

## More Secrets of Carmel-by-the-Sea: One of the "World's Most Romantic Cities"



**CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA, Calif., Feb. 8, 2017** –Where are the *most* romantic locations in one of the world's most romantic cities? In Carmel-by-the-Sea—recognized as the third most romantic destination in the world by the readers of *Travel* + *Leisure*, just behind Venice and Paris—insiders know where to sip a chilled chardonnay fireside, steal a secret kiss, or even pop the question!

This charming seaside village (#LoveCarmel), nestled along California's central coast, also features a host of Valentine's Day and winter lodging packages to warm every traveler's heart (visit www.carmelcalifornia.com/cozy-and-romantic-carmel.htm.)

Romance starts with the beaches, including incomparable Carmel Beach at the end of Ocean Avenue. For more of a secluded sandy locale, follow Scenic Drive south to Carmel River State Beach. For historic flavor and dramatic flare, take a tour of Tor House (the former home of poet Robinson Jeffers) which has been described as a "love poem made of stone."

Discover other places on the list of Top 10 Most Romantic Spots in Carmel-by-the-Sea:

- A fireside table at Christopher's <u>Restaurant;</u>
- Secret Garden Passageway (connects Dolores Street to San Carlos Street);
- The outdoor patio at Cypress Inn, which is co-owned by Doris Day;
- Among the village's 15 wine tasting rooms, Wrath in the Carmel Plaza is particularly inviting;

- A view table in the restaurant at Clint Eastwood's Mission Ranch;
- In the wine room at Casanova restaurant, and
- Cozy tea for two at the Tuck Box.

Special romance packages can be viewed and booked directly for the most favorable rates at CarmelCalifornia.com. Here's a sneak peek at some of the offerings by Carmel's distinctive inns:

- **Carmel Country Inn's** "For That Special Occasion or Just Because" package includes a bottle of Chandon champagne with two logo souvenir flutes, two 60-minute massages in the privacy of your room, a spa pamper basket, and breakfast buffet. Cost is \$250 plus room rate.
- Horizon Inn and Ocean View Lodge, located next to each other, are offering two romantic getaway packages: "A Carmel Kiss is Twice as Sweet" plus an "Anniversary Package." The "Carmel Kiss" package includes flameless votives and fabric rose petal decorations, two logo champagne glasses and bottle of premium champagne, box of handmade chocolates, and heart-shaped sachet. Cost is \$59 in addition to room rate. The "Anniversary Package," \$69 plus cost of room, includes champagne, strawberries, roses, and a keepsake gift.
- Four downtown Carmel properties, **Candle Light Inn, Carriage House Inn, Svendsgaard's Inn,** and **Wayside Inn,** are each offering a "Romantic Getaway Package" through March 31. It includes complimentary champagne and truffles upon arrival, and an intimate dinner for two at a participating Carmel restaurant (\$75 value).
- **Tradewinds Carmel**, offers the "Ultimate Romance Package," available through May 1, which includes two nights in a king room with a view and fireplace; private balcony and jetted tub; fresh floral bouquet; gourmet chocolates; breakfast in bed; two 90-minute massages; dinner for two at a Carmel restaurant; two tickets to the Monterey Bay Aquarium; and two Kimono robes made in Bali exclusively for Tradewinds. Rate is \$1,595 plus tax.

It's never been easier to get to Carmel-by-the-Sea. Monterey Regional Airport (MRY) is just a 10-minute drive away and served by direct flights to and from San Francisco (SFO, United Express), Los Angeles (LAX, United Express, Alaska Airlines), Las Vegas (LAS, Allegiant Air), Phoenix (PHX, American), and San Diego (SAN, Alaska Airlines). San Jose International Airport (SJC) is 75 miles north.

*Visit Carmel* (www.carmelcalifornia.com) is the official destination marketing organization for the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea. The mission of Visit Carmel is to promote Carmel-by-the-Sea as a top-rated, world -renowned destination where one-of-a-kind visitor experiences and discoveries are within walking distance of a variety of charming hotels, inns and B&Bs.

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