



## **Carmel-by-the-Sea's Fall Forecast: Sunny Skies, Cool Festivals**

*Indian Summer Plus Food, Wine, Film Festivals Equals Hot Times Ahead to Visit Village*

CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA, Calif. (Aug. 6, 2014) – It's no secret that September and October offer the best weather months of the year in [Carmel-by-the-Sea](#) with average highs of 72 degrees. Add Indian Summer conditions to a sizzling lineup of food, wine and film festivals, and there is even more incentive for travelers to visit Carmel this fall as most events are within walking distance of the village's more than 40 [charming lodging properties](#).

Here's a closer look at the festivals scheduled in Carmel during September and October:

- **Taste of Carmel** (Oct. 2-5). Fresh from last year's successful 25th anniversary, Taste of Carmel has announced a big expansion for 2014. Typically held for one evening, the event – presented by the Carmel Chamber of Commerce and Union Bank – will now be held over four days. Festivities will begin with “The Royal Bash” on Thursday evening, Oct. 2, which will feature dozens of area restaurants and wineries offering food and wine, as well as live music, at the Carmel Mission Courtyard. The event's expansion will be evident beginning the next day with a food tour in downtown Carmel and a bicycle tour through Carmel Valley wineries. Other Taste of Carmel highlights include a Winemaker Dinner, Dessert and Wine Tasting Lunch and several auctions. For more information, or to purchase tickets, call 800.550.4333 or 831.624.2522 or visit [tasteofcarmel.com](#).
- **Carmel International Film Festival** (Oct. 15-19). From an opening night concert, screenings of independent award-winning films, art shows, wine tastings and gallery crawls, to parties with filmmakers, composers and artists, it's little surprise why the fourth annual event (formerly known as Carmel Art & Film Festival) attracts a diverse group of attendees and filmmakers. More than 125 films will be screened over five days in unique venues, including Sunset Cultural Center, Golden Bough Theater, Cherry Center for the Arts, Carmel Youth Center Theater, Carmel Youth Center Auditorium, Carmel High School Performing Art Center, Carmel Beach, Devendorf Park, 13th Avenue Beach, Carmel City Hall, as well as multiple galleries and wineries. For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit [carmelartandfilm.com](#) or call 831.625.3700.
- **Days and Nights Festival** (Sept. 25-28). Founded and curated by Philip Glass, the festival returns with four days of performances at Carmel's Sunset Cultural Center and in Big Sur. Sunset Center highlights include the airing of a film, “Icarus At The Edge of Time,” at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27; and an evening of music and spoken word, “Ira Glass: Three Acts, Two Dancers, One Radio Host,” at 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28. For the festival's complete schedule and more details, or to purchase tickets, visit [daysandnightsfestival.com](#) or call 831.626.3340.
- **Carmel Mission Fiesta** (Sept. 28). This year will mark its 50th year of the Fiesta, scheduled from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 28. Located on the beautiful grounds of the Carmel Mission, the Fiesta will feature a barbecue, drinks, live music, arts and crafts, and games for children. For more information, call 831.624.8322.

To view a convenient list of the lodging options available in Carmel, visit [carmelcalifornia.com](http://carmelcalifornia.com) and click on “Hotels & Inns.”

It’s never been easier to get to Carmel. Monterey Regional Airport ([MRY](#)), a 10-minute drive from downtown Carmel, has recently added direct flights to and from San Diego. Other direct flight routes include San Francisco, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, and Phoenix.

The Carmel Hospitality Improvement District – a joint organization of the City of Carmel, Carmel Chamber of Commerce and Carmel Innkeepers Association – is working to promote the village’s abundant attractions, events, and stunning seaside location. From its incomparable white-sand beach to many choices of distinctive meeting venues and lodging properties, Carmel-by-the-Sea has it all. For more information, visit [www.carmelcalifornia.com](http://www.carmelcalifornia.com).

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