

CALIFORNIA

Whales & Wine



March 7 - 12, 2027
6 Days | 5 Nights

From: \$2,150 pp/double
\$2,775 pp/single



**Take in the beauty and unique history of coastal California
while watching whales and tasting wine along the way!**

- Whale Watching Cruise
- 3 Wine Tastings
- Hearst Castle Tour
- Elephant Seal Vista
- Solvang - "Little Denmark"
- 2 Nights Ventura Beach
- 2 Nights Pismo Beach
- 1 Night Palm Springs



Itinerary

For a complete itinerary,
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TRAVEL VACATIONS AND EVENTS

Day

- 1 Head to Ventura Beach, California for two nights at the Crowne Plaza. Tonight, enjoy an included welcome dinner and get to know your fellow travelers.
- 2 After breakfast, board an Island Packers Whale Watching Cruise. Sail through the waters of the Channel Islands and watch for Pacific Gray Whales, Minke Whales, various species of dolphins, and other sea life. Afterwards, head back to the hotel to enjoy downtown Ventura and the hotel's amenities on your own. (B)
- 3 Depart Ventura and visit Brick Barn Wine Estate, a renowned Arabian horse farm before becoming Brick Barn's vineyard in 2012. Enjoy an included wine tasting against the picturesque backdrop of the vineyards. Then spend time in Solvang, a charming town brimming with authentic Danish architecture, windmills, and food. Spend your time in "Little Denmark" enjoying lunch on your own at one of the many Danish eateries or indulging in an authentic gingerbread treat. Check in to the SeaCrest Oceanfront Resort in Pismo Beach for two nights. Enjoy an included wine tasting overlooking the ocean before an evening on your own. (B, 2 tastings)
- 4 Take a guided tour of Hearst Castle, housing William Randolph Hearst's collection of centuries-old sculptures, paintings, and tapestries. Then visit Elephant Seal Vista where female elephant seals arrive to give birth on the beach and nurse their pups before mating and heading back out to sea. At The Hearst Ranch Winery, enjoy wine tasting and box lunch before returning to the hotel. Enjoy the many hotel amenities, or visit historic downtown Pismo Beach. (B, L, wine tasting)
- 5 Head to sunny Palm Springs, for a night at the Hilton Downtown Palm Springs. Visit the many boutique shops and galleries and spend time at Palm Springs Village Fest, a Thursday night street fair with arts, crafts, food and entertainers. (B)
- 6 Enjoy breakfast before heading back to Phoenix, with great photos and fantastic memories. (B)

