

HALF MOON BAY

COASTSIDE CALIFORNIA

PUMPKINS ABOUND ALONG THE HALF MOON BAY COASTSIDE, CA *Enjoy Pumpkin Patches, Pumpkin Dishes, and Much More!*

HALF MOON BAY, CA – SEPTEMBER 23, 2021 - There is no better place to celebrate the wonders of the fall season than along the Half Moon Bay Coastsides. Fondly regarded as the pumpkin capital of the world, this beautiful coastal region, located 30 miles south of San Francisco, produces more than 3,000 tons of pumpkins every year. Visitors will delight in the area's brilliant orange pick-your-own-pumpkins and scenic backdrop of rich fall colors. The local menus are brimming over with pumpkin-inspired delights such as pumpkin cheese, pumpkin gnocchi, and even pumpkin beer on tap!

Below is a summary of everything pumpkin-related along the Half Moon Bay Coastsides. To plan a trip, visit www.visithalfmoonbay.org for information on the region's cozy inns and luxury coastal resorts, renowned restaurants, farm visits, golf, wine tasting, fishing, whale watching, surfing, and much more.

Special Note: All locations are in Half Moon Bay unless otherwise noted.

- PUMPKIN PATCHES -

Pick-Your-Own Pumpkin Patches

An autumn visit to the pumpkin fields around Half Moon Bay is a popular annual tradition for many people. Spread out along Highway 92 (San Mateo Road) and Cabrillo Highway (Rt. 1), visitors will discover pumpkins in a wide variety of colors, shapes, and sizes in a beautiful rural setting. Below is a selection of local pumpkin farms open to visitors. *For information on advance tickets and reservations, contact the farm directly.*

Andreotti Farms – in operation since 1926 this family farm turns into a giant pumpkin patch with an abundance of reasonably priced gourds to choose from. In addition to providing a bounty of vegetables throughout the year, check out the “You Pick Sunflower Field” to bring home a bit of Half Moon Bay sunshine. *800 Cabrillo Highway North, (650) 922-0141.*

Arata's Pumpkin Farm – in addition to pumpkins, this family-friendly farm features pony rides, a petting zoo, and Minotaur's Labyrinth (a two-acre hay maze that changes every year). For those who like a bit of frightening fun, check out the spine-tingling Haunted Barn. *185 Verde Road, (650) 726-7548.*

Farmer John's Pumpkin Farm – there's more than 60 varieties of pumpkins and squash to peruse at this famous farm. Visitors can also check out an authentic Native American teepee and take a ride on a vintage tractor. *800 N. Cabrillo Highway, (650) 726-4980.*

Lemos Farm - this family farm specializes in year-round activities for children such as pony rides, train rides, a petting zoo, bounce houses, and more. During September and October, the farm turns into “Halloween Palooza” with a haunted house, the Ghost Train, and of course, lots of pumpkins! *12320 San Mateo Road, (650) 726-2342.*

Pastorino Farms – During the month of October, Pastorino's transforms into a seasonal pumpkin farm with hayrides, train rides, ponies, pet and feed farm animals, giant slides, and jumpers. On the weekends, enjoy a haunted house and face painting. *12391 San Mateo Road, (650) 726-6440.*

Repetto's - Find great prices on pumpkins plus a not-to-miss corn maze, which spans over an acre. *12592 San Mateo Road, (650) 726-6414.*

- GLASS PUMPKINS -

Create your own glass pumpkins with HMB Art Glass or stop by the mega sale held every weekend in October with hundreds of glass pumpkins available for purchase. Classes start at \$130 (use lemon40 to save 40%). *Located at La Nebbia Winery, 12341 San Mateo Road on Hwy. 92, (650) 283-5626, www.hmbartglass.com.*

- PUMPKIN GETAWAY -

The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay is offering a “Pumpkin Indulgence” experience to celebrate the great gourd. This package includes overnight accommodations, a signature Half Moon Bay Pumpkin Facial (80 minutes) with a nourishing and hydrating pumpkin enzyme masque, pumpkin macarons, and a glass pumpkin keepsake. Available from October 1-31, 2021. *Rates start at \$1,150 per night (includes resort fee and overnight valet parking). One Miramontes Point Road, (650) 712 7000, www.ritzcarlton.com. Media Contact: Shelly Auyeung (650) 712 7007, shelly.auyeung@ritzcarlton.com.*

- CULINARY DELIGHTS -

Pumpkin Candy!

