

## PRESS RELEASE

### **MONTEREY PLAZA HOTEL & SPA INTRODUCES THE BEST OF THE WEST 2009 MEETING PACKAGE**

*Designed for Certified Meeting Professionals, the Comprehensive Package Makes for Hassle-Free Planning and a Memorable Retreat Experience for Guests*

**MONTEREY, Calif. – August 4, 2009** – Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa wants to thank Meetings Media readers for voting it the Best of the West 2009 by offering a comprehensive Best of the West 2009 Meetings Package designed for Certified Meeting Professionals (CMP). This all-inclusive meeting package features the many things that truly make Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa and the Monterey area the best place to hold your upcoming meetings. From room blocks to catering needs -- as well as an array of extra amenities, such as a welcoming reception featuring Monterey wines, that will help ensure guests have a memorable retreat experience, all set amidst the hotel's spectacular oceanside location along Cannery Row.

The Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa's Best of the West 2009 package is designed to offer groups a convenient, hassle-free location for meetings, while also offering them a place to relax, rejuvenate, be productive and enjoy little luxuries that our Meetings & Conventions readers deserve.

The Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa's Best of the West Package includes:

- One hour welcome cocktail reception featuring top Monterey County wines (light appetizers included)
- \$50 hotel credit per person per night to be applied to the individual or master account for food and beverage or spa treatments.
- Use of the Vista Blue Spa facilities (fitness room, steam room, sauna, whirlpool tubs, sun deck and relaxation lounge) overlooking the breathtaking Monterey Bay
- Continental breakfast, morning coffee break, lunch and afternoon refreshment break highlighting fresh produce from the famous Salinas Valley and delectables from right here in Monterey County
- VIP welcome gift baskets filled with all the things that make Monterey the Best of the West (1 per 10 rooms occupied)
- Morning guided coastal hike or yoga class along the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, boasting a unique array of sea life
- Coordination with two featured group outings, if time permitting:
  - o Golf at prestigious Del Monte Golf Course
  - o Sea Adventure featuring kayaking or whale watching
- Deluxe Inland View guest room
- Guest room and meeting room Internet access
- Upgrades from Inland View to Ocean View guest rooms (1 per 10 rooms occupied)
- One complimentary guest room for every 30 rooms occupied nightly
- Basic Audio Visual (LCD projector, screen, flip chart, pens and note pads, for primary meeting room)
- Meeting room rental fees for the primary meeting room
- Resort fee
- Valet parking
- Use of Wii entertainment system
- 14 day cut off
- No attrition fees
- No cancellation fees if rebooked within 12 months

The group outings are an excellent opportunity to team build while experiencing the best Monterey has to offer. Del Monte Golf Course is the oldest course in continuous operation west of the Mississippi. Designed by golf and polo enthusiast Charles Maud, this inland course boasts a meandering layout that has challenged golfers for more than a

century. The golf group outing will take your group to the course, where individuals can chose to play or practice shots. If your group prefers, you can explore the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary and the great variety of wildlife living in the peninsula. Individuals can chose to go kayaking, singles or in tandem, or look for humpback whales and dolphins during a whale watching tour. Either way, these options provide your group the opportunity to truly experience the Best of the West.

The Best of the West 2009 Meetings Package is available Sunday through Thursday from November 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010. Rates are \$259 for single occupancy and \$344 for double occupancy. To book the package, contact the Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa at 831-646-1700.

The Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa features a total of 30,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor meeting and event space, including 10 recently renovated conference, banquet and ballrooms, that total 17,000 square feet. The main ballroom can accommodate groups of up to 300. Ideal for executive retreats, conferences, and seminars, as well as banquets, private parties and other social occasions, the Hotel's facilities offer numerous public spaces with stunning views of the beautiful Monterey Bay as well as 13,000 square feet of outdoor plazas.

For more information on the Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa, please visit [www.montereyplazahotel.com](http://www.montereyplazahotel.com).

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**About the Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa**

The Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa is a proud member of Woodside Hotels & Resorts Group and is located in Monterey, CA. For reservations or event bookings, please call (831) 646-1700 or visit [www.montereyplazahotel.com](http://www.montereyplazahotel.com).