



Good Times Travel

Cambria & Hearst Castle by Rail

Featuring a Two-Night Stay at an Oceanfront Inn on Cambria's Moonstone Beach, Hearst Castle, *Coast Starlight* Train
November 6-8, 2024 – 3 Day Tour

Tour Highlights

- ◆ Enjoy a five-hour rail journey along the California coast from Los Angeles to San Luis Obispo aboard Amtrak's *Coast Starlight* train, featuring an observation car that provides unparalleled and expansive views
- ◆ Enjoy a relaxing, two-night stay along Cambria's spectacular Moonstone Beach at a oceanfront, boutique inn that features charming rooms with a cozy fireplace
- ◆ See the film *Hearst Castle – Building the Dream* on a five-story screen at the Hearst Castle Theatre, and enjoy a docent-guided tour (of your choice) of Hearst Castle
- ◆ Sightseeing along the coast north of Cambria including the elephant seals at Piedras Blancas and Hearst Memorial State Beach
- ◆ Enjoy time at leisure in the charming Danish village of Solvang and in the quaint village of Cambria – home to antique shops, artists' galleries and unique boutiques
- ◆ Attend downtown San Luis Obispo's Thursday night Farmers' Market and street faire



Hearst Castle

Tour Inclusions

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



Coast Starlight Train



Solvang

Tour Prices

Double Occupancy: \$899 per person
Single Occupancy (no roommate): Add \$250



FogCatcher Inn



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Reservations



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Accommodations

- ◆ Nights 1-2 **FogCatcher Inn on Moonstone Beach, Cambria, CA**

Departure Information

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

- ◆Fountain Valley ◆Laguna Hills ◆Long Beach
- 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

While we make every effort to operate our tours as advertised, should we be forced to adjust the itinerary prior to departure or while on tour, these changes will be communicated to you and only done when absolutely necessary.

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

One of our all-time most popular tours is offered at what is typically a delightful time of year in this region. This relaxing three-day getaway explores California's Central Coast while enjoying a stay at a charming and cozy inn on Cambria's Moonstone Beach. We'll travel by train and along the picturesque backroads while keeping a relaxed pace as we experience first-hand why this area "where the pines meet the sea" is so special.

Day 1 – Coastal Train Ride, Cambria

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 views. Upon arrival in San Luis Obispo, we'll reboard our motorcoach and continue north along the coast to the quaint seaside village of **Cambria** – the artists' colony nestled in a forest of towering Monterey Pines along a craggy stretch of California coastline. We'll enjoy a two-night stay in a charming boutique inn that features cozy fireplace rooms with a coastal décor and a driftwood-inspired design. This oceanfront gem is located on Cambria's **Moonstone Beach**, recently voted one of the '10 Best Beaches in California' by the readers of *USA Today*. This spectacular stretch of coastline offers an easily accessible beach with driftwood and collectible shells and rocks, tide pools, a walkable bluff-top boardwalk and a spectacular vantage point for memorable sunsets. This evening we'll enjoy an included dinner at a locals' favorite. (Lunch, Dinner)

Day 2 – Cambria, Hearst Castle, San Luis Obispo

Following an included breakfast we'll visit **Hearst Castle**, the National Historic Landmark that sits above the clouds on top of "The Enchanted Hill." This extraordinary temple to opulence and excess is an eye-popping extravaganza featuring a 165-room castle, terraced gardens, pools and a spectacular wrap-around view of California's Central Coast. Experience what life was like as a guest of Mr. Hearst, see his personal collection of rare and ancient works of art and encounter the majesty and beauty of this historical treasure while on a docent-guided tour (space on each tour is based on availability and cannot be guaranteed). The **Grand Rooms Tour** is recommended for first-time visitors and features the main building, "Casa Grande" including the Assembly Room, Refectory, Morning Room, Billiard Room and Theater. *The Grand Rooms tour includes a total of 140 stairs (both up and down) over a 2/3-mile route. If you require the Grand Rooms ADA tour (which has no stairs and very limited availability), please advise us at the time of booking.* The **Cottages & Kitchen Tour** features the famous wine cellar and gigantic kitchen in Casa Grande as well as two ornately gilded "cottages" – each thousands of square feet in size – that housed the Hearst family and their guests before Casa Grande was ready. *The Cottages & Kitchen tour includes a total of 193 stairs (both up and down) over a 3/4-mile route.* On the **Upstairs Suites Tour** you'll climb the spiral staircase to the upper levels of Casa Grande to admire Mr. Hearst's Gothic Suite, the enchanting Celestial Suite, the main library, the della Robbia Room and a clever Duplex Suite. *The Upstairs Suites tour includes a total of 367 stairs (both up and down) over a 3/4-mile route.* Enjoy time at leisure to browse the Hearst Castle Visitor Center and an included screening of the resident film, *Hearst Castle – Building the Dream* featuring breathtaking original cinematography combined with vintage clips and stills from the 1920s and 30s. The film allows the construction and history of the Castle to come to life on a giant five-story screen. Enjoy time at leisure this afternoon relaxing at the inn, taking a walk on Moonstone Beach or browsing the charming shops, boutiques and galleries in Cambria's quaint and historic village. This evening, enjoy dinner on your own at one of the oceanfront restaurants or take advantage of motorcoach transportation to **downtown San Luis Obispo's Farmers' Market** and street faire (weather permitting). (Breakfast)

Day 3 – Coastal Sightseeing, Solvang, Journey Home

After an included breakfast we'll enjoy a scenic ride along the coast north of Cambria to visit the **elephant seal rookery at Piedras Blancas** and **William Randolph Hearst State Beach**. We'll then travel south to the **Santa Ynez Valley** and the quaint Danish town of **Solvang**. Known as America's famous "Little Denmark," Solvang features quaint old-world architectural styles and flower-lined streets to create a very walkable village. Enjoy time at leisure for lunch on your own and browsing the wonderful shops that offer imported European wares and collectibles. For a true taste of Danish culture, sample the delicious pastries offered by Solvang's authentic local bakeries. We continue south to our drop-off points, returning this evening with many fond memories of our time on California's beautiful Central Coast. (Breakfast)