



# an amazing story

Feel the allure of this fascinating country house, where Mr. Hearst entertained movie stars and business tycoons with lavish dinners, private film screenings and glittering parties.



This spectacular Central Coast location is perfect for a stay of several days. See the Castle and enjoy the scenery, wineries, beaches, whale watching, local lodging and attractions.

## Experience The Enchanted Hill®

How will the splendor of Hearst Castle® inspire you?

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Advance reservations are strongly recommended

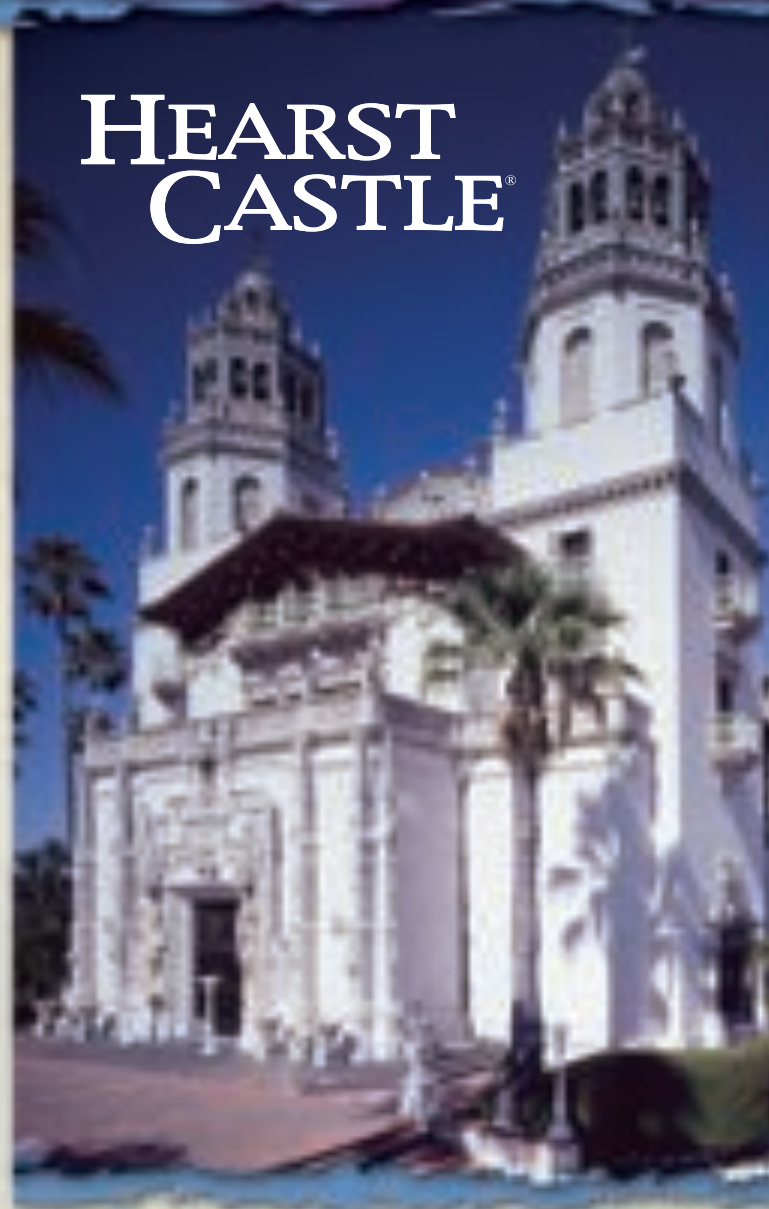
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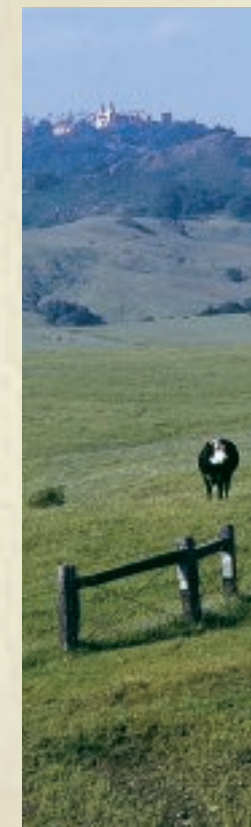
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You're invited to America's Castle!  
High above the Pacific on a site he called  
The Enchanted Hill®, Mr. W.R. Hearst created  
his private retreat. Once accessible only to  
celebrities and famous guests, this magnificent  
estate is yours to explore.

# a spectacular setting

Hearst Castle® is one of the world's greatest showplaces. Visit this magnificent Mediterranean-style estate with its enchanting guest houses, gardens, pools and terraces.



