

# Santa Barbara Waterfront



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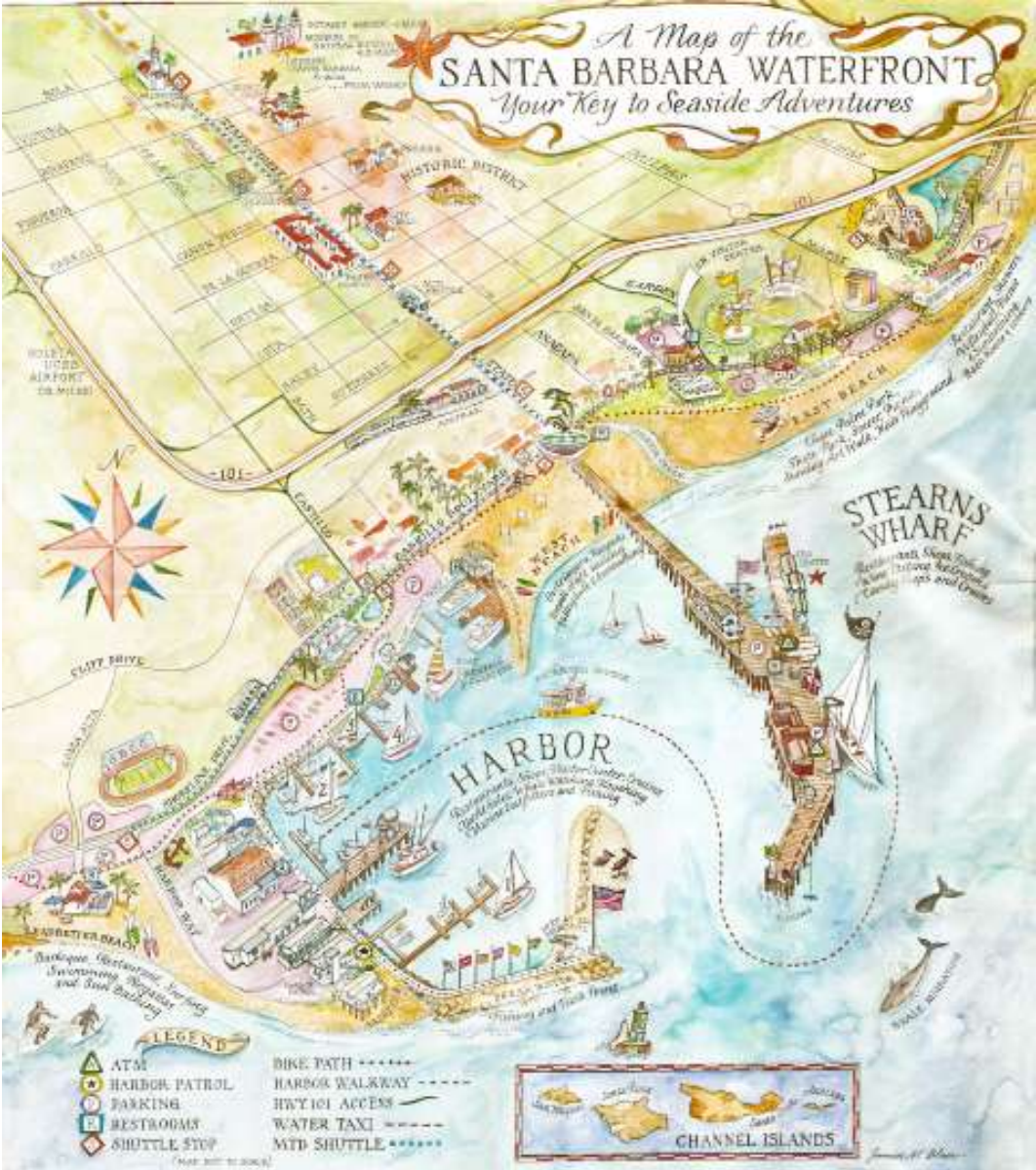
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# Tour Summary

A two-hour drive from Los Angeles, North on the 101 Coast Highway, brings you to Santa Barbaras Waterfront, a wonderful place to visit! The historic Stearns Wharf boasts casual and fine dining, shopping, and the Ty Warner Sea Center, which is great for family fun. The Maritime Museum is housed in the former Santa Barbara Naval Reserve Center, and has a working periscope, dive equipment displays, local maritime artifacts, a childrens learning center, and a rooftop visitors center with a great view of the harbor. Sea Landing, off the marina, offers tour boats, sport fishing, and rentals.

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Santa Barbaras waterfront is a great place for family fun.



You can spend the day visiting Stearns Wharf - shopping, eating at its restaurants, and fishing.



The Santa Barbara Harbor also has shops, restaurants, and the Maritime Museum.



You can even take a walk on the breakwater.



Various boat and land tours originate from the waterfront area.





Explore the Ty Warner Sea Center on the wharf:



its great for kids and just as fascinating for big kids," too. Touch a shark,



crawl through a tunnel inside a 1500-gallon tidepool surge tank, view live jellyfish...



...and an octopus, among other activities.



Across the water you'll find the harbor, with boat tours, the breakwater, and the Maritime Museum - another great place for the kids.



Originally built as the Naval Reserve Center, and completed shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor,



the museum offers multiple hands-on activities like the virtual sport fishing exhibit, the pilot house,



and the working periscope.





Plenty of dining opportunities are available on the waterfront, from casual to elegant. The wharf offers the historic Harbor Restaurant, originally built in nautical style, including a ship's helm and mast, lanterns and anchor lights, a chronometer, and portholes.



Hardwood remnants of the lumber ship "Beulah" and the 1833 clipper ship "Star of India" were also part of the design. Before 1973, although service and cuisine were of good quality, eating there was like dining below the decks of a large vessel...



...because the only windows were scattered portholes in the wall. The restaurant had no views of the harbor or the mountains.



It was rebuilt after a fire destroyed it in 1973, and great views from virtually every table now exist.



For early breakfast to late lunch, visit the original Sambos Restaurant on Cabrillo Boulevard, near the harbor.



Opened in this location in 1957, Sambo's became a chain of restaurants in 1976,



later to dwindle back down to just this establishment.



For the pizza lover, theres Rustys Pizza Lighthouse.





It's near the entrance to Stearns Wharf. You not only get pizza and a salad bar,



there is plenty of memorabilia from the original Santa Barbara Lighthouse, destroyed in the earthquake of June 29, 1925.



Take a look around: its like a mini museum.



Come visit the waterfront of Santa Barbara for great fun, great surroundings, and great adventure.

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