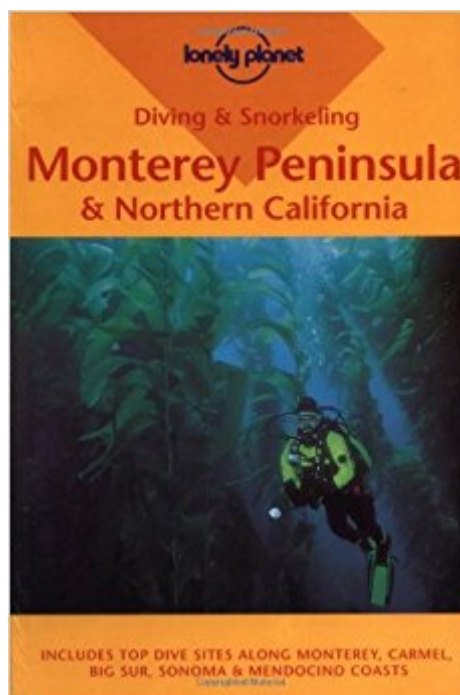




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# Diving And Snorkeling Monterey Peninsula And Northern California (Lonely Planet Diving & Snorkeling Great Barrier Reef)



## Synopsis

The nutrient-rich waters off the Northern California coast support a kaleidoscope of colourful fish and invertebrates sheltered by dense kelp forests, underwater canyons, inshore pinnacle and offshore rocky reefs. Playful sea lions, harbor seals and sea otters are just a few of the other attractions that divers regularly enjoy. This book describes 46 of the best scuba and free-diving sites throughout Central and Northern California - including Monterey Bay, Carmel Bay, and the Big Sur, Sonoma and Mendocino coasts - with full-color photos throughout. You'll get specific information on:

- Dive site depth range and conditions
- Common and hazardous marine life
- Diving services, campgrounds & state parks
- Equipment and safety, plus expert advice on underwater photography
- 10 easy-to-read maps

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Book is out of print. Good (not great) descriptions of dive site locations. Barely adequate descriptions of actual dives. Nice compliment to a dive shop recommendation. Introductory chapters about the area are good. Easy to use & well organized. Worth buying if you can find it.

I've been SCUBA and Freediving in Monterey Bay and the area for years. This is a great book that gives you quite a bit more background and some in-depth looks at the great dive sites around the area.

This is a great overview of the most popular Monterey/Carmel dives, with accurate dive information/directions and good guidance regarding levels of expertise. I've sent this to "warm-water-only" diver friends and made a few converts -- it's not shy about the cold water (easily dealt with by proper gear), but shows off the majesty of kelp beds and the delights of diving with seals, sea lions and sea otters to advantage. More experienced buddies who thought they knew it all about particular dives have been skeptical watching me (a relative novice) pull this out of my bag, but after review commented that it's an excellent resource for dive planning (e.g., depths, navigation, surge, what to look for). For a tourist to the area wanting to get in a bit of diving, a great resource to supplement a local guide. For us locals, a nice addition to word-of-mouth, an end to playing "guess the species," and a great resource when arguing about where to dive next time .

Info is dated and limited. Needs to be updated and expanded. A lot of sites not even listed. Better than no reference at all.

I bought this book and the Diving and Snorkeling Guide to the Cayman Islands sight unseen. Usualy Lonely Planet has great books but not this time. This is a dive guide, not a snorkeling guide. Putting Snorkeling into the title is a blatent attempt to sell more books. There is almost no info about where to snorkel in Monterey or Northern California. Instead, the info is just about diving. Info about diving a site that is in 75 feet (etc..) of water has nothing to do with being able to snorkel it.

I regularly dive the monterey area and I was looking for more information about the area, and the north coast. This book was great! Beautiful pictures and great information. The book works very well for deciding on a place to dive, and is a great reference for finding new dive sites.

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