



HEALEY 75th ANNIVERSARY MEET

PRE/POST TOURS

PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY (SOUTHERN SECTION)

THE LAST GREAT DRIVING ROAD, LOS OLIVOS AND SANTA BARBARA

(From San Luis Obispo to Santa Barbara: 2 hours, 98 miles)

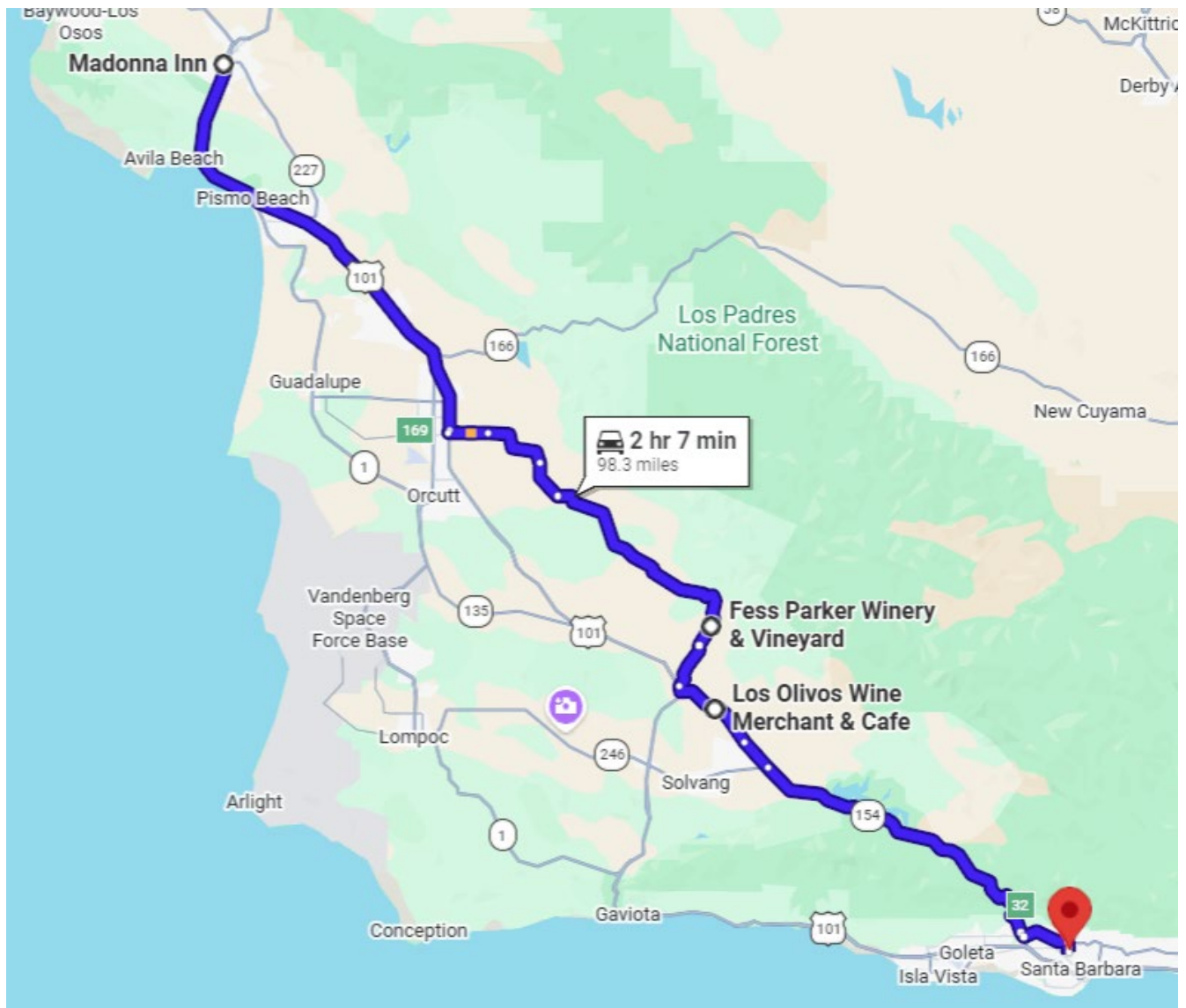
Times do not include stopping time for attractions

Today's drive is mostly backcountry, after a brief stint on a scenic portion of Hwy 101. If you didn't make it to **Oceano Beach** for a photo of your car on the sand, you can stop on your way out of SLO.

