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**Awards and Honors for the Santa Barbara South Coast**

Santa Barbara, The American Riviera®, is one of the most iconic and sought-after travel destinations in the U.S. Leading media outlets have praised the region for everything from its beaches, restaurants and family-friendly attractions to its walkability and the beauty of its natural and architectural features.

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[“Forbes Travel Guide's 14 Top Destinations Of 2019”](https://www.forbes.com/sites/forbestravelguide/2019/02/18/forbes-travel-guides-14-top-destinations-of-2019/#f31afa67cce7) Forbes Travel Guide lists California’s Central Coast, singling out Santa Barbara in particular (February 2019)

[“19 Cities that Must be Seen in 2019”](http://tx.bz-mail-us1.com/1/l/804a724f3ce84baf92637b5ab1bcd3db?rl=https%3A%2F%2Fviewfinder.expedia.com%2Ffeatures%2Fcities-that-must-be-seen-this-year%2F%23SantaBarbara) Expedia (January 2018)

[“52 Places to Go in 2019”](https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/travel/places-to-visit.html) *The New York Times* (Santa Barbara ranked No. 3 on the list and was one of only two cities in California—Los Angeles was the other; January 2018)\*

[“The 50 Best Places to Travel in 2019”](https://www.travelandleisure.com/trip-ideas/best-places-to-travel-in-2019) *Travel + Leisure* (Montecito only city in California featured; December 2018)\*

[“Where to Go in 2019”](https://www.afar.com/travel-inspiration/where-to-go-in-2019) *AFAR Magazine* (only city in California featured; December 2018)\*

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[“City to Watch”](https://www.worth.com/city-to-watch-2018-santa-barbara/) *Worth’s* annual Destination Issue (September 2018)\*

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[“21 of the Most Scenic West Coast Cities”](https://viewfinder.expedia.com/features/21-of-the-most-scenic-west-coast-cities/) (Santa Barbara is No. 6) Expedia (July 2018)

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