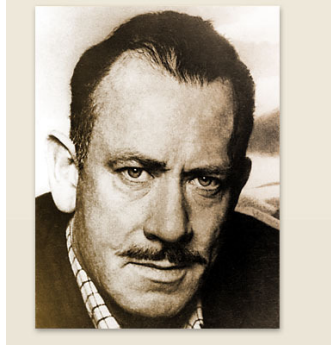




## **Cannery Row FACTS-AT-A-GLANCE**

- DESTINATION:** Cannery Row — Monterey, California
- HISTORY:** Fifty-two years ago, in January of 1958, the City of Monterey officially changed the name of Ocean View Avenue to "Cannery Row" in honor of John Steinbeck, whose 1945 novel immortalized it. The Sardine Capital of the World was formerly inhabited by fishermen and cannery workers of Chinese, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese and Scandinavian origin.
- ATTRACTIONS:** The Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, the Monterey Bay Aquarium, a European-style spa at the Monterey Plaza Hotel, the InterContinental The Clement Monterey, a new luxury hotel with 208 rooms, panoramic coastal views, spa facilities, meeting space and restaurant, a 290-seat IMAX theater with a 3D and 2D giant screen and 12,000 watts of digital sound, as well as boutique shopping, fine dining, and many outdoor activities attract visitors year-round
- RECREATION:** Both young and old enjoy walking, biking, running and rollerblading along the miles-long Monterey Bay Coastal Recreational Trail. Locals and visitors alike come to kayak, fly kites, and admire the bay's beauty, while divers take advantage of San Carlos Beach, ranked the top short dive spot in the nation. Seals, sea lions, and otters add to an unforgettable experience.
- SHOPPING:** Cannery Row offers a unique oceanfront shopping experience, with stunning views and a bounty of original treasures. The historic streets of Cannery Row are lined with a variety of boutique shops specializing in art collections, handmade clothing, souvenirs, gourmet food, jewelry designs, antiques, leathers, stained glass, sunglasses and cigars. Local artists work out of studios in the Monterey Canning Company.
- DINING:** More than 30 restaurants feature casual and fine dining. From the world-famous Sardine Factory to Bubba Gump Shrimp Company, "Restaurant Row" offers local, regional and international cuisine.
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## Cannery Row HISTORY

When John Steinbeck wrote about the gritty, industrial Monterey canning street and filled it with a band of genuine albeit imperfect fictional characters, little did he know he was sending the street on its way to becoming one of the most beloved spots on earth to visit. Cannery Row—as it was officially named in 1958—has evolved from the "tin and iron" of the cannery days into a welcoming seaside district for a wide spectrum of pastimes, not the least of which is exploring the street's heritage.

Long before the area became famous for sardines, it was discovered by Chinese salmon fisherman in the 1850s who settled at China Point. The late 1880s brought Portuguese shore-whalers to the area, as well as the railroad which opened the door to tourism and immigration. Italian fishermen would eventually drive the Chinese out of their prominent role in the Monterey Bay fishing industry.

The first cannery in Monterey was built by Frank Booth at the turn of the century. Booth's rudimentary cannery was located near Fisherman's Wharf and canned salmon, but those that would later comprise Cannery Row would spring up farther out of town, along Ocean View Avenue, and begin canning the abundant sardine.

Over the next decade, fishing and canning technology improved and prepared Monterey for the huge spike in demand for canned sardines brought about by World War I. The canneries expanded rapidly, and after the war continued to grind away processing fishmeal. The industry slowed during the Great Depression, but life on the Row in the 1930s would lead John Steinbeck to write about Cannery Row and the people he met there. He based the character Doc on a real-life marine biologist, Ed Ricketts.

World War II saw another boom for the canning industry, but it would be the last. After the war, the over-fished sardines disappeared from Monterey Bay and brought economic disaster to Cannery Row. The area fell into ruin...almost. Steinbeck's *Cannery Row* had been published in 1945 and its passionate readers came too see the Row for themselves and experience the ambiance of the famous canning street.

