

3 - Day Tour to Cambria Big Sur - Hearst Castle Elephant Seals



January 15-17 (Martin Luther King weekend)



On our next tour we return to the Central Coast region of California, centering on the town of Cambria.

We will leave a rendezvous point in LA on Saturday and drive north. We will use country roads where possible. Our objective will be to have lunch in Morro Bay at a nice waterfront seafood restaurant, the Great American Fish Company. We will have time for sightseeing in Morro Bay, before we depart for points north. Along our way we may stop at the old beach community of Cayucos or other spots, arriving at the Cambria Pines Lodge, our headquarters, that afternoon. The Lodge has been a favorite of Porschephiles for decades.

You make your own room reservation at (800) 966-6490. Mention the Long Beach Porsche Club for our special rate of \$134/night for a fireplace room (they also have cabins). We have ten rooms reserved, so call early. Breakfast buffet is included. Go to their website and take a tour — <http://www.cambriapineslodge.com/>.

Dinner is at the Lodge in a private dining room. There are three entree choices: Roast Beef (\$45), Chicken Piccata (\$38), or Broiled Salmon (\$41). Price includes salad, dessert, tax and tip. After making room reservations, select your entree and send a check for dinner to: PCA/GPX (send to Martin Goldsmith, 5638 Azure Bay, Long Beach 90803).

Sunday morning we will tour the Hearst Castle. Several different tours are available. Make your own reservations at <http://www.hearstcastle.org/content/hearst-castle-tours>. Plan for the 10:00 AM time slot. Total tour time is about two hours. Afterwards we will drive to a nearby resort hotel on the beach, the Cavalier, for lunch in their restaurant.

After lunch we drive to Pt. Piedras Blancas to see the elephant seals. Their rookery is right next to a parking area. They are at the peak of their pupping and breeding season. Thousands of the huge seals are on the beach, and this is one of nature's great spectacles. You may see a birth right before your eyes, and the giant males sometimes battle for supremacy. Bring your camera. Sometimes you see migrating whales offshore, so bring binoculars.

We will return to the hotel and, later, have dinner at a restaurant in Cambria. On Monday (MLK holiday) most will return home. You can go on your own, caravan over a recommended scenic route or, some of us, will head further up the Monterey Peninsula. You are on vacation - do as you want!

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