

# Cannery Row

## Top 10 Girlfriends Getaways

### #1. Sip, Shop and Spa

Gal pals unite and head off for some serious fun at the Monterey Bay Inn, where your room has its own private balcony overlooking the water and every day starts with complimentary breakfast delivered to your room. Treat yourselves to a Sanctuary Massage, a relaxing, traditional massage to loosen tight muscles and restore flexibility, and then take a walk on McAbee Beach (the sand exfoliates like a pedi). Dinner at Willy's Smokehouse includes fabulous BBQ and unforgettable cocktails. And then there's shopping! The tanzanite collection at Steinbeck Jewelers is second to none, and buying yourself jewelry that YOU love is so satisfying.

### #2. Lively Ladies' Affair

How long has it been since you've shared an adventure with your best friends? Plan a Cannery Row getaway that includes palm reading, scuba diving and taste tests of beers on tap. The Victorian Inn's guestrooms feature marble fireplaces (we don't want to give up all of life's luxuries) and include a daily complimentary breakfast served in the Parlor (how ladylike). In the morning, take your gear down to San Carlos Beach, one of the country's premiere shore dive locations and explore the one of a kind marine life in the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. After you clean up back at the hotel, head over to see Mrs. Laurie and find out what your future holds (perhaps a stop at the Culinary Center for a fun hands-on cooking class?). Dinner at Woody's Bayview Grill includes first-class cuisine and a selection of beers on tap that demands some respect.

### #3. Girlie Get-Together

A good girlfriend will bail you out, your best friend is right there with you having fun! Combine your love of luxury with some soft adventure and great music with this getaway. The Spindrift Inn's guestrooms have pillowed window seats, draped beds, and wood-burning fireplaces. Share a room (that's right, girls can share a king bed!), and enjoy breakfast in bed delivered to your room. Put on your sneakers and walk up the street to rent a kayak at Adventures by the Sea and spend a couple of hours paddling around the bay—it's easy and the best way to get up close and personal with sea otters and seals. A quick cleanup back at the room, and you're off to satisfy those evil twins: I want and I need—with some serious shopping. Whether it's sterling and amber jewelry at Super Silver, a pair of hot jeans from slb Women's Clothing or a cashmere sweater from the Pendleton Outlet, you'll satisfy those cravings. Try a 10-minute Aqua Massage, where you climb fully clothed into a lined bed that shoots powerful jets of water up and down your spine, preparing you for more varsity shopping. End your day with dinner and live music at Bullwacker's, an authentic British Pub (the owner's from London), on their heated outdoor patio.

### #4. The Pampered Princess

Girlie girls just love to pamper themselves, and the only thing better is doing it with girlfriends. Walk into the magnificent lobby of the Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa and real princesses know they're in the right place. Marble, teak, enormous fresh floral arrangements, yes, this is what we call pampering. The ocean view guestrooms are elegant and most important, just an elevator ride away from the penthouse Vista Blue Spa, with eleven treatment rooms, fitness center, ocean view sundeck with two whirlpool tubs and a steam room, and an impeccably trained staff to continue with the (that's right) pampering. Try the Warm Marine Mud Treatment to exfoliate, hydrate and detoxify. Now that you're at maximum beauty, dress up and walk to the Sardine Factory restaurant, where they'll treat you like the celebs that frequent this Cannery Row icon. Lobster, USDA Prime Steak, and the most gorgeous coral colored Ahi you've ever seen or tasted. The wine list is legendary and the ambiance confirms that the little black dress was a perfect choice. Forgot your shades? No worries, the Sunglass Hut has a selection of Dolce & Gabbana and Versace that will confound even the savviest shopper. A little bling? European Jeweler & Goldsmith can satisfy your need for gems.

### #5. Women Making Mischief

Grab the girls and get ready for some fun. The Otter Inn's contemporary guestrooms offer charm and comfort in the heart of Cannery Row. The 18-mile Coastal Recreation Trail runs right through Cannery Row and is a favorite spot for riding bikes. Pack yours up or rent one at Bay Bikes when you get here, and ride on. Dinner that night at Sly McFly's Refueling Station defines fun with its rockin' atmosphere, great food and award-winning live music. Plan to stay late because the music goes on all night. Next day walk to the renowned Monterey Bay Aquarium and explore the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary without ever getting wet. End your stay in deep relaxation with a massage and pedicure from GG's Salon & Spa.

