetters" award in Modern Bride. The baker was also featured in Brides Magazine's "America's Most Beautiful Cakes." Chef Susan earned a position on the Food Network's "Top 5 – Designer Desserts," "Food Finds" and "Sugar Rush" segments, along with The Fine Living Channel, Oprah, The CBS Early Show, and The Today Show. Her creations can be shipped nationwide through elegantcheesecakes.com and a partnership with Neiman Marcus, Saks, Horchow, and Dean & Deluca catalogs.

## Repetto's Florist 12331 San Mateo Road Half Moon Bay, CA 94019 (650) 726-6414

#### www.repettosgreenhouseflorist.com

Repetto's is a local Half Moon Bay florist using only the freshest, highest quality flowers. With several professional florists on staff, they can provide flowers for the ceremony, wedding party, reception, corsages, and boutonnieres. Brides on a budget can work with florists to create their own perfect bouquets, or for those who have a creative touch, use their space to create their own arrangements before the wedding and store them in the cooler. Brides can take advantage of the cut flowers for a discounted rate or place an order for bouquets or corsages by color only and leave the work to the professionals for a great price.

#### Weddings By The Sea 872 Tierra Alta Street #898 Moss Beach, CA 94038 (650) 726-0890 www.weddingsbythesea.com

Weddings by the Sea makes planning a gorgeous Bay Area wedding easy and affordable. Owner Terry Plank, who has been the officiant at more than 2,100 weddings, features a special "Destination Wedding Package" that includes the location, officiant, flowers and photography. Just choose the location - from stunning Bay Area state beaches, to the beautiful Hastings House Gardens and the historic 1864 Methodist Church Chapel – and he'll take care of the rest.

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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.

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

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