Step back in time and indulge in a piece of Americana at Small Town Sweets. This fall season enjoy a wide selection of pumpkin treats including homemade pumpkin pie fudge, pumpkin spice malt balls, pumpkin spice caramels, pumpkin spice meringues, and pumpkin pie saltwater taffy. There's also an ample selection of chocolates, candies, licorice, and gourmet popcorn. *617 Main Street, (650)713-0782, <https://smalltownsweetshmb.square.site>.*

Pumpkin Treats

Voted the “Best Bakery in Half Moon Bay,” Moonside Bakery and Café is the place to go for delectable housemade pumpkin goodies. A sampling of their “Everything Pumpkin” menu includes sweet loaf, muffins, croissants (pumpkin and cream cheese filled), scones, cheesecake, mousse cake, French macarons, and pumpkin-shaped cookies. There's even pumpkin pancakes and pumpkin-seeded bagels! Of course, no celebration is complete without their scrumptious pumpkin pie. *604 Main Street, (650) 726-9070, www.moonsidebakery.com.*

Pumpkin Pie

James Beard award winning Duarte's Tavern, a family run establishment since 1894, is serving up their signature pumpkin pie. Enjoy American country cooking, spiced by the Portugese roots of the Duarte family. Not to miss: a bowl of their famous artichoke and green chili soup and a

slice of olallieberry pie with a scoop of vanilla ice cream. 202 Stage Road, Pescadero, (650) 879-0464, www.duartestavern.com.

Pumpkin Cheese

Now through the holidays, Harley Farms, home to award-winning goat cheese, is offering its seasonal Pumpkin-Spice Fromage Blanc, a deliciously creamy and light cheese with a subtle pumpkin tang. *Open daily from 11am - 4pm. Tours can be reserved online. 205 North Street, Pescadero, (650) 879-0480, www.harleyfarms.com.*

Pumpkin Gnocchi

Sam's Chowder House is cooking up a variety of festive specials this pumpkin season including house-made pumpkin gnocchi with brown butter and sage and delicious pumpkin crême brulee. *Open for outdoor dining and takeout. 4210 Cabrillo Hwy N, (650) 712-0245, www.samschowderhouse.com.*

- BREW NEWS -

Pumpkins are Brewing

Head to Half Moon Bay Brewing Company for its famous Pumpkin Harvest Ale, now available at the restaurant on tap and in 16oz cans. This Pumpkin Harvest Ale is a yearly fall specialty: a full-bodied Amber Ale made with locally grown Sugar Pie pumpkins and roasted with a secret blend of spices added to the brew kettle. The finished result is a subtle Pumpkin pie spice flavor balanced by a biscuity maltiness. Pumpkin soup will also be available throughout the fall season. *390 Capistrano Road, (650) 728-2739, www.hmbbrewingco.com. Media Contact: Laura Acton, laura@hmbbrewingco.com.*

- SHOPPING -

Festive Main Street

Half Moon Bay's Main Street is a shopper's dream with blocks of locally owned boutiques, galleries, and restaurants. To celebrate the fall season, Bay Area Artist Devlin Espeleta has hand-painted many of the store windows with cozy autumn scenes.

Posh Pumpkins

Mercantile Jupiter & Main is featuring Posh Pumpkins, luxurious velvet pumpkins handcrafted by a local artist with real pumpkin stems harvested from local Half Moon Bay farms. Comforting fall scented candles like clove and pumpkin are also available for purchase. Offering hand selected products from small makers from around the U.S. and the world, shoppers will delight in the unique home goods, self-care products, barware, stylish menswear, leather goods, and extensive apothecary. *432-B Main Street, (650) 889-3001, www.jupiterandmain.com.*

- SPA -

Pumpkin Facial

Offered exclusively during the fall in honor of pumpkin season, The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay's signature treatment utilizes a nourishing pumpkin enzyme masque from a 100% natural plant-based line high in beta carotene and vitamins A and C. Enjoy the ultimate skin care experience that leaves skin smooth, plump and hydrated. 80 minutes, \$305. *One Miramontes Point Road, (650) 712 7000, www.ritzcarlton.com. Media Contact: Shelly Auyeung (650) 712-7007, shelly.auyeung@ritzcarlton.com.*

About the Half Moon Bay Coastside

The Half Moon Bay Coastside is a charming seaside respite located 45 minutes south of San Francisco. Nestled between the Santa Cruz Mountains and the Pacific Ocean, this breathtaking region consists of four distinct areas - the North Coast, Half Moon Bay, the South Coast and the Redwood Region. Featuring the best of Northern California all in one place, visitors will enjoy miles of white sandy beaches, redwood forests, a historic downtown filled with local artisan shops, beautiful state parks, fields of wildflowers, and trails along ocean bluffs and mountain ridges as far as the eye can see. A sampling of activities includes horseback riding on the beach, farm fresh dining, shopping, biking, hiking and world-class golfing and surfing.

For more information on visiting Half Moon Bay, visit www.visithalfmoonbay.org or call (650) 726-8380. Like our [Facebook](#) page and follow us on [Twitter](#) @visithmb and [Instagram](#) @visithalfmoonbay.

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