

| COMPLETE BLUEPRINT & CHECKLIST

Pacific Highway 1 Drive

Dramatic ocean clifftops, coastal public titans, and elite private sanctuaries — from San Diego's cliffside links to Pebble Beach's legendary shoreline and MacKenzie's masterpiece in Santa Cruz. Includes hotel bases, booking windows, drive times, caddie protocols, and dining picks.

DURATION

7 Days

GREEN FEE BAND

\$2,500 – \$4,500

START AIRPORT

San Diego (SAN) / LAX

BEST MONTHS

May – October

Route Overview

Torrey Pines → Pelican Hill → Pebble Beach → Cypress Point → Spyglass Hill → Spanish Bay → Pasatiempo

#	COURSE	LOCATION	ACCESS	DRIVE FROM PREV.	GREEN FEE (EST.)
1	Torrey Pines (South) Municipal / Public	San Diego	PUBLIC	Start point (SAN Airport)	\$260 – \$320
2	Pelican Hill North / South Courses	Newport Coast	PUBLIC	~90 min north via I-5/PCH	\$295 – \$395
3	Pebble Beach Golf Links	Pebble Peninsula	MANAGED	~2h north via PCH	\$625
4	Cypress Point Club Ultra-Private	Pebble Peninsula	PRIVATE	On peninsula	Invitation Only
5	Spyglass Hill Golf Course	Pebble Peninsula	MANAGED	On peninsula	\$395 – \$475
6	Links at Spanish Bay Resort Links	Pebble Peninsula	MANAGED	On peninsula	\$295 – \$345
7	Pasatiempo Golf Club	Santa Cruz	SEMI-PRIVATE	~30 min north	\$225 – \$285

💡 **Total Drive Time**

Approximately 7 hours of total driving across the full 7 days. The route is deliberately sequenced south-to-north along the California coast. Fly into San Diego (SAN) or LAX and complete the journey in Monterey / Santa Cruz.

Booking Windows & Access Matrix

COURSE	DIARY OPENS	VISITOR DAYS	HCP CAP	STRATEGY
Torrey Pines (South)	7 days out (midnight PT)	Every day	No HCP required	Set a midnight alarm 7 days prior. Lodge at Torrey Pines stay-and-play bypasses the queue entirely.
Pelican Hill	Rolling (book via resort)	Every day	No HCP required	Book via resort directly. Both North and South courses available. Spectacular ocean views on every hole.
Pebble Beach	12 mo. out (resort guests) / 24-hr queue (singles)	Every day	No HCP required	3-night resort stay unlocks priority booking 18 months out. Otherwise, competitive 24-hour telephone standby.
Cypress Point	Invitation only	No public booking	Private — members only	Attend with a member only. No exceptions — ever. Your host will arrange all logistics.
Spyglass Hill	Same as Pebble Beach resort booking	Every day	No HCP required	Book via Pebble Beach Resorts portal, standalone or as part of a package. Forest-to-ocean opening five holes need local knowledge.
Links at Spanish Bay	Same as Pebble Beach resort booking	Every day	No HCP required	Book an evening tee time — sunset bagpiper is a ritual not to be missed. Easiest booking on the peninsula.
Pasatiempo	60 days out	Mon–Fri (best)	No formal HCP	Walking only. Book online up to 60 days in advance. One of MacKenzie's finest layouts outside Augusta.

 Critical Warning

Pebble Beach is the most time-sensitive booking on this trail. Reserve your 3-night resort stay as close to 18 months in advance as possible to unlock priority tee-time access. Missing this window means competing on the 24-hour phone queue — highly competitive during peak season (May–September).

Recommended Hotel Bases

BASE 1 — SAN DIEGO / NEWPORT

Lodge at Torrey Pines

Craftsman-style resort directly on the 18th fairway. Staying here unlocks priority tee times at Torrey Pines, bypassing the midnight queue entirely. Alternatively, the Hotel del Coronado provides a more iconic Southern California coastal experience.

BASE 2 — MONTEREY / CARMEL (MAIN BASE, 4 NIGHTS)

The Lodge at Pebble Beach

The pinnacle of golf resort accommodation. Staying here unlocks early booking access on all Pebble Beach Resorts courses — including Pebble, Spyglass, and Spanish Bay. Alternative: Carmel Valley Ranch for a relaxed but equally luxurious option, or the boutique Tickle Pink Inn in the Carmel Highlands for cliffside views.