Two Monterey restaurant managers and entrepreneurs, residents with strong ties to the past and the fishing industry, were chiefly responsible for halting the decay of Cannery Row and ensuring it would forever remain a place that paid tribute to the fishermen, to Steinbeck, and to Monterey itself. Founding the Cannery Row Company in 1976, Ted Balestreri and Bert Cutino began a revival of Cannery Row that transformed it from a street of burned and decrepit canneries into a welcoming waterfront where visitors could linger, play, and return to again and again.

"Cannery Row in Monterey in California is a poem, a stink, a grating noise, a quality of light, a tone, a habit, a nostalgia, a dream. Cannery Row is the gathered and scattered, tin and iron and rust and splintered wood, chipped pavement and weedy lots and junk heaps, sardine canneries of corrugated iron, honky tonks, restaurants and whore houses, and little crowded groceries, and laboratories and flophouses."

—from *Cannery Row*  
by John Steinbeck



## Cannery Row CHRONOLOGY

- 1851** Chinese fishing families crossed the Pacific in junks and settled at Point Ohlones ("China Point") and established Monterey's fishing industry.
- 1881** The arrival of the Southern Pacific Rail Road and the construction of the lavish Hotel Del Monte opened the entire Monterey Peninsula to tourism.
- 1901** The elegant Tevis Estate was constructed on a coastal road (part of the original 17 Mile Drive) intended for grand residential development, which would become Cannery Row.
- 1902** Booth Cannery in the Monterey harbor and Monterey Fishing & Canning Co., on the coastline near McAbee Beach, launched the Monterey canning industry.
- 1906** The Chinese settlement at China Point burned for the third and final time, ending the Chinese as a major force in the Monterey fishing and canning industry.
- 1916-** Wartime demand drove cannery expansion. Seven new canneries including Hovden  
**1918** Food Products, Monterey Canning Company, and Pacific Fish Company appeared.
- 1924** Lightning struck large petroleum oil tanks above Cannery Row near the harbor. When they exploded, a river of flaming oil destroyed two canneries on the way to the sea.
- 1927** The Wu family built the stylish Ocean View Hotel (now the site of the Spindrift Inn) during the Roaring Twenties expansion of Monterey, in spite of the street's notorious fish smell.
- 1928** Purse-Seiners, with nets a quarter mile long and two hundred feet deep, become the new "Wolves of the Sea" in the plunder of a seemingly inexhaustible supply of sardines.
- 1930-** Turning 2/3 of a billion sardines a year into fish meal and fertilizer helped sustain an  
**1940** industry and a work force in Monterey through the Great Depression.
- 1941-** Monterey became the "Sardine Capital of the World" as it once again fed a world at war.  
**1945** But, within five years the sardines would disappear and the industry die on its waterfront.
- 1945** *Cannery Row* by John Steinbeck told of the colorful, poignant inhabitants of the Row. Ed Ricketts, who revolutionized marine biology, was the real-life model for the character "Doc."
- 1953-** With the canneries gone, new business pioneers emerged, including Kalisa Moore and  
**1963** her "La Ida Cafe" and Dick O'Kane and his landmark Warehouse Restaurant.
- 1968** Ted Balestreri & Bert Cutino, experienced Monterey restaurant managers, opened the Sardine Factory Restaurant, an elegant eatery on the "wrong side of the tracks."
- 1984-** The Monterey Bay Aquarium opened at the Hovden Cannery site, its approach to marine  
**1985** biology embracing the direction set in motion by Ed Ricketts. The magnificent oceanfront Monterey Plaza Hotel opened on the Tevis Estate site in a return to the early grandeur of Ocean View Avenue (renamed Cannery Row in 1958). The future of Cannery Row had begun.



## **Cannery Row DINING**

Dining is an exciting experience on Cannery Row. A wide variety of restaurants, ranging from casual to fine, stretch along the historic streets and waterfront. Morning, noon, or night, there's a place to stop in for a meal, a snack, or just some great people watching.

