



Good Times Travel

PISMO, MORRO & SENSORIO

Featuring a Two-Night Stay at *Vespera Resort on Pismo Beach*, Morro Bay, Light at Sensorio, Santa Barbara, *Coast Starlight Train*

March 13-15, 2024 – 3 Day Tour

Tour Highlights

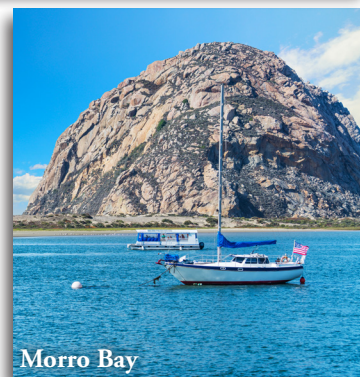
- ◆ Enjoy a two-night stay at the AAA Four Diamond *Vespera Resort on Pismo Beach* – this upscale, full-service, beachfront resort features a laid-back beachy feel combined with the charm of beach house chic and sits directly on the Pismo Beach Boardwalk adjacent to the new Pismo Beach Pier and Pier Plaza
- ◆ Sit back and enjoy a relaxing, five-hour rail journey along California's spectacular coastline and through its fertile valleys aboard Amtrak's *Coast Starlight* train, featuring an observation car offering unparalleled and expansive views
- ◆ Experience *Light at Sensorio*, featuring several installations including *Field of Light*, a walk-through installation with 60,000 spherical "flowers" that gently illuminate the landscape in subtle blooms of morphing color
- ◆ Visit the Morro Bay State Park Museum of Natural History and enjoy time at leisure in downtown Morro Bay
- ◆ Attend San Luis Obispo's downtown Thursday night farmers' market and street faire



Pismo Beach's Pier & Pier Plaza



Coast Starlight Train



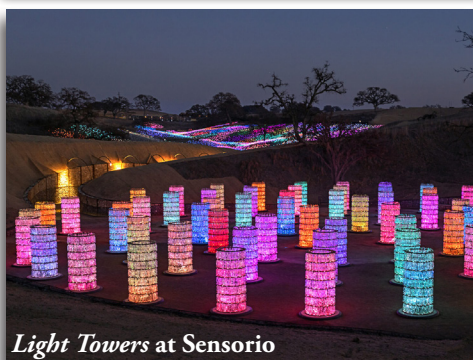
Morro Bay

Tour Inclusions

- ◆ 2 Nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- ◆ 3 Meals – 1 lunch, 2 breakfasts
- ◆ Services of a professional GTT tour director
- ◆ Admissions and sightseeing per the itinerary
- ◆ Transportation aboard a deluxe motorcoach and Amtrak's *Coast Starlight* Train
- ◆ Luggage handling throughout the tour

Tour Prices

Double Occupancy: \$899 per person
Single Occupancy (no roommate): Add \$300
Oceanview Upgrade: \$150 p.p./dbl; \$300 p.p./sgl



Light Towers at Sensorio



Vespera Resort on Pismo Beach

Reservations



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Accommodations

- ◆ Nights 1-2 **Vespara Resort on Pismo Beach**
Pismo Beach, CA

Departure/Return Information

Join this tour from one of our convenient departure points available in these cities:

- ◆Fountain Valley ◆Laguna Hills ◆Long Beach

Additional departure locations may be available through third-party groups – please inquire

Approximate Departure Time: 7-9 a.m.

Approximate Return Time: 6-8 p.m.

Payment Information

- ◆ Full payment due at time of booking
- ◆ Payment may be made by mailing a check to the above address or making a credit card payment at www.goodtimestravel.com

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Adjustments to the Itinerary

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Tour Pace & Activity Level



Visit our website for further explanation of what each of these designations means to assist you in determining which tour is right for you based on your physical abilities and the pacing you prefer.

Itinerary

This relaxing three-day rail getaway to the Central Coast during a delightful time of year features a two-night stay at the charming, beachfront Vespara Resort on Pismo Beach. We'll travel along the coast by train, explore Morro Bay and the Santa Ynez backroads and spend an evening at Light at Sensorio as we experience first-hand what makes California's Central Coast so endearing.

