

Malibu, California Tour



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Tour Summary

Our tour will start on famed Pacific Coast Highway 10 miles north of Santa Monica, winding along the coast by the cliffs for more than 20 miles. Now is a perfect time to visit as two of Malibu's most iconic sites, The Getty Villa Museum and the Malibu Pier, both recently reopened after years of being closed for remodeling and refurbishing. First stop will be the Getty Villa Museum, the only museum in the U.S. exclusively featuring art and artifacts from the ancient worlds of Greece and Rome. Then we will see Malibu Surfrider Beach, Malibu Lagoon, Adamson House Museum, and Malibu Pier. On the land side we will visit the Malibu Country Mart where the surfers hang for a cup o' joe.

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Introduction to Malibu





Malibu, California is world famous as a tourist destination and home to Hollywood stars, but it is also a sophisticated city in its own right with world class art, fine dining, and trendy fashion boutiques. Two of Malibu's famous landmarks--the Malibu Pier, featured in film and TV shows, and the

Getty Villa were shuttered for years but are now open to the public.



Malibu is 10 miles north of Santa Monica. It winds along the Pacific Coast Highway with the coast on one side and cliffs hugging the other.



Our first stop will be the Getty Villa which actually began in J. Paul Getty's home in 1954 and included his collection of Greek and Roman antiquities. This original site is still standing in the back of the new museum and is now used by staff.



Getty then envisioned remodeling a 1st-Century Roman Villa as a museum for his expanding collection. It was opened to the public in 1974.



This Inner Peristyle is decorated with motifs from nature. One popular garden plant, Acanthus, was used to decorate the columns and is also planted in the Villa's gardens. The plant has an abundance of seed pods which symbolized immortality to the Romans.



Our tour will continue on the PCH to the intersection of Cross Creek Road and Pacific Coast Highway. Some well-known Malibu sites here on the beach side are Surfrider Beach, the Adamson House (the first owners of Malibu), Malibu Museum, and Malibu Lagoon.

Across the street is the Malibu Country Mart where visitors can window shopping at favorite celebrity boutiques and/or enjoy a great meal.



The Adamson House was built in 1929 for Rhoda Rindge Adamson and her husband by her parents. She was the daughter of Frederick and May Rindge who were the last owners of the Malibu Spanish Land Grant. At that time it included most of what is Malibu today.



Their backyard is Surfrider Beach, Malibu Lagoon, and the Malibu Pier.



The Lagoon is a saltwater marsh and unique ecosystem. Steps lead down for viewing, with benches for resting.



The Malibu County Mart offers shops, art galleries, personal services--all surrounding a children's swing and play area. Star sightings are likely.



The Malibu Pier was closed for years due to severe storm damage and only reopened in 2008. This pier was built by the Rindge family to transport materials for their enterprises, which included the Malibu Pottery factory. Colorful pottery samples decorate the Adamson House Museum.



Walking the Pier offers expansive views up and down Malibu's gorgeous crescent coastline. Join me as I guide you up the coast, stopping at several of these intriguing sites.

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