Caddie Protocol

COURSE	CADDIE STATUS	RATE (EST.)	HOW TO BOOK
Torrey Pines	Optional	\$60 – \$80 + tip	Book via pro shop at time of tee time. Forecaddies available for groups.
Pelican Hill	Included (Forecaddie)	Included in green fee	Forecaddies are included with your round to assist in reading Fazio's complex surfaces.
Pebble Beach	Highly Recommended	\$95 – \$130 + tip	Book through the resort concierge. Local caddies know the ocean wind patterns intimately — essential on holes 7, 8, 17, and 18.
Cypress Point	Member Arranged	Private	Your host member will arrange everything. Do not ask about logistics — let your host lead.
Spyglass Hill	Recommended	\$80 – \$100 + tip	Book via Pebble Beach Resorts. The forest-to-ocean transition on holes 1–5 needs local knowledge.
Links at Spanish Bay	Optional	\$70 – \$90 + tip	Available via resort. Electric carts and pull trolleys also available. Walk-on caddie pairing possible.
Pasatiempo	Recommended	\$55 – \$70 + tip	Contact the club directly. Walking caddies available but limited — book in advance. Walking only enforced.

💡 Tipping Guide

Standard caddie tip on this trail: \$25–\$50 per round for a quality bag. For a Pebble Beach caddie who saves you strokes on the cliffside holes (7, 8, 17) or navigates the Spyglass transition perfectly, \$60–\$80 is appropriate and respected. Always carry cash — caddies cannot accept credit cards on most venues.

Dining Picks — Per Stop

San Diego / Torrey Pines

Addison at the Grand Del Mar — San Diego's only Michelin 2-star restaurant. 15 minutes from Torrey Pines. Reserve 3 weeks ahead for tasting menus. The Grill at the Lodge at Torrey Pines is the ideal post-round option on the 18th fairway.

Carmel / Monterey

Aubergine at L'Auberge Carmel — Intimate French-California tasting menus in the heart of Carmel. Restaurant 1833 in Monterey for a buzzing atmosphere in a beautifully preserved historic building. Worth the drive: Meadowood (St Helena) for a special occasion.

Post-Pebble

The Tap Room at Pebble Beach — Classic clubhouse dining with direct fairway views. The ideal post-round debriefing spot. Marinus at Bernardus Lodge in Carmel Valley for a celebratory final dinner — excellent wine programme.

Pasatiempo / Santa Cruz

Shadowbrook Restaurant — Dramatic cliffside setting in Santa Cruz, 10 minutes from Pasatiempo. Arrive by cable car. Classic California surf-and-turf atmosphere with outstanding Monterey Bay views.

Master Pre-Trip Checklist

Bookings & Documents

- ☐ All tee times confirmed — especially Pebble Beach (12 months out minimum for resort guests)
- ☐ Valid US driving licence confirmed (rental car is essential for the entire trail)
- ☐ Travel insurance purchased with green fee protection included — see Allianz Travel
- ☐ Car hire confirmed at SAN or LAX — SUV class to fit 2 golf travel bags
- ☐ All resort hotels confirmed with deposit receipts saved (Lodge at Pebble Beach is priority)
- ☐ Cypress Point — confirm in writing with your member host that the game is arranged
- ☐ Caddie requests submitted to Pebble Beach concierge, Spyglass, and Pasatiempo in advance

Equipment

- ☐ Soft spikes confirmed on all shoes — metal spikes are banned at every venue on this trail
- ☐ Windproof jacket packed for Pebble Beach and Spanish Bay ocean wind — non-negotiable
- ☐ Sun cream and UV sunglasses — California sun is intense May through October
- ☐ 2 dozen+ golf balls — ocean edges on holes 7, 8, and 17 at Pebble are unforgiving
- ☐ GPS watch or rangefinder — all venues on this trail permit their use

Driving the PCH

- ☐ Fill up fuel before leaving San Diego — PCH gas stations north of La Jolla are sparse
- ☐ Budget 2.5 hours SAN to Newport and 2 hours Newport to Monterey (via I-5 and PCH)
- ☐ Book Monterey accommodation before driving past Pelican Hill to avoid costly backtracking
- ☐ Pebble Beach entrance gate charges a \$10.25 fee for non-resort guests — carry cash