Hearst Castle is located on the majestic Central Coast of California. Nestled in the hills at San Simeon, the Castle is located on Highway 1, about halfway between San Francisco and Los Angeles and is approximately a five hour drive from either of these metropolitan areas.

From Los Angeles: Take 101N to San Luis Obispo, then Hwy. 1N about 39 miles (approx. 4.5 hours).
From San Francisco: Take 101S to CA-46, then west to Hwy. 1, and north about 13 miles (approx. 5 hours).
From Monterey: Take Hwy. 1S to Hearst Castle. Or take 68E to 101S, then CA-46W to Hwy. 1N (approx. 2.5 hours).

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High above the Pacific on a site he called The Enchanted Hill®, Mr. William Randolph Hearst created his private retreat. This magnificent Mediterranean-style country house features guest houses, gardens, pools and terraces. Once accessible only to celebrities and famous guests, this grand estate is yours to explore. Visit one of the world’s greatest historic house museums, located on California’s scenic coastal Highway 1.

Visitor Center Opens at 8 am Daily
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Grand Rooms Tour*
Recommended for first time visitors as it provides a broad overview of the many faces of Hearst Castle and it is the least strenuous of the tours. The guided tour portion is 45 minutes in duration and includes the Assembly Room, Refectory, Morning Room, Billiard Room and Theater in Casa Grande. The rest of the tour is self guided. Stroll at your leisure through the gardens to see the Neptune Pool and Roman Pool.

Upstairs Suites Tour*
The guided tour portion is 45 minutes in duration and featured rooms include the Doge's Suite, “The Cloisters” guest rooms, the Library and the Gothic Suite (Mr. Hearst's private suite). Also viewed are the Della Robbia Room and a Duplex Suite. The rest of the tour is self guided. Wander through the Castle's grounds and admire the Neptune Pool and Roman Pool at your leisure.

Cottages & Kitchen Tour*
Mr. Hearst's Wine Cellar, the guest houses Casa Del Monte and Casa Del Mar along with the Kitchen in Casa Grande are included in this 45 minute tour. The rest of the tour is self guided. Explore the gardens and the Neptune Pool and Roman Pool at your leisure.

Evening Tour
This is a special seasonal tour that allows visitors to experience the Castle in the evening as one of Hearst's visitors might have. This tour is completely guided and lasts two hours and 10 minutes including the bus ride to and from the castle. Docents in period dress from the Living History Program and a newsreel shown in the Castle's Theater add life to the magnificent surroundings and take visitors back to the Castle's 1930's heyday. Call for specific dates available.

Visitor Center
The Visitor Center of Hearst Castle® offers a Cafe, Coffee Bar, and Grab N’ Go with indoor or outdoor patio seating. Visit our 5,000 square foot gift and museum shop, museum exhibits, and the Hearst Castle Theater to complete your experience.

*This tour includes the movie, Hearst Castle - Building the Dream shown on our giant five story screen in the Hearst Castle Theater.