You will have a chance to drive "the last great California Road" through **Foxen Canyon**, just one of those sweepy, moderate speed stretches that Healeys were made for. After an inviting stop at **the Fess Parker (Davy Crockett/Daniel Boone) Winery**, you will visit the small wine and olive town of **Los Olivos** for lunch.

Following lunch, it is another great drive past Lake Cachuma into Santa Barbara with time to see the **Mission**. Or you can choose to divert to the **Danish village of Solvang** or maybe stop at a fantastic **Petroliana Museum** in Buellton.





Red Dot is Santa Barbara

TODAY'S ROUTE:

- Wherever you are in SLO (or points north), make your way to Hwy 101 South.
- In 31 miles, in Santa Maria, take exit 169 for Betteravia Road. Green sign, just past a Costco.
- At the end of the ramp, turn left onto Betteravia Road (gas here on both sides of the road).
- In 2.6 miles, Betteravia becomes Foxen Canyon Road. Pass through some large-scale agricultural areas.
- In 4.7 miles turn right to stay on Foxen Canyon. Green sign "Sisquoc 3 →".

- In 2.7 miles, turn left to stay on Foxen Canyon. Green sign “Foxen Cyn ←”.
- After 15.7 miles of great road, arrive at the **Fess Parker Winery** on the left. Big oval white sign “Fess Parker”.

Established by the late Fess Parker in 1989, the multigenerational family owned and operated Fess Parker Winery has built a reputation for crafting exceptional Rhône and Burgundian wines from Santa Barbara County. Since the opening of its expansive tasting room and winery along the Foxen Canyon Wine Trail in the 1990s, Fess Parker Winery has remained a top destination in the Santa Ynez Valley. Now three generations in, the Fess Parker Family is proud to carry on Fess’s legacy of wine heritage and hospitality by welcoming guests to wine taste at the estate.

The winery offers belly-up-to-the bar tastings (4 selections / \$25) on a no reservation basis, or a 90-minute more in depth tasting with a docent at the same price by booking ahead.

- Depart the winery continuing down Foxen Canyon Road.
- In 1.5 miles, turn left to stay on Foxen Canyon Road. Just past Audry Murray Winery. Small brown street sign “Foxen Cyn”.
- In 4.3 miles, at stop sign, left onto Hwy 154. Green sign “154, ← →”.

Take care at this intersection. Cars come fast from both directions!

- In 0.5 miles, turn right onto Grand Avenue in Los Olivos. The **Los Olivos Wine Merchant and Café** is 3 blocks up on the right, just past Jedlicka’s Hardware. Parking is on the street. If it’s crowded, continue one block and there is a lot of off-street parking.

Los Olivos Wine Merchant and Café

2879 Grand Ave.

Los Olivos, CA

<https://www.winemerchantcafe.com/>

805-688-7265

An enticing menu but the appetizers and pizzas are the stars. Ask the server for wine suggestions and check out the store before you leave. Get a table on the patio if possible. A great hack: Call and make a reservation from the Fess Parker Winery when you have a good idea when you will arrive. Allow 20-30 minutes from the winery to the café.

Note the **Fess Parker Inn** just next door and across the street. A luxurious place to stay in the heart of the Santa Ynez wine country when you come back!

At this point you need to decide if you want to continue into Santa Barbara and perhaps visit the Mission. Or divert to Solvang or perhaps you made reservations at the Mendenhall Petroliana Museum in Buellton. Directions below.

TO CONTINUE ON TO SANTA BARBARA (directions will take you to Old Mission Santa Barbara):

- Return to Hwy 154 and turn right. Enjoy the scenery and delightful driving road.
- In 27.4 miles, after passing straight through several traffic circles, take Exit 32 to Hwy 192. Green sign “Exit 32, 192, Cathedral Oaks Rd, →”.
- In 0.3 miles, at stop sign, turn left onto Foothill Road. Green sign “←, 192, Foothill Rd”.
- In 3.1 miles, at stop sign, turn right onto Mission Canyon Road. Brown street sign “Mission Cyn”
- In 0.6 miles, pass in front of the Mission and turn right onto Laguna Street and the parking lot.

OLD MISSION SANTA BARBARA

Situated on 15 acres overlooking the Pacific Ocean, the Mission grounds include the beautiful Mission Church, historic cemetery and mausoleum, a nine-room museum of historical artwork and artifacts, and multiple lush gardens.

Self-guided tours include an audio tour available in English, Spanish, French, German, Chinese, and Korean. Last tour ticket sold at 4pm. \$17/\$15 seniors.



After visiting the Mission, you are on your own to find your hotel. More Santa Barbara info later.