- **Take a fascinating guided tour**  
The popular Experience Tour provides an excellent overview. Tours 2, 3, 4 and 5 offer more information and inspiration. Engaging guides share their insights and invite your questions.



- **See a dramatic movie**  
*Hearst Castle—Building the Dream* shows every 45 minutes on our giant screen and is included with your Experience Tour.

- **Browse our unique shops**  
The Museum Shop features exquisite gifts and décor. The Gift Shop offers books, mementos and apparel available only at the Castle.

- **Stop for a meal or snack**  
Enjoy fresh food-to-go in our casual café with a choice of inside dining or the outdoor courtyard. The gourmet Espresso Bar serves delicious hot and cold beverages and you can always grab a quick snack from the Snacks to Go area.

## Tour 2: Casa Grande

See Casa Grande's upper floors:

**Doge's Suite**—An Italian-style suite with a balcony inspired by the Doge's Palace in Venice.

**"The Cloisters"**—Four guestrooms flanked by open walkways.

**The Library**—Over 4,000 books and a remarkable collection of Ancient Greek and Roman antiquities.

**Gothic Suite**—Hearst's impressive private suite with its enormous library and office.

**Kitchen and Pantry**—A large preparation area for the Castle's meals and parties.

## Tour 3: Casa Grande North

See Casa del Monte and more of Casa Grande:

**North Terrace**—An unfinished area originally intended as the estate's Grande Entrance.

**Casa del Monte**—A 10-room guesthouse overlooking the Santa Lucia Mountains. Most rooms are shown.

**North Wing of Casa Grande**—Three floors of guest suites completed during Mr. Hearst's final years. These rooms exhibit more modern and spacious interiors and feature antique Spanish ceilings.

**Video**—This short film uses photographs and film from the 1920s and 1930s to illustrate the enormous amount of change and complexity involved in the construction of Hearst Castle®.

Learn more about Mr. Hearst's life and the creation of the Castle at the free exhibit in the Visitor Center.



## Tour 1: The Experience Tour



Recommended for first-time visitors, The Experience Tour combines an introductory overview of the Castle with the giant-screen companion film, *Hearst Castle—Building the Dream*.



**Esplanade and Gardens**—One of the most beautiful sections of the grounds, featuring marble sculptures and flowers in season.

**Casa del Sol**—An 18-room guesthouse facing the Pacific coastline. See four bedrooms, four baths and a sitting room.

**Casa Grande**—The main house. See five ground floor rooms:

**Assembly Room**, the largest of 14 sitting rooms, once the gathering place for Mr. Hearst's guests.

**Refectory**, the only dining room on The Enchanted Hill®.

**Morning Room**, an east-facing sitting room filled with Spanish antiques and Flemish tapestries.

**Billiard Room**, a game room featuring two 1920s-era billiard tables and a Gothic "mille fleurs" tapestry.

**Theater**, the largest room in Casa Grande. Visitors view six minutes of Mr. Hearst's home movies.

**Hearst Castle—Building the Dream** is presented on the National Geographic Theater's five-story screen. This 40-minute film dramatically chronicles the story of the creation of the Castle with vintage footage and breathtaking aerial scenes of the estate and surrounding Pacific coastline.

All tours include the outdoor Greco-Roman style Neptune Pool and the indoor Roman Pool with blue Venetian glass and gold tiles.

Renowned architectural historian Lord John Julius Norwich called Hearst Castle® "a palace in every sense of the word."

## Tour 4: The Garden Tour

(Available April through October)

**Hidden Terrace**—An early staircase, pond and terrace completely concealed by later construction and rediscovered during modern restoration.

**Neptune Pool Dressing Rooms**—17 colorfully painted dressing rooms.

**Overview of Gardens and Grounds**—Follow the Esplanade, taking in virtually all of the estate's extensive gardens, terraces and walkways.

**Casa del Mar**—Overlooking the Pacific Ocean, the largest and most elaborate guest house, where Mr. Hearst resided during his final years on the estate.

**Wine Cellar of Casa Grande**—Featuring rare European vintages and California wines.

## Tour 5: Evening Tour

(Offered most Friday and Saturday evenings, March-May and September-December; additional nights available during holidays; check online or call to confirm dates and times)

Includes highlights from The Experience Tour and Tours 2 and 4. Relive the Castle's 1930s heyday as docents from the Living History Program dressed in period attire add life to the magnificent surroundings. Travel back in time as you watch an engaging newsreel in Casa Grande's Theater.

All tour routes are subject to change without notice due to safety and/or operational needs.

Visit during the holiday season—the Castle is lavishly decorated from mid-November through the end of December.

