

## SPRING 2024 OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP TO SANTA BARBARA - April 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>



View of Santa Barbara Harbor (photo by Kurt Bayless)

PSOC will be staying at the **SANDPIPER LODGE** located at 3525 State Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93405. For room reservations, please call **(805) 687-5326**. PSOC reserved a block of 15 rooms (8 king and 7 double queen). For the **Deluxe King Bed**, the **total for 3 nights is \$589.38 (taxes included)**. For the **Deluxe 2 Queen Beds**, the **total for 3 nights is \$623.58 (taxes included)**. When making your room reservation, be sure to tell them you are with PSOC so you can get our special group rate. The PSOC block of rooms will be available to members until March 31, 2024. You can cancel your reservation without penalty up to 48 hours before arrival. A continental breakfast is served daily from 6:30-10:00 am. Heated pool/spa and fitness center. Check-In: 3:00 pm / Check-Out: 11:00 am. Sandpiper Lodge website: [www.sandpiperlodge.com](http://www.sandpiperlodge.com)



View from Stearns Wharf (photo by Kurt Bayless)

For our Group Dinner, we will meet at **Harry's Plaza Cafe** on **Friday-April 12th at 6:00 pm**. They're located at 3313-B State Street in Loreto Plaza (2 blocks east of the Sandpiper Lodge). Phone: **(805) 687-2800**.

Harry Davis opened the Santa Barbara eatery in 1968 to begin what would become an enduring tradition of serving American comfort food, beer, wine, and cocktails in an old-time relaxed and comfortable venue. They have both indoor and outdoor dining.

Harry's Plaza Café menu: <https://www.harrysplazacafe.com/dine-in/>



Solvang Windmill (photo by Nancy Whitmore)



Santa Barbara Trolley Tour

## Things to see and do in the Santa Barbara and Santa Ynez Valley areas:

1. **Santa Barbara Trolley Tour** - Visitors who want a quick, fun overview of Santa Barbara's highlights will love this 90-minute trolley tour of the American Riviera. Drive past landmarks like the Courthouse, the Zoo, the Old Mission, and the Museum of Natural History. Cost is \$30 for adults.  
Website: <https://sbrolley.com/about-santa-barbaras-original-trolley-tour/>
2. **Old Mission Santa Barbara** - Known as the "Queen of the Missions," Old Mission Santa Barbara is a stunning piece of California's history. The candy-colored pink and white facade of the Mission is a sight to behold. Explore the beautiful gardens, the historic cemetery, and the museum that houses artifacts from the Mission's past.  
Website: <https://santabarbaraca.com/businesses/old-mission-santa-barbara/>



Old Mission Santa Barbara

3. **Santa Barbara County Courthouse** – It's a testament to the city's rich architectural heritage. This Spanish-Moorish building, often hailed as one of the most beautiful government buildings in the USA, is a sight to behold. Climb up the clock tower for a panoramic view of the city, or simply stroll around the sunken gardens.  
Website: <https://santabarbaraca.com/businesses/santa-barbara-county-courthouse/>



Santa Barbara County Courthouse

4. **Santa Barbara Botanical Gardens** – It’s a nature lover's paradise. Spread over 78 acres, the garden is home to a diverse range of California's native plants. With five miles of walking trails, you can explore the gardens at your own pace, taking in the stunning views of the coast and mountains.

Website: <https://sbotanicgarden.org/>



Santa Barbara Botanical Gardens

5. **El Presidio de Santa Barbara** – It’s a state historic park that encompasses six acres and multiple buildings. The park’s buildings were originally constructed in 1782 as a Spanish military settlement. Today, people visit to learn about the region’s Spanish Colonial past, as well as the Chumash Indians who lived in the area for thousands of years.

Website: <https://www.sbthp.org/presidio>



El Presidio de Santa Barbara

6. **Santa Barbara Zoo** – Situated on 30 acres, the Santa Barbara Zoo is located on a hill that boasts spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean. Although smaller than many other California zoos like the renowned San Diego Zoo, the Santa Barbara Zoo is highly respected for its diverse array of creatures on display. It’s home to 146 species of mammals, reptiles, birds and insects. Come face to face with animals like Asian elephants, snow leopards, and lowland gorillas. Admission: Adults \$25. Parking: \$11 per vehicle (carpooling recommended). Hours Open: 9:30 am-5:00 pm daily. Website: <https://www.sbzoo.org/visit-the-santa-barbara-zoo/>



Santa Barbara Zoo



Zoo Map

7. **Santa Barbara Wine Country Tours** - Discover Santa Ynez Valley with a friendly and professional guide! Pick from the three most popular tours — Wine Country by Bike, Tasty Cupcake and Wine Tour, and our popular Santa Ynez Valley Tour. Start your day with door-to-door shuttle pick up from Santa Barbara or Santa Ynez. All trips include a gourmet lunch served in the shade of a winery or park.

Website: [https://www.visitsyv.com/santa-barbara-wine-country-tours/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIIsu3l776IgwMV9NTCBB1Z8gAxEAAYBiAAEgJmFfD\\_BwE](https://www.visitsyv.com/santa-barbara-wine-country-tours/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIIsu3l776IgwMV9NTCBB1Z8gAxEAAYBiAAEgJmFfD_BwE)



Santa Inez Valley Vineyards

8. **Things to do in Solvang** - If you're looking for a unique getaway, the historic Danish village of Solvang offers the best of the Santa Ynez Valley and Santa Barbara wine country in a relaxed and peaceful setting. Indulge in authentic Danish pastries at our world-famous bakeries. Stroll through the village and admire the old-world European architecture, plus, find the perfect souvenir at a variety of charming boutiques and shops. A ride on the Solvang trolley is a must for families. This historic, wooden, horse-drawn streetcar, is just one example of Solvang's rich cultural heritage and offerings.

Website: <https://solvangusa.com/>



Solvang Inn

## Other Websites To Check Out:

**Santa Barbara Maritime Museum** - <https://sbmm.org/>

**Lotusland Gardens in Montecito** - <https://www.lotusland.org/>

**Santa Barbara Chromatic Gate** - <http://www.seecalifornia.com/art/santa-barbara-chromatic-gate.html>

**Santa Barbara Museum of Art** - <https://santabarbaraca.com/businesses/santa-barbara-museum-of-art/>

**Santa Barbara Red Tile Walking Tour** - <https://santabarbaraca.com/itinerary/red-tile-walking-tour/>

**Nojoqui Falls Park in Solvang** - <https://www.visitsyv.com/nojoqui-falls-park/>

**Santa Barbara Stearns Wharf** - [https://santabarbaraca.com/businesses/stearns-wharf/?gad\\_source=5&gclid=EAIaIQobChMIo9KPyK0mgwMVPxKtBh3Ldg12EAAYAAEgLvY\\_D\\_BwE](https://santabarbaraca.com/businesses/stearns-wharf/?gad_source=5&gclid=EAIaIQobChMIo9KPyK0mgwMVPxKtBh3Ldg12EAAYAAEgLvY_D_BwE)



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