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**A WILD TIME WITH THE ANIMALS OF CAMBRIA**  
*Visit Cambria to let your wild side free!*

**CAMBRIA, Calif. (January 1, 2020)** — The Coastal Discovery Celebration takes place every January and February on the Central Coast, and there is no better time to pack up the family and head to Cambria to visit some of the local animals. Kids will love seeing the creatures both up close and far away, and adults will love the delicious food and wine, stunning views, and affordable lodging. Visitors should bring their binoculars for the faraway fauna and prepare for the ultimate family getaway!

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See the [Disneynature's \*Oceans\*](#) film at the Hearst Castle Theater.

- As part of the Coastal Discovery Celebration, Hearst Castle Theater will be featuring the Disneynature film *Oceans*. The movie is free, no tickets are needed and will be on a first-come, first-served basis. The film will be shown at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturday nights: January 12, January 19, January 26, February 2, February 9, February 16, and February 23.

Visit the elephant seals at the [Piedras Blancas Rookery](#).

- The Piedras Blancas Elephant Seal Rookery is just up the road from Cambria. It's home to about 17,000 animals in total, and seeing the animals in person is truly magnificent. Peak population is from February through early spring, but there are elephant seals stopping by to lounge year-round, enjoying their coastal residence.

[Watch for whales and other marine animals](#) swimming off the coast.

- As part of the [Whale Trail](#), Cambria is lauded for its whale watching opportunities. The California Grey Whale southern migration occurs from December through February, while their northern migration takes place in March and April. Keep an eye out for dolphins, seals, and otters, too!

Ride horses in the hills or on the coastline.

- See the grand coastline as well as the unique Monterey pines while riding through Fiscalini Ranch on horseback with guided trail rides from [Cambria Horseback](#).
- The [Covell Clydesdale Ranch](#) is the only place on earth where guests can experience the majestic Clydesdale horses grazing on nearly 2,000 acres of rolling hills overlooking the Pacific Ocean. At any

given time, the ranch is home to approximately 100 Clydesdale horses of all ages, sizes, and abilities for riding and driving.

Bird watch in [Fiscalini Ranch](#).

- Fiscalini Ranch Preserve is the ultimate spotting ground in Cambria. The preserve's biological diversity surpasses that of many larger properties. Forming the half-mile, northern boundary of the preserve, tidal effect zones, seasonal freshwater marshes, and wetlands are a playground for native species like the cedar waxwing and swamp sparrow. Guests can take a [docent-led walk](#) through the preserve to identify species with the help of an expert.

Pet the goats at [Stepladder Creamery](#).

- Situated along San Simeon Creek in Cambria is a small farmstead with an avocado farm and goat dairy called Stepladder Creamery. Visitors can interact with the herd of LaMancha goats, tour the property, and taste the delicious, artisan cheese as they fall in love with this special farm.

Search for zebras at [Hearst Castle](#).

- Only six miles north of Cambria lies Hearst Castle, overlooking the Pacific Ocean from atop the Santa Lucia Mountains. Craftsmen labored for nearly 28 years to create this grand estate, named after media mogul William Randolph Hearst. Everything about Hearst Castle is impressive, but the zebras in the adjacent fields are true showstoppers—if they decide to make an appearance, that is. Onlookers should have their binoculars (and cameras) ready!

Visit the tidepools at [Moonstone Beach](#).

- At the northern end of Moonstone Beach Drive, beachcombers will find tide pools that contain a myriad of ocean life for up-close viewing. Many coastal creatures can be found luxuriating in the tidepools, including mussels, gooseneck barnacles, sea anemones, and limpets, as well as many other smaller barnacles and periwinkle snails higher up in the zone with less waves.

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### **About Cambria**

*With its village charm, delicious flavors, natural wonders, and vibrant culture, the pine-studded coastal hideaway of Cambria, California has attracted those seeking rest, recreation, and renewal for over 150 years. Located along world-famous Highway 1, within minutes of Hearst Castle, Big Sur, and Paso Robles Wine Country, Cambria offers the perfect destination on the Central Coast with outdoor opportunities, boutique shopping, antiques, food and wine, history, art, and romance. To learn more about how to hide, seek, and find yourself in Cambria, please visit [www.VisitCambriaCA.com](http://www.VisitCambriaCA.com). Your getaway awaits.*