

Romance 101

101 Romantic things to Do in San Luis Obispo County

- Arrange for a hotel “Romance” package deal getaway (SLOC)
- ATV with your partner to Highest Dune in the Oceano Dunes State Park (OC)
- Bargain for local produce in the beautiful “Sunken Gardens” Farmers Market (AT)
- Bicycle or stroll together along the tree-covered Bob Jones Bike Trail (AB)
- Bird-watch from Audubon Society hut next to the protected Estero Bay estuary (BP)
- Boo the villain at a performance of the professional Great American Melodrama (\$) (OC)
- Browse for that lost book you’ve always wanted to replace in a quiet used bookstore (SLO)
- Chang chang ! on the Trolley as it winds thru East & West “Villages” (CA)
- Cruise the calm harbor while you enjoy the sights and dinner & wine onboard (\$) (MB)
- Cuddle together with a cup of coffee while enjoying the estuary views from the Pier (BP)

- Dance to the music at the beach-front(!) Farmers Market on summer Friday afternoons (AB)
- Declare your devotion at the Margo Dodd Park Gazebo on the bluffs above the Pacific (PB)
- Delight at the seals – and boogey-boarders - from the downtown Pier (CY)
- Dine on wine country cuisine in a romantic restaurant in the county (\$) (SLOC)
- Drink in the dramatic ocean views from the hilltop above Pirates Cove (AB)
- Drive along Highway 1 to see ancient volcanoes known as the “Seven Sisters” (SLO<>MB)
- Embark on an adventure when the “Tall Ships” visit the Embarcadero (\$) (MB)
- Embrace your partner as you take a Friday Evening Embarcadero Art Walk (MB)
- Enchant your loved one with the diminutive trees of the protected “Elfin Forest” (BP)
- Enjoy a gorgeous sunset over Morro Rock from Whispering Cove (MB)

- Explore the deep wine caves at Eberle Winery (PR)
- Find the freshest food at downtown creek-side Saturday morning Farmers Market (AG)
- Gander at the old Gardens of Mission San Miguel (SM)
- Gape at the flamboyant gold and pink decorations in the Madonna Inn Lobby (SLO)
- Gather driftwood and admire the views from Moonstone Beach (CA)
- Gaze at the beauties of genuine Victorian “Jack House” Gardens and Gazebo (SLO)
- Hike to the beautiful restored Victorian “Port San Luis Lighthouse” (AB)
- Hug each other on the bridge in the “Sweet Springs” forest reserve and pond (LO)
- Hunt for a lost treasure from childhood in village filled with charming antique stores (CY)
- Indulge in a delicious coffee & dessert at a charming sidewalk café (\$) (SLOC)

- Inhale the wonderful aroma and greenery of Green Acres Lavender Farm (AT)
- Imbibe at a tasting room for the many wines grown near the ocean (\$) (AB)
- Invent a new ice cream flavor at Doc Burnstein’s Wednesday “Create Flavor” Night (AG)
- Kayak the calm estuary and discover the active wildlife during a full moon (\$) (MB)
- Kid with each other and admire views from Deck of Natural History Museum (\$) (MB)
- Laugh with your loved one at the barking Elephant Seals - but don’t go near! (SS)
- Lean over the pier to enjoy the views of the ocean and hilltop Hearst Castle (SS)
- Learn about the historic stage coach stop “Rios Caledonia Adobe” (SM)
- Lose at chess to your partner on the Giant Chess Board on the Embarcadero (MB)
- Luxuriate in a limo as your tour the wine regions of the county (\$) (SLOC)

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Marvel at the views from the bluffs of Highway 46 West above Cambria (CA)
Meander along the Moonstone Beach Boardwalk and admire the ocean (CA)
Meditate in the Mediterranean Botanical Gardens at El Chorro Park (SLO)
Motorcycle through the back roads of