Day 1 – Coastal Train Ride, Pismo Beach

We set out from our departure points this morning aboard a deluxe motorcoach and travel to downtown Los Angeles' Union Station to board Amtrak's **Coast Starlight** train for a memorable, **five-hour rail journey** along California's spectacular coastline and through its fertile valleys to San Luis Obispo. We'll travel along Point Conception and through Vandenberg Space Force Base where you'll see the launch complexes and beautiful undeveloped coastline which is only visible by train. We'll enjoy an included boxed lunch onboard along with a snack bar selling snacks and drinks. Enjoy the relaxing ride in your reclining seat or check out the view from the observation car featuring windows that stretch up to the ceiling offering unparalleled and expansive views. Upon arrival in San Luis Obispo, we'll reboard our motorcoach and continue the short distance to **Pismo Beach**, the classic California beach town featuring a famous stretch of surf and sand and iconic views of the Pacific Ocean. Enjoy a relaxing two-night stay in a AAA Four Diamond full-service resort that celebrates the best of classic California beach culture – a laid-back beachy feel combined with beach house-inspired designs. This beachfront resort that sits directly on the **Pismo Beach Boardwalk** is just steps away from the **Pismo Beach Pier** and **Pier Plaza** which were unveiled in 2020. Enjoy the resort's heated pool, deck and hot tub overlooking the ocean, swanky lobby and an outdoor bar and lawn with fire pits. Enjoy dinner on your own at the resort's restaurant or one of the downtown Pismo Beach restaurants within walking distance of the resort. *While your deluxe hotel room features a city view, an oceanview room with balcony or veranda is available (based on availability) as an optional upgrade for an additional \$150 per person/double occupancy; \$300 per person/single occupancy.* (Lunch)

Day 2 – Pismo Beach, Morro Bay, San Luis Obispo, Sensorio

Following an included breakfast, we'll travel to **Morro Bay** and visit the **Morro Bay State Park Museum of Natural History**. Sitting on a hill overlooking the Morro Bay Estuary, the museum features state-of-the-art displays and interactive exhibits about the history and natural areas around Morro Bay. Enjoy time at leisure for lunch on your own and browsing the charming boutiques and galleries in downtown Morro Bay, the charming, seaside fishing village that sits in the shadow of the famous, 576-foot high, dome-shaped **Morro Rock**, known as the "Gibraltar of the Pacific." This afternoon we'll return to our Pismo Beach resort with time at leisure to relax or explore downtown Pismo Beach, the Pismo Beach Boardwalk and the Pismo Beach Pier – all within walking distance of the resort. This evening we'll travel to downtown **San Luis Obispo** to enjoy dinner on your own at one of the restaurants or at the **downtown Farmers' Market** and street faire (weather permitting). Enjoy strolling amongst four lively and historic blocks filled with just-picked produce for sale, local restaurants selling a variety of barbecued specialties and entertaining local performers. As the sun sets we'll arrive at **Light at Sensorio** – internationally-acclaimed artist Bruce Munro's largest artwork to date – located in a valley between rolling hills just east of downtown Paso Robles. **Field of Light** is an enormous, walk-through installation comprised of nearly 60,000 spherical fiber-optic "flowers" that gently illuminate the landscape in subtle blooms of morphing color. As you stroll along the flat, lit trail at your own pace, you'll be amazed by this stunning display of "solar flowers" that create a living kaleidoscope of color. **Light Towers** is a stunning light installation that celebrates Paso Robles' wine heritage with colorful 6-foot-tall towers composed of more than 17,000 wine bottles illuminated by glowing colorful optic fibers morphing to a moving musical score. And now on display are two new installations: **Fireflies**, a whimsical work made up of close to 10,000 flickering points of light and **Gone Fishing**, a playful representation of the contemplative act of standing by a stream. *Should inclement weather prevent us from visiting Light at Sensorio, an included lunch or dinner will be substituted.* (Breakfast)

Day 3 – Santa Barbara, Journey Home

After an included breakfast and a late morning departure, we'll head south and travel the backroads through the picturesque **Santa Ynez Valley** to **Santa Barbara**. Downtown Santa Barbara features a kaleidoscope of boutiques, galleries and tantalizing eateries amongst palm-lined thoroughfares and beautiful Spanish architecture. Enjoy time at leisure for browsing and lunch on your own at the variety of restaurants along State Street and at Paseo Nuevo – the Mediterranean-style shopping district. We'll return to our drop-off points this evening with many fond memories of our time exploring California's charming Central Coast on this fun and memorable getaway. (Breakfast)