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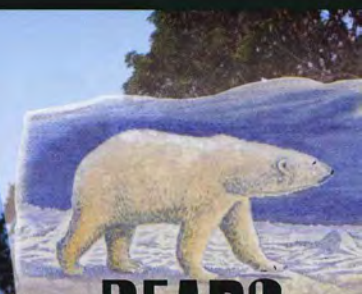

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Coastal delights

Soak up Santa Cruz from the Pacific Ocean to downtown and elsewhere

On California's Central Coast, Santa Cruz lies 70 miles to the south of San Francisco and 375 miles north of Los Angeles.

A beach town to the core, Santa Cruz offers 29 miles of sandy beaches and warm weather.

There's more than beachcombing and searching for shells on the Central Coast.

This one-day tour, created by Santa Cruz County Conference & Visitors Council, samples some of the best things to do around town — heading to the shore, boardwalk, downtown.

It's a busy day to be sure, but one that will leave your group glad it spent time soaking in the California sun.

Photo: Santa Cruz County Conference & Visitors Council

The Santa Cruz Surfing Museum overlooks one of the best beaches to catch a wave anywhere.

MORNING

Start the day off with sweet and savory breakfast treats at Walnut Avenue Café or The Buttery, where homemade is the main staple.

After, rent a bike and ride along West Cliff Drive. See some of Santa Cruz's greatest surf spots, most beautiful coves and dramatic cliffs.

For the more sports-minded, enjoy a round of golf at DeLaveaga Golf Course.

MID-DAY

Explore marine life exhibits at Seymour Center at Long Marine Lab.

See one of the world's largest displayed blue whale skeletons and tour the marine mammal research facility.

Or visit the technology-driven exhibits at the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Exploration Center near the Santa Cruz Wharf.

For more seaside history, visit the Santa Cruz Surfing Museum, then watch talented tube-riders shoot the curl at Steamer Lane just outside the museum.

Head to the Santa Cruz Museum of Art & History to see the works of top artists, then enjoy lunch at Hula's Island Grill, Pacific Thai or enjoy the ambience of Laili's outdoor patio.

AFTERNOON

Don't leave Santa Cruz without checking out its shops downtown.

Visit Annieglass for elegant blown glassware, score some American-made wares at Artisans Gallery or find good reads at Bookshop Santa Cruz.

Explore the coastline by kayak. Visit Kayak Connection at Santa Cruz Harbor for an adventure and exercise.

Finish off the afternoon at Crow's Nest for libations and a bite to eat.

Indulge in rides and fun at Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk. Then, head downtown to satisfy at Penny Ice Creamery or Pacific Cookie Company.

EVENING

For a casual and scenic dining experience, visit Ideal Bar & Grill, adjacent to Santa Cruz Wharf. Try authentic Mexican cuisine at El Palomar. Or savor entertainment, wine and appetizers at Soif Wine Bar.•

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The ocean views are just the beginning of what to like about Santa Cruz.