

## San Mateo County Coast

# BEACHSIDE BEST BITES

Here's a roundup of places to stop for a meal along the San Mateo County coast.

For complete reviews, see [sfgate.com/food](http://sfgate.com/food).

### Cafe Gibraltar

425 Alhambra, El Granada; (650) 560-9039. Attractive digs include romantic pillow-lined nooks. Boldly flavored Mediterranean food.

### Cetrella Bistro and Cafe

845 Main St., Half Moon Bay; (650) 726-4090. The kitchen is adept at using coastal bounty in a Mediterranean-inspired menu. The large fireplace and warm setting will help chase away the fog.

### Duarte's Tavern

202 Stage Road, Pescadero; (650) 879-0464. Artichoke soup and olallieberry pie are the signatures of this friendly coastside landmark.

### Flying Fish Grill

99 San Mateo Road (Highway 92), Half Moon Bay; (650) 712-1125. Top choices at this friendly cafe include fish tacos — made from three or four varieties of seafood — wonderful sweet potato fries, fish and chips, and some pretty decent clam chowder.

### Half Moon Bay Brewing Co.

300 Capistrano Road, Princeton; (650) 728-2739. This family-friendly venue, with a large patio, is perfect for noshing on deep-fried artichokes or clam chowder. It's also been certified green.

### Half Moon Bay Coffee Co.

20-A Stone Pine Road, Half Moon Bay; (650) 726-3664. Good omelets, sandwiches and burgers with excellent

house-baked desserts and pastries make this popular spot worth a visit.

### Moss Beach Distillery

140 Beach Way, Moss Beach; (650) 728-5595. The incredible ocean view is an undeniable draw at this historic coast-side haunt, with rumors of ghosts.

### Navio

In the Ritz-Carlton Half Moon Bay, 1 Miramontes Point Road. Half Moon Bay; (650) 712-7040. A loud, bright kitchen set against a handsome, serene dining room and breathtaking views makes for an unexpected juxtaposition. Choose from the six-course tasting menu or order a la carte.

### Pasta Moon

315 Main St., Half Moon Bay; (650) 726-5125. Homemade, silky pasta and thin-crust wood-fired pizza star at this cozy restaurant.

### Sam's Chowder House

4210 N. Cabrillo Highway, Half Moon Bay; (650) 712-0245. Beautiful views and great seafood items such as oysters, crab and lobster make Sam's a cut above most restaurants dotting Highway 1. Cioppino and chowder are particularly good.

### Sushi Main Street

696 Mill St., Half Moon Bay; (650) 726-6336. Vegetarians and sushi lovers will find myriad options at this casual Half Moon Bay original.