If you're romantically inspired, the Sardine Factory—renowned for the lavish dining rooms, incredible menu, and extensive wine list—sets just the right mood. Many visitors and locals also choose to enjoy live piano entertainment, exotic drinks, and tapas in the hip and comfortable Sardine Factory Lounge.

Ocean views abound at the Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa's two restaurants. Suspended over the waters of Monterey Bay, Schooners Bistro on the Bay offers fresh fare in a unique indoor/outdoor dining environment. The heated outdoor terrace invites al fresco dining year round, while the classic sailing vessel design makes indoor seating fun and appealing in all weather conditions. Offering panoramic views of Monterey Bay, the Duck Club Grill offers innovative cuisine and impeccable service in an elegant ambiance. The distinctive American Grill menu features the freshest local produce, sustainable seafood and oak-broiled steaks.

For a feast for all of your senses the area's hottest bistro The C Restaurant, offers entertainment for your eyes with a panoramic view of the Monterey Bay and features a menu of fresh seafood, premium Angus beef and local organic produce to tantalize your taste buds. For the ultimate romantic evening visitors can lounge by the two outdoor fire pits on the adjacent Pacific View Courtyard which serves drinks, appetizers and small plates.

Set to open in April, 2010 is the much-anticipated Cannery Row Brewing Company by proprietors David Bernahl and Rob Weakley, founders of the world renowned Pebble Beach Food & Wine event. Housed in one of the Row's renovated historic buildings, the upscale casual restaurant will feature 70 kegs of craft beer, one of the largest selections on the Central Coast, and gourmet burgers.

And of course, what's a waterfront without seafood? For a taste of the sea, visit the Fish Hopper, or, if you like your seafood with an Italian flair, stop by Louie Linguini's Seafood Shack.

Families with children will especially like Archie's American Diner in the American Tin Cannery Retail and Entertainment Center, or the bayside Bubba Gump Shrimp Company, which calls itself the number one spot for fun in Monterey. For a treat, take the kids to the Nestle Toll House Café, Candyland or Lilly Mae's Cinnamon Rolls. Or

stop by locally owned MYO pure frozen yogurt, where you can create your own healthy snack from a variety of yogurts and over 50 fresh toppings.

The American Tin Cannery also offers family-friendly, indoor and outdoor dining at First Awakenings, consistently voted the best breakfast in town by locals. Enjoy pancakes and coffee on First Awakening's big, sunny patio a block from the sea.

The fun is just beginning on Cannery Row when the sun goes down over the Pacific Ocean and the nightlife heats up. The rhythm blues and classic rock you hear while strolling down Cannery Row is probably coming from Sly McFly's Refueling Station, featuring national and regional acts along with dozens of local favorites. The place to be for live music on Cannery Row, Sly's also offers excellent food, drinks and always a great time.

For one of the best party atmospheres in town stroll across the street from Sly's to Blue Fin Café and Billiards which features 11 tournament pool tables, a full bar, dance club and full service dining, all overlooking the Bay.

For a complete list of restaurants and specialty shops visit [www.canneryrow.com](http://www.canneryrow.com).

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## **Cannery Row OUTDOOR RECREATION**

The incredible scenery of the Monterey Bay draws scores of visitors to Cannery Row's outdoor wonderland. Whether you enjoy strolling in the park, bike riding from beach to beach, kayaking or stand up paddling among the sea otters, or scuba diving in the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, Cannery Row offers outdoor recreation galore.

By sea, Adventures by the Sea allows visitors to explore the kelp forests and abundant marine life along Cannery Row from an ocean kayak. An experience that should not be missed, you may be greeted by harbor seals swimming alongside you or see a raft of otters rolling and playing in the kelp. The exploration possibilities are endless and each experience is unique when enjoying Cannery Row from a kayak in the Bay.

