CENTRAL COAST, CALIFORNIA · USA

Monterey Bay and Big Sur

Sea otters in the kelp, humpbacks and blue whales over the deep canyon, elephant seals on the beaches and condors soaring above the Big Sur cliffs.

125 animals 33 mammals, 58 birds, 6 reptiles, 5 amphibians, 4 fish, 15 other sea life and 4 butterflies

Best time: Apr to Nov

Seen _____ of 125

01 Sea otters, seals and sea lions 6

ANIMAL	DATE AND PLACE
☐ Sea Otter	
☐ California Sea Lion	
☐ Harbour Seal	
☐ Northern Elephant Seal	
☐ Steller Sea Lion	
☐ Northern Fur Seal Rare	

02 Whales and dolphins 14

ANIMAL	DATE AND PLACE
☐ Humpback Whale	
☐ Grey Whale	
☐ Blue Whale	
☐ Fin Whale	
☐ Minke Whale	
☐ Orca	
☐ Sperm Whale Rare	
☐ Risso's Dolphin	
☐ Pacific White-sided Dolphin	
☐ Common Dolphin	
☐ Bottlenose Dolphin	
☐ Northern Right Whale Dolphin Rare	
☐ Dall's Porpoise	
☐ Harbour Porpoise	

03 Land mammals 13

ANIMAL	DATE AND PLACE
☐ Black-tailed Deer	
☐ Western Grey Squirrel	
☐ California Ground Squirrel	
☐ Brush Rabbit	
☐ Raccoon	
☐ Coyote	
☐ Bobcat	
☐ Grey Fox	
☐ Striped Skunk	
☐ Virginia Opossum	
☐ River Otter	
☐ Wild Boar Rare	
☐ Cougar (Mountain Lion) Rare	

04 Condors and birds of prey 11

ANIMAL	DATE AND PLACE
☐ California Condor	
☐ Turkey Vulture	
☐ Red-tailed Hawk	
☐ Red-shouldered Hawk	
☐ White-tailed Kite	
☐ Osprey	
☐ Peregrine Falcon	
☐ American Kestrel	
☐ Great Horned Owl	
☐ Golden Eagle Rare	
☐ Bald Eagle Rare	

Tick them off in Wilder

05 Seabirds 15

ANIMAL	DATE AND PLACE
☐ Brown Pelican	
☐ Brandt's Cormorant	
☐ Pelagic Cormorant	
☐ Double-crested Cormorant	
☐ Common Murre	
☐ Pigeon Guillemot	
☐ Western Gull	
☐ Heermann's Gull	
☐ California Gull	
☐ Elegant Tern	
☐ Sooty Shearwater	
☐ Black-footed Albatross	
☐ Rhinoceros Auklet	
☐ Red-necked Phalarope	
☐ Marbled Murrelet Rare	

06 Shore and estuary birds 16

ANIMAL	DATE AND PLACE
☐ Black Oystercatcher	
☐ Black Turnstone	
☐ Marbled Godwit	
☐ Willet	
☐ Whimbrel	
☐ Sanderling	
☐ Long-billed Curlew	
☐ Great Blue Heron	
☐ Great Egret	
☐ Snowy Egret	
☐ Black-crowned Night Heron	
☐ Western Grebe	
☐ Surf Scoter	
☐ Pacific Loon	
☐ Common Loon	
☐ Snowy Plover	

07 Land birds 16

ANIMAL	DATE AND PLACE
☐ Acorn Woodpecker	
☐ California Scrub Jay	
☐ Steller's Jay	
☐ Anna's Hummingbird	
☐ Allen's Hummingbird	
☐ California Quail	
☐ Wrentit	
☐ Chestnut-backed Chickadee	
☐ Black Phoebe	
☐ Spotted Towhee	
☐ California Towhee	
☐ White-crowned Sparrow	
☐ Western Bluebird	
☐ Wild Turkey	
☐ Common Raven	
☐ Yellow-billed Magpie	

08 Reptiles and amphibians 11

ANIMAL	DATE AND PLACE
☐ Western Fence Lizard	
☐ Southern Alligator Lizard	
☐ Gopher Snake	
☐ Common Garter Snake	
☐ Western Rattlesnake	
☐ Leatherback Turtle Rare	
☐ Sierran Treefrog	
☐ California Newt	
☐ Rough-skinned Newt	
☐ Ensatina	
☐ California Red-legged Frog Rare	

ANIMAL	DATE AND PLACE

09 Sea life 6

- [ ] Leopard Shark
- [ ] Bat Ray
- [ ] Ocean Sunfish
- [ ] Pacific Sea Nettle
- [ ] By-the-wind Sailor
- [ ] Great White Shark Rare

10 Tide pools 13

- [ ] Ochre Sea Star
- [ ] Bat Star
- [ ] Giant Green Anemone
- [ ] Aggregating Anemone
- [ ] Purple Sea Urchin
- [ ] California Mussel

ANIMAL	DATE AND PLACE

10 Tide pools continued

- [ ] Gooseneck Barnacle
- [ ] Striped Shore Crab
- [ ] Owl Limpet
- [ ] Black Turban Snail
- [ ] Opalescent Nudibranch
- [ ] Gumboot Chiton
- [ ] Sunflower Sea Star Rare

11 Butterflies 4

- [ ] Monarch
- [ ] Western Tiger Swallowtail
- [ ] Anise Swallowtail
- [ ] West Coast Lady

My trip

FROM _____ TO _____

TRAVELLING WITH _____

STAYING AT _____ SEEN _____ OF 125

FIRST ANIMAL WE SAW _____

BEST MOMENT _____

FIELD NOTES AND SKETCHES

ALSO SEEN, NOT ON THIS LIST

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BEST TIME

Apr to Nov

Monterey Bay is a year-round destination, and the calendar is set by the whales.

A guide, not a guarantee: what you see depends on season, luck and patience. Give wildlife space and never feed it. Follow the local rules on distance.