

Things to do around Santa Cruz, CA

1. [Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk](#): An amusement park for all ages located 10 minutes driving distance from the Hotel Paradox! 34 rides and attractions, restaurants, gift shops, games, indoor arcades, miniature golf and more.
2. [Santa Cruz Wharf](#): Located right next to the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk. The wharf offers the best in seaside shopping, dining and recreation.
3. [Santa Cruz Harbor](#): The gateway to the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. First constructed in 1964, the harbor provides over 800 permanent slips for recreational, commercial, and research opportunities.
4. [West Cliff Drive](#): Explore over 2 miles of beautiful coastline. These trails are multi-use and available for walking, cycling and skating.
5. [Mystery Spot](#): Fun for all ages! The Mystery Spot is a gravitational anomaly located in the redwood forests just outside of Santa Cruz. Within the mystery spot you will be stunned as your perceptions of the laws of physics and gravity are questioned.
6. [Seymour Marine Discovery Center](#): The Seymour Marine Discovery Center is dedicated to educating people about the role scientific research plays in the understanding and conservation of the world's oceans. With a 20,000-square-foot visitor center, guests can touch a shark, explore the latest discoveries in ocean science, and take in the spectacular Monterey Bay, called the "Serengeti of the sea," for its incredible diversity of marine life.
7. [Santa Cruz Museum of Art & History](#): The Santa Cruz Museum of Art & History host large-scale community events, as well as ongoing exhibitions, programs, family festivals and educational experiences.
8. [Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History](#): Explore exhibits that focus on the natural history of the Santa Cruz region and the Monterey Bay.
9. [University of California, Santa Cruz Arboretum](#): The UC Santa Cruz Arboretum is a research and teaching facility committed to plant conservation and serves both the campus and the public. Its rich and diverse collection contains more than 300 plant families.
10. [University of California, Santa Cruz](#): Visit the home of the "Banana Slugs!" Celebrating its 50th anniversary of its opening in fall 1965, UC Santa Cruz has earned national and international recognition both for the impact of its research and for its long-established commitment to quality undergraduate instruction.