For the more adventurous type Stand Up Paddling (SUP) offers paddlers a view from a unique angle. Imagine standing, balancing and paddling through the clear blue waters and kelp beds of the Monterey Bay on a large surfboard, seeing the colorful starfish below and witnessing many other underwater wonders unseen from the shore's edge.

If bobbing with otters isn't for you, consider visiting Bay Bikes and comfortably touring the coast on an expertly maintained bicycle. The friendly and informed staff can quickly match you with a bike for the day or by the hour and point you in the right direction for adventure. Recreation lovers can easily jump on the Monterey Bay Coastal Recreational Trail running through Cannery Row and enjoy all of or just a few of its 18 scenic miles.

San Carlos Beach is the place to be for scuba diving and sun bathing in the Monterey Bay Area. Two dive shops, many diver-friendly restaurants, public restrooms and changing areas, plenty of parking, and several top-notch hotels are all within walking distance to this popular beach and community park. The calm, shallow water makes it a great place for scuba instruction, while the abundance of marine critters makes it a popular place for photographers and sightseers.

With endless ways to enjoy the beauty of the Bay and soak up the fresh ocean breeze, Cannery Row is an ideal springboard for outdoor recreation in the Monterey Bay.

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## **Cannery Row SHOPPING**

Shopping on Cannery Row is oceanfront shopping at its best. Visitors enjoy browsing in more than 100 different stores and merchant locations all within walking distance. The eclectic blend of specialty shops on Cannery Row adds to the fun and variety of Central California's most beautiful vacation getaway.

Fine wines, gourmet foods, galleries, jewelry, apparel, shoes, gifts and factory outlets come together on Cannery Row. A Taste of Monterey features wine tasting from Monterey County's finest wineries. The regional wine tasting room has been voted one of California's most beautiful as it overlooks the entire Bay, and the unique gift shop features an extensive selection of local gourmet food and wine, décor, and wine accessories.

The world-class art galleries located on Cannery Row attract art aficionados from all over the world. Fourteen galleries display the work of local as well as prominent national artists. The Thomas Kinkadee Gallery at Steinbeck Plaza is the crown jewel in the Carmel-Monterey area, showcasing current releases as well as rare limited editions. This gallery is a "must see" for both new and seasoned collectors of the world's most sought-after commemorative artist.

Specializing in Czech art glass, hand made designer jewelry from the United States, Spain and Australia, and giclee large format nature photography, Z Folio Gallery features the works of one of the most respected glass artists of all times, Mr. Bohumil Elias, and his son, Bohumil Elias Jr.

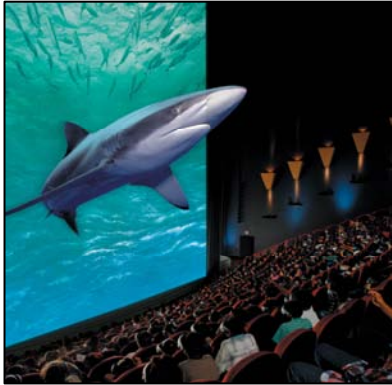
High end boutiques such as slb Women's Clothing showcase such styles as Lauren Conrad and Rich and Skinny jeans.

Great Things Home is a rare shopping experience, where sumptuous antiques and new furnishings come together to transform any space from the ordinary to the extraordinary. The personal touch and discriminating eyes of the owners provide centuries old treasures from the manor houses, country homes and inns of Western Europe.

Located on the southern end of Cannery Row, near the Monterey Bay Aquarium, is the American Tin Cannery Retail and Entertainment Center. Filled with independent shops, factory outlet stores, restaurants, and an 80-foot history wall, this mall built on the site of the old American Can Company is a great place to browse for deals or find a family-friendly restaurant. Shoppers enjoy visiting shops such as Bass Shoes, Nine West, Reebok, Izod, Van Heusen, Pendleton, and many more.

Whether looking for a bathing suit to wear on the beach, seeking a sweatshirt to enjoy the cool fog, roaming through intriguing art galleries, tasting award-winning Monterey County wines, or just window shopping, Cannery Row offers perhaps the most entertaining shopping experience on California's Central Coast. With the Monterey Bay as your playground, shopping just isn't the same anywhere else.

