



**HEALEY 75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY MEET**

**PRE/POST TOURS**

**SANTA CRUZ**

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**Everyone loves Monterey, Carmel and environs. But maybe you've been there / done that. If so, consider an overnight in funky Santa Cruz, where the 1950's Boardwalk still thrives. Play ski-ball, shoot a bazooka and eat a corn dog. Hotels in nearby Capitola are a good bet as some of the older motels in Santa Cruz are a bit shabby.**

**THE BEACH BOARDWALK:**

The legendary **Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk** (1907) welcomes visitors with rides, games, and nonstop fun! Ride two **National Historic Landmarks**: The Giant Dipper Roller Coaster (1924) and the Looff Carousel (1911). In addition to thrill rides, family rides, and kiddie rides. Choose from over 300 games – both new and vintage – in the **Casino Arcade** or play mini-golf at Neptune's Kingdom. Laser tag and the nearby Boardwalk Bowl round out the fun. Take a self-guided historical walking tour or visit the **Boardwalk Historium** on the second floor of Neptune's Kingdom: this free exhibit includes photographs and memorabilia from the Boardwalk's first 100 years.

Parking is just across the street at 515 Beach Street. Open until at least 11 in summer. Frequent concerts and movies on the beach in the evenings. No entry fee.



**Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk (parking across the street)**

Google or Apple Map "515 Beach Street" for directions.

## WHERE TO STAY:

The best bet for accommodation is in nearby **Capitola-by-the-Sea**. 15 minutes and 5 miles from the Boardwalk. Best to Google your specific hotel as it is a bit tricky to navigate.

*Drifting downward from the cliffsides perched above Monterey Bay, soak in the seaside views as roads guide you to California's oldest seaside resort town. Today, the idyllic coastal haven evokes nostalgia while embracing fresh takes from buzzworthy local businesses. Brimming with small-town charm, appetizing eateries, whimsical shops, and community connection, all situated in a stunning seaside locale, [Capitola Village](#) is the perfect place to soak in the beachside bliss!*



**Capitola Venetian Hotel.** If you are looking for something truly funky, this beachside boutique hotel features all-suite units right on the beach. Most units have a kitchen, balcony and other amenities. Book early for best selection. <https://www.capitolavenetian.com/>

**Capitola Hotel.** Another boutique hotel on the Esplanade in Capitola Village. Ten rooms, all including breakfast. <https://www.capitolahotel.com/>

**Capitola Beach Suites.** A modest former motel with a great location and view. Every room has an ocean view balcony and there is a rooftop terrace with 360° views. <https://capitolabeachsuites.com/>

**Inn at Depot Hill.** A luxurious bed and breakfast on the hillside overlooking the sea and village. Fireplaces. AAA Four Diamond rated. <https://www.innatdepothill.com/>

**Wherever you stay, book early as this is a popular destination and most accommodations are small.**

## WHERE TO EAT:

If your first choice is not corn dogs and cotton candy on the Boardwalk, here are some alternatives in Capitola.

**Trestles Restaurant.** At Capitola Village, outdoor seating is available. Tending to high end Italian, but with some steaks and other options. <https://trestlesrestaurant.com/>

**Pete's Capitola.** Featuring local fish and produce. Seaside views and outdoor seating is available. Happy Hour 3-5 daily featuring \$3 oysters. <https://www.petescapitola.com/>

**Zelda's on the Beach.** Tending to seafood with fresh oysters, clams in wine sauce, cioppino and more. On the esplanade. <https://www.zeldasonthebeach.com/>

**Britannia Arms.** Capitola's British Pub. 110 Monterey Ave. Also serves breakfast.



This Tour connects to the ["Pacific Coast Highway Central Section \(Part 2\)"](#) Tour