TO DETOUR TO SOLVANG:

- Continue down Grand Avenue away from Hwy 154.
- In 0.7 miles, at stop sign, fork right onto Alamo Pintado Road.
- In 500 feet, at the stop sign, turn left to stay on Alamo Pintado Road.
- In 4.0 miles, turn right onto Mission Drive. Green sign “Solvang 1”
- Arrive Solvang.

SOLVANG

<https://solvangusa.com/>

Solvang is known for its Danish-style architecture and many wineries. The Elverhøj Museum of History & Art explores the city's Danish heritage through personal stories and photographs. The Solvang Vintage Motorcycle Museum exhibits dozens of classic American, Japanese and European motorbikes. The Old Mission Santa Inés is an early-1800s Franciscan church.



SOLVANG

In addition to the above, there are great bakeries and a couple of excellent brew houses. Just Park and wander. For public parking turn left on Alisal Road.

- Return back on Mission Drive (East Hwy 246) the way you came in.
- In 4.9 miles, at the traffic circle, take the 1st exit. Green sign “EAST 154, Cachuma Lake, Santa Barbara”.
- Enjoy this scenic stretch. In 23.9 miles, pass under the freeway, then turn left onto Hwy 101 South. Green sign “101 ← South”.
- In about 3 miles you will be in the center of Santa Barbara. Use your Google Maps to locate your hotel.

**TO DETOUR TO THE MENDENHALL PETROLIANA MUSEUM (Advance reservations required):
(Call 806-689-2402 at least 24 hours in advance)**

- Return to Hwy 154 the way you came into Los Olivos.
- Left on Hwy 154.
- In 3.3 miles, Left onto US-101 South. Green and white signs “Freeway Entrance, South, 101, ←”
- In 5.5 miles, take exit 140A. Green sign “EXIT 140A, Solvang, Lompoc, 246”.
- Arrive Buellton.
- In 0.2 miles, at the stoplight, turn right onto Hwy 246. Green sign “246 West →”.
- In 0.2 miles, turn left onto Avenue of the Flags. Green street sign “Ave of the Flags”.
- In 500 feet, turn right onto Zaca Street. Brown street sign “Zaca St”.
- Arrive, museum is on the left.



MENDENHALL'S MUSEUM OF GASOLINE PUMPS AND PETROLIANA

<https://www.mendenhallmuseum.com/index.php>



The **Mendenhall Museum** is a private collection located in California's beautiful Santa Ynez Valley. The museum has one of the west coast's largest petroliana collections including gasoline pumps, globes, porcelain gas and oil signs, and road signs. There are also race cars, racing memorabilia, license plates, gas and oil items, and other miscellaneous antiques.

This collection was started over fifty years ago by the late Jack Mendenhall and is carried on today by his son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Vickie.

There is a \$15 donation per person for tours. They are located at 24 Zaca St. Buellton CA, 93427.

They are home to the [Dry Lakes Racing Hall of Fame](#) and hold an biennial event for the induction of the new honorees.

This collection really must be seen to be believed.

TO SANTA BARBARA:

- Back to Avenue of the Flags
- Turn right onto Avenue of the Flags, opposite how you came in.
- In 0.6 miles, turn left and merge onto Hwy 101 South. Green sign "101 ← Freeway".
- In 42 miles arrive in Santa Barbara and use Google Maps to your hotel.

VISITING SANTA BARBARA
<https://santabarbaraca.com/>

Santa Barbara is a city on the central California coast with the Santa Ynez Mountains as a dramatic backdrop. Downtown, Mediterranean-style white stucco buildings with red-tile roofs reflect the city's Spanish colonial heritage. Upscale boutiques and restaurants offering local wines and seasonal fare line State Street. On a nearby hill, Mission Santa Barbara, founded in 1786, houses Franciscan friars and a museum. Along the ocean you will find a very attractive beach with plenty of restaurants and small Inns. Santa Barbara boasts over 300 days of sunshine every year and has one of the few south-facing beaches in the state featuring warmer water.

There is a full spectrum of lodging options, ranging from the Ritz-Carlton to modest mom-and-pop Inns. Lodging prices are not cheap in Santa Barbara as it is a favorite get away destination for the Los Angeles area.

If the area is too pricey for you, continue south on 101 to Ventura (28 miles) where the beaches are great and the old downtown is charming and full of food options. There's even a mission. **Try Dargans Irish Pub and Restaurant** (593 E. Main Street).

This Tour is designed to precede the "On to La-La Land" Tour

