Can you believe the holidays are just around the corner? We can, because we’ve been planning special activities and events for months now! Yes, holidays at Carmel Valley Ranch are magical—and you’re about to find out why.

**Thanksgiving at The Ranch**
$54++ PER PERSON | THURSDAY, NOV. 26
Join us for Thanksgiving turkey with all the trimmings at Valley Kitchen—or for dining in your suite. The menu includes candied sweet potatoes, fresh cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, and much more!
Also available for pre-order as a to-go kit for guests to take home: $275++ for 4-6 people, $495++ for 7-14 people.

**Holiday Burn-Off Hike**
COMPLIMENTARY | FRIDAY, NOV. 27
Looking to “give back” some of those calories you picked up on Thanksgiving? Our invigorating hike up to Snively’s Ridge is just the thing—and it offers breathtaking views of Carmel Valley, too.

**Chocolate Truffle Gift Boxes**
$25 | THROUGHOUT NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER
We’ll provide the holiday gift boxes and chocolate truffles, so you can put together a custom blend for your friends and loved ones! (Or for yourself—we won’t judge.)

**Oak Tree Lighting/Virtual Letters to Santa**
COMPLIMENTARY | BEGINNING SATURDAY, NOV. 28 AT DUSK
A couple of days after Thanksgiving, the majestic oak tree at the Lodge lights up, becoming a gleaming spectacle for the rest of the holiday season. You might run into one of Santa’s helpers as you stroll by—and don’t forget to send your virtual letter to St. Nick at Santa@carmelvalleyranch.com!

**Gingerbread House Making**
$25 | BEGINNING IN DECEMBER
Design and create a holiday gingerbread house in your suite with our special kits! Be sure to post a picture and tag The Ranch!

**Holiday Cupcakes**
$25 | BEGINNING IN DECEMBER
Join one of our chefs for a cupcake-decorating workshop that will have you designing professional-looking treats for friends and family!
NOVEMBER & DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

Grazing with the Goats
$115 | BEGINNING IN NOVEMBER

Go off the beaten path on a light hike to meet our favorite grazers—our Swiss Saanen goats will greet you at the Hilltop Corral, where you’ll join them for an afternoon of munching and stellar views. As you get to know the goats, you’ll also learn all about their upcoming contributions to The Ranch!

High School HIIT
COMPLIMENTARY | 10 PARTICIPANTS PER CLASS
GRADES 9-12 | BEGINNING IN NOVEMBER

This class, designed for high-schoolers, features a circuit-based workout that moves through several body-weight exercises. The workout is timed and repeated to increase cardio endurance and overall strength. All levels welcome. Note: Participants are asked to bring their own mats.

After-Zoom Fitness Takeover
COMPLIMENTARY | 10 PARTICIPANTS PER CLASS
GRADES 6-12 | BEGINNING IN NOVEMBER

Designed for tweens and teens, this circuit-based workout moves through several body-weight exercises. The workout is timed and repeated to increase cardio endurance and overall strength. All levels welcome. Note: Participants are asked to bring their own mats.

Total Body Conditioning Holiday Edition
COMPLIMENTARY | BEGINNING IN NOVEMBER

Get ahead this holiday season by focusing on your goals and keeping your body moving. This high intensity interval training (HIIT) exercise class combines Tabata workouts with short rest periods to ensure a proper caloric burn. Rest, relax and repeat this holiday season!

Hot Chocolate and Cider at The Market
COMPLIMENTARY | AVAILABLE THROUGH DECEMBER

Stop by The Market for our hot-chocolate bar with all the fixings, including whipped cream and other toppings—or choose our seasonal cider for a warm treat during those brisk fall evenings.

Hen House Eggnog and Specialty Drinks
PRICES VARY | AVAILABLE THROUGH DECEMBER

We’ve got plenty of delicious drinks for fall and the holidays, including pumpkin spice lattes, peppermint mochas, and more. But you can’t miss our freshly made Hen House Eggnog, which uses goat milk from our Creamery and is sweetened with The Ranch’s own honey. You can even get it spiked!

Junior Naturalist Camp
$85 | AGES 8-12

Send your little one off to explore our 500 acres through the lens of a naturalist! Kids will love this educational—and socially distanced—excursion full of interactive activities geared toward wilderness exploration and ecology. Your Junior Naturalist will gain a new understanding and appreciation of their environment!

Nocturnal Slow Flow Yoga
COMPLIMENTARY | 15 PARTICIPANTS PER CLASS
AVAILABLE THROUGH DECEMBER

Designed for yogis of all trades, this Vinyasa Flow class combines mindful breathing with slow, deliberate movements. Poses are sequenced in a slow and gentle manner, offering longer holds and less physical vigor than a Vinyasa or Power Flow class. By slowing down, we can explore a greater sense of opening of the body, a release of tension, and a calming of the mind. The intention is to enjoy the healing properties of the practice and the beauty of slowing down. Note: Participants are asked to bring their own mats.

Monterey County Excursions

Book your private hike with one of our Naturalists and take a private customized tour of the most scenic places world-famous Monterey County has to offer. To find out more about our on- and off-property private hikes, please contact the Activities Department. Availability is limited; advance reservations are required.