For a complete list of specialty shops visit [www.canneryrow.com](http://www.canneryrow.com).



## **Cannery Row ENTERTAINMENT**

Between the new Cannery Row IMAX 3D Theater, wine tasting rooms and world-renowned Monterey Bay Aquarium, Cannery Row bustles with enough activity to keep families, couples and friends on the go for days. Guests can just as easily indulge their adventurous spirit as they can relax and reconnect.

Activities include:

- ◆ Blue Fin Café & Billiards
- ◆ Cannery Row IMAX 3D Theater
- ◆ Monterey Mirror Maze and Lazer Challenge
- ◆ Doc Wenzel's Old Time Portraits
- ◆ Monterey Bay Aquarium
- ◆ Mrs. Laurie Palm & Card Reader
- ◆ Ocean's 18 Black Light Miniature Golf
- ◆ Spirit of Monterey Wax Museum

Four Wine Tasting Rooms, including:

- ◆ A Taste of Monterey
- ◆ Bargetto Wine Tasting Room
- ◆ Baywood Cellars
- ◆ Scheid Vineyards Wine Lounge

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## Cannery Row HOTELS

Cannery Row history stretches along the beautiful rocky coastline of Monterey Bay, and the ocean-view hotels that line this pristine shore offer over 700 hotel guestrooms to visitors who want to park their cars and immerse themselves in the oceanfront destination.

### Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa

*Forbes Travel Guide Four Star*

Dramatically perched over the Monterey Bay, this world-class **Forbes Travel Guide Four Star** resort offers the perfect vantage point to enjoy the gentle sounds of the surf, fresh scent of sea air and the sight of otters at play. With its Mediterranean ambiance and architecture, the Hotel's relaxing surroundings, coupled with its dedicated staff, the Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa offers two unforgettable ocean view restaurants, a European café and penthouse spa.

### Spindrift Inn

*TripAdvisor® Traveler's Choice Award - "Best for Romance"*

A recipient of the 2010 **TripAdvisor® Traveler's Choice Award**, the Spindrift Inn was named "Best for Romance in the U.S.". The Spindrift Inn is a luxury hotel located directly on McAbee Beach in the heart of historic Cannery Row. The hotel has just completed a \$2 million renovation of guestrooms & lobby, now staking its claim as one of the most luxurious hotels on the California coastline, offering an atmosphere of elegance and gracious hospitality. At



this luxury European style hotel on the Monterey Bay, guests enjoy an exclusive oceanfront location, luxury accommodations, elegant and romantic guestrooms, complimentary continental breakfast, deluxe feather beds, marble baths, and select vacation specials and packages.

### Monterey Bay Inn

*TripAdvisor® Traveler's Choice Award - "Best for Romance"*

The oceanfront, contemporary Monterey Bay Inn is located on the Bay, overlooking the national Marine Sanctuary. Sleekly designed, the Inn marks the entrance to Cannery Row and its décor reflects the vitality of the sea. Guestrooms are decorated in soft marine-inspired hues of blue, green, and brown. The Inn's 49 rooms, most with stunning ocean views, include king size feather beds, expansive bathrooms, nightly turndown service, and complimentary continental breakfast. A recipient of the 2010 **TripAdvisor® Traveler's Choice Award**, the Monterey Bay Inn was rated as one of the top ten hotels in the United States for romance.



### InterContinental The Clement Monterey

Next door to the world-renowned Monterey Bay Aquarium, the InterContinental The Clement Monterey offers magnificent panoramic coastal views and luxurious interior décor. Many of the rooms and suites feature fireplaces, balconies and ocean views. This picturesque property features over 15,000 sq. ft. of indoor/outdoor meeting space, The C Restaurant & Bar, Spa,

Health Club, Pool, whirlpool and Kids Club.

### Otter Inn

Otter Inn offers 33-custom designed rooms filled with modern amenities. Cozy up to a warm fireplace, or relax in a warm, soothing Jacuzzi. Wake up in the morning to enjoy a view of the Monterey Bay as you savor your morning coffee and pastries. The contemporary-styled guest rooms offer charm and comfort.

### Victorian Inn

With a convenient location, just three blocks away from Cannery Row, the Victorian Inn is a charming boutique hotel with spacious guestrooms and suites, complimentary continental breakfast, evening wine and cheese reception, in-room fireplaces and exclusive vacation specials and packages for the family vacation or weekend getaway on the Monterey Bay.

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## PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

**TWO CANNERY ROW HOTELS RECEIVE TRIPADVISOR'S 2010 TRAVELER'S CHOICE AWARD**  
*Of the Top Ten Hotels in the U.S. for Romance, Spindrift Inn Ranked First, and Monterey Bay Inn Ranked Third.*

**MONTEREY, Calif. – January 27, 2010** – TripAdvisor® has announced that the Spindrift Inn and the Monterey Bay Inn on Cannery Row have been selected to receive a 2010 Traveler's Choice Award recognized as the "Best for Romance in the U.S." Of the top ten hotels in the United States for romance, Spindrift Inn ranked first, and Monterey Bay Inn ranked third.

Unlike any other hotel honors in the world, TripAdvisor Traveler's Choice winners are based on the millions of real and unbiased reviews and opinions from travelers on TripAdvisor.com™.

"We are extremely proud of our management team and professional staff for creating the most romantic getaways in the United States," said Ted Balestreri, Chairman/Chief Executive Officer, Inns of Monterey.

Spindrift Inn, on the shores of Monterey Bay, attracts couples with its intimate ambiance and charming Cannery Row location. A lobby furnished with fresh flowers, European-style art and furniture, and a wood-burning marble fireplace sets the tone for gracious amenities combined with personal service. Individually decorated, European-style guestrooms have furnished balconies or window seats, wood-burning fireplaces, feather beds, and minibars. Marble-and-brass bathrooms include bathrobes, telephones, and Aveda amenities. Rooms have hardwood floors and sitting areas with upholstered chairs.

Guests are treated to a daily complimentary Continental breakfast delivered to their rooms on a silver tray. Complimentary Monterey wine and cheese is provided in the intimate European-style lobby each afternoon and a furnished rooftop patio offers panoramic views of Monterey Bay.

The oceanfront, contemporary Monterey Bay Inn is also located on the Bay, overlooking the national Marine Sanctuary. Sleekly designed, the Inn marks the entrance to Cannery Row and its décor reflects the vitality of the sea. Guestrooms are decorated in soft marine-inspired hues of blue, green, and brown. The Inn's guestrooms offer stunning ocean views, include king size feather beds, expansive bathrooms, nightly turndown service, and complimentary continental breakfast. A lovely rooftop hot tub with ocean views contributes to a relaxing stay. Some guest rooms include a gas fireplace.

The Spindrift Inn is located at 652 Cannery Row in Monterey, California. For reservations call 800-841-1879 or email [reservations@innsofmonterey.com](mailto:reservations@innsofmonterey.com). For more information visit [www.spindriftinn.com](http://www.spindriftinn.com).

The Monterey Bay Inn is located at 242 Cannery Row, Monterey, California. For reservations call 800-424-6242 or email [reservations@innsofmonterey.com](mailto:reservations@innsofmonterey.com). For more information visit [www.montereybayinn.com](http://www.montereybayinn.com).

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### **About Cannery Row**

Cannery Row was made famous in John Steinbeck's classic novel depicting life in the "the sardine capital of the world." Today, Cannery Row is a beautiful waterfront playground where visitors from all over the world seek a California getaway as authentic as the coast itself. Cannery Row remains a treasure of California's Central Coast, where a discovery awaits every type of visitor. For more information, visit the official Cannery Row website at [www.canneryrow.com](http://www.canneryrow.com).