

## *Recommended Restaurants*

\*Please see following websites for further information and dining menus.

### **Carmel by the Sea**

#### **Cantinetta Luca**

Owned by the same family that owns Aubergine, Luca is a wonderful Italian Restaurant. It has a lively atmosphere and a walk up bar as well.

[www.cantinettaluca.com](http://www.cantinettaluca.com)

#### **Dametra Cafe**

Centrally located on Ocean Avenue in Carmel, this Mediterranean restaurant has a quaint setting with about 15 tables with great service and a big heart. Also, they also have a sister restaurant, Mediterranean. This is located 3 doors down from Dametra Café on Ocean Avenue. They offer the same menu and fun atmosphere.

[www.dametracafe.com](http://www.dametracafe.com)

#### **Little Napoli**

Enjoy a brief trip to Italy with Italian country cooking and warm hospitality as you remember it. Come and experience the culture, cuisine and lively traditions at Pèpe's Little Napoli, Bistro Italiano. Antipasti, Pizza, Pasta and Risotto are prepared perfectly with the handed down Pèpe family signature recipes.

<http://chefpepe.com/restaurants/little-napoli/>

#### **Flying Fish Grill**

Fresh fish and seafood with a light touch and creative Japanese-Californian fusion flair. Dinners served nightly in a cozy setting by warm and friendly personnel.

[www.restauranteur.com/flyingfishgrill](http://www.restauranteur.com/flyingfishgrill)

#### **Casanova**

Dubbed 'Carmel's most romantic restaurant', rustic Italian/French cuisine with a few Belgian 'family favorites', 4 different themed rooms and an outside garden, locally owned. Serves Lunch and Dinner.

[www.casanovarestaurant.com](http://www.casanovarestaurant.com)

#### **Basil**

Located in the heart of Carmel by the Sea, Basil offers the freshest local seafood, the finest organic produce, fun and contemporary cocktails as well as the best selection of California wines.

[www.basilcarmel.com](http://www.basilcarmel.com)

### **7D (Seventh & Dolores)**

The Seventh & Dolores Steakhouse, or 7D, is founded on a commitment to quality and honesty – naturally farmed and humanely raised foods prepared in simple, soulful ways. While the heart of the restaurant is a classic steakhouse, we imagine an experience and menu that is fun and contemporary. The rich, fertile land of California and the spectacular Pacific Ocean dictate the seasonally changing menu, but as victims of wanderlust, we also want to bring the energy and influences of our travels back to our home in Monterey County.

<https://www.7dsteakhouse.com/>

### **da Giovanni (now located in Carmel's Bistro Giovanni location on San Carlos between 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>)**

Firok Shield and his restaurant family operate this Carmel restaurant with careful attention to detail and a love of hospitality, offering a fusion of recipes handed down from his grandmother, such as Insalata Greca or Osso Buco.

It's no wonder da Giovanni is one of the most highly recommended restaurants in Carmel. The menu is extraordinary. ***Carmel Restaurant dog-friendly patio.***

[www.threecarmelrestaurants.com/carmel-restaurant-da-giovanni.html](http://www.threecarmelrestaurants.com/carmel-restaurant-da-giovanni.html)

### **Mission Ranch**

This restaurant is a Carmel "institution". Enjoy a glass of wine and an appetizer before dinner and watch the sun set over the lagoon. On the weekends, this restaurant has a piano player and locals and visitors alike stand up to entertain fellow diners with song. Arrive early, though. Mission Ranch does not take reservations.

[www.missionranchcarmel.com/restaurant.htm](http://www.missionranchcarmel.com/restaurant.htm)

### **Hanagasa**

Located in Carmel by the Sea, Hanagasa sushi offers a large selection of Japanese cuisine including an assortment of fresh sashimi and sushi rolls.

<http://hanagasa.weebly.com/>

### **Aubergine**

The daily changing eight course Tasting Menu (\$150 per person) is an of-the-moment celebration of seasonality and creativity. An impressive 2,500-bottle wine cellar offers renowned and undiscovered selections from famed wine regions around the world, with a particular focus on wines from Monterey County and France. For a supplement, course-by-course wine pairings are available to enhance your experience.

<http://auberginecarmel.com/>

### **Christopher's**

Award winning chef/owner Christopher J. Caul has transformed one of the village's oldest restaurant locations into a modern, fun, and friendly dinner house. Charming and affable, Christopher's cuisine is sublime. Christopher's more than 30 years of experience, as well as his three former restaurants, have culminated in a menu that showcases the finest, freshest, seasonal ingredients the Central Coast has to offer. Christopher's wine list features mostly Monterey County wines, as well as his favorites from around the state. Christopher's also features a full bar with some of the finest handcrafted spirits available. Christopher is right where he loves to be; come say hello soon!

[www.christophersrestaurantcarmel.com](http://www.christophersrestaurantcarmel.com)

### **400 Degrees Gourmet Burgers & Fries**

6 oz. beef patties are made from a houseblend of 100% Angus ground chuck and skirt steak and cooked to medium doneness. Served on a toasted brioche bun or wrapped in a lettuce leaf on request.

[www.400degrees.com](http://www.400degrees.com)

### **Vesuvio**

At Vesuvio, chef Pèpe's culinary style will take the so called "Mediterranean Diet" to the next level. It is thought that the diet among Mediterranean countries is healthier than the Northern European and American diet because, in addition to olive oil, more grains, fruits, vegetables, beans, and fresh fish are consumed. The ingredients used at Vesuvio will often be imported from Italy, or made in house, and always of top quality. Pèpe will call his cooking style at Vesuvio the "Italian Lifestyle Diet".

The wine list at Vesuvio will be comprised of wines from Southern Italy and selected California regions. These carefully chosen wines will pair perfectly with the traditional food flavors of the south. Wineries such as Mastroberardino from Campania, Tormaresca from Puglia and Planeta from Sicily will be featured.

Vesuvio features two bars, one adjacent to the main dining room, and the other on the rooftop terrace. Master mixologist Christian Pèpe has created many signature cocktails for the two bars, many using house-infused spirits.

<http://chefpepe.com/restaurants/vesuvio/>

### **La Balena**

New to the village of Carmel by the Sea. Daily Seasonal Menu featuring Local Ingredients & Hand Crafted Pasta

<http://labalenacarmel.com/>

### **Grasing's**

Chef Kurt Grasing has developed a menu that reflects stylist simplicity by using ultra fresh ingredients gleaned from California's Carmel Coast and Central Valley. Dishes are displayed in a modest fashion that belie the intense combination of textures and flavors. The Award winning wine list consists of an eclectic varied of California wines at reasonable prices. When the sun is out, enjoy Carmel dinner outside on the pet friendly patio for a true Carmel dining experience.

[www.grasings.com](http://www.grasings.com)

### **La Bicyclette**

La Bicyclette features cuisine crafted from local ingredients using old world technique. The menu changes daily, allowing guests to experience new dishes daily. In addition the à la carte menu, also featured are thin crust pizzas made in the wood-fired Mugnaini oven.

[www.labicycletterestaurant.com](http://www.labicycletterestaurant.com)

### **Andre's Bouchee**

Andre's Bouchée is located on Mission Street, two doors south of Ocean Avenue in the heart of Carmel-by-the-Sea. Proprietor Elizabeth Lemaire wants to share this Carmel favorite that lures locals and visitors with its chic style and neighborhood charm. Chef Benoit Petel prepares Modern French Bistro Cuisine with a Californian Coastal flair. Our cozy atmosphere makes you feel as though you're dining in one of the small neighborhoods inside Paris.

[www.andresbouchee.com](http://www.andresbouchee.com)

### **Anton & Michel**

Tony Salameh, who has nurtured the icon of romantic fine dining on the Monterey Peninsula for three decades, says "this restaurant is like my child." The makeover, completed in February 2013, is a breath of fresh new life for the establishment. Decor and menu changes, even so, retain some of the classic table-side service specialties (including flambé desserts) and elegance. The new interior features an expanded lounge, offering a more open and airy space, and enhancing the view of the signature fountain via floor to ceiling windows. Colors are warm, earthy tones. New columns and hand set masonry stones highlight a rustic and intimate ambiance. Comfortable sofa seating in front of the fireplace in the lounge invites casual drop-in enjoyment.

<http://www.antonandmichel.com/antonmichel>

### **The Grill on Ocean**

The atmosphere at The Grill on Ocean Avenue is warm and relaxing — open, bright, modern and airy, tastefully trimmed in oak and linen around a large Carmel stone fireplace. The Grill on Ocean Avenue is one of the Monterey Peninsula's 10 best restaurants, as named by Epicurean Rendezvous Restaurant Guide and the Monterey County Critics Choice list. The cuisine is lyrical, clearly California in its freshness and lightness. The warm and attentive staff, a generous well-balanced California wine list, with an emphasis on Monterey County wines, and complete bar service are additional elements that make The Grill on Ocean Avenue "the locals' choice" for lunch and dinner.

<http://www.carmelsbest.com/thegrill/>

### **Il Fornaio**

[www.ilfornaio.com](http://www.ilfornaio.com)

### **Yafa**

Restaurateurs' Faisal Nimri and Ben Khader have combined their knowledge and experience to bring this light, friendly and fresh new restaurant to Carmel by the Sea. The name is inspired by the ancient port city, Yafa, Israel. The port city has been a melting pot for cultural and culinary arts throughout the Mediterranean region.

[www.yafarestaurant.com](http://www.yafarestaurant.com)

### **Brophy's Tavern**

Carmel's favorite spot for sports, stories, friends and fun. Featuring handcrafted cocktails, beers, the best pub fare in Carmel...and the storied 1,000-can vintage beer wall! Brophy's does not take advance reservations.

<http://www.thehotelcarmel.com/bites-bevs/brophystavern/>

### **PortaBella**

Local fresh cuisine, charming & elegant and romantic for everyone.

During the day, passersby on Ocean Avenue are lured in by the sight of diners happily engaged in food and conversation on the picturesque flagstone patio. At night, heady aromas and laughter waft innocuously out the famed front door each time it is opened.

<https://www.portabellacarmel.com/>

## **Carmel Valley**

### **Lucia Restaurant and Bar at Bernardus Lodge**

One of America's most celebrated restaurants, where Chef Cal Stamenov's acclaimed California Natural cuisine is beautifully paired with more than 1,800 fine wine selections.

<http://www.bernarduslodge.com/lucia-restaurant.aspx>

### **Corkscrew Café**

The Corkscrew Café promises great food and local wines in beautiful Carmel Valley. Early Monterey and Mission style influences the interior design as well as the garden patios. The daily menu reflects the use of fresh herbs and seasonal produce from our large gardens, paired with local fish and meats.

<http://corkscrewcafe.com/>

### **Roux**

Chef Fabrice Roux offers a variety of cuisines by using local ingredients and his French technique for small plates and entrees paired with wines and house made refreshers. Perfectly located in Carmel Valley Wine Tasting country

## **Monterey**

### **Montrio**

Delighting Monterey Peninsula locals and visitors since 1995, Montrio Bistro is just minutes from Pacific Grove, Carmel and Pebble Beach. A California Central Coast culinary leader, Montrio Bistro holds numerous national, regional and local awards. Featuring locally sourced ingredients and sustainably caught seafood, Executive Chef Tony Baker's European inspired American menu combines the best of Italian, French and California cuisines

[www.montrio.com](http://www.montrio.com)

### **Sandbar & Grill**

Where the locals meet to eat. Tucked away underneath Monterey's Municipal Wharf #2, the small restaurant and bar hangs alongside of the pier in dramatic fashion. When you visit the Sandbar & Grill, you're in for a treat. The warm and charming atmosphere will instantly relax you while the attentive staff spoils you. Weekly menu specials offer unique flavors and pairings. Full bar and beautiful Wine list available.

## **Pebble Beach**

### **Stillwater Bar & Grill**

Contemporary. Fresh. Delightful. Three adjectives that perfectly describe Stillwater Bar & Grill at The Lodge at Pebble Beach.

[www.pebblebeach.com/dining/the-lodge-at-pebble-beach/stillwater-bar-and-grill](http://www.pebblebeach.com/dining/the-lodge-at-pebble-beach/stillwater-bar-and-grill)

### **The Bench**

A casual, yet sophisticated dining experience overlooking the 18th hole at Pebble Beach Golf Links. The Bench at The Lodge at Pebble Beach delivers an eclectic menu inspired by international styles and methods, using the innovative technique of wood roasting and open-flame cooking.

[www.pebblebeach.com/dining/the-lodge-at-pebble-beach/the-bench](http://www.pebblebeach.com/dining/the-lodge-at-pebble-beach/the-bench)

### **Roy's at Pebble Beach**

Roy Yamaguchi – celebrity chef, James Beard Award winner, and the father of Hawaiian-fusion cuisine – has poured all of his innovative talents into Roy's at Pebble Beach. The result? A wonderfully eclectic menu that is sure to please all tastes and palates.

[www.pebblebeach.com/dining/the-inn-at-spanish-bay/roys-at-pebble-beach](http://www.pebblebeach.com/dining/the-inn-at-spanish-bay/roys-at-pebble-beach)

### **Peppoli at Pebble Beach**

Italy's rich traditions, culture and cuisine join in a welcoming embrace at Pèppoli at Pebble Beach. Authentic Tuscan-style dishes are paired with the widest selection of Antinori wines outside of Tuscany. Pèppoli takes its name from one of the wine estates of Marchese Piero Antinori, who has been called “the most important winemaker in Italy.”

[/www.pebblebeach.com/dining/the-inn-at-spanish-bay/peppoli-at-pebble-beach](http://www.pebblebeach.com/dining/the-inn-at-spanish-bay/peppoli-at-pebble-beach)

## **Carmel Highlands**

### **California Market at Pacific's Edge**

The new California Market at Pacific's Edge is the exciting fusion of the Hyatt Carmel Highlands' two popular and award-winning restaurants, the casual bistro California Market and the fine dining Pacific's Edge. Featuring an expansive new 1,200-square-foot deck, featuring louvered roof and glass-panel walls with dramatic views of the Pacific Ocean and the Big Sur coast.

<https://highlandsinn.hyatt.com/en/hotel/dining/california-market-at-pacifics-edge.html>

**Rocky Point**

Rocky Point Restaurant is located 10 miles south of Carmel, a mere fifteen-minute scenic drive, between Carmel and Big Sur. Spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean as you sit perched cliff-side; either inside through panoramic windows next to a cozy fireplace or outside on our open deck. Catch a glimpse of playful sea-otters, dolphins, seals, and many whales as they migrate up the coast.

<http://www.rockypointrestaurant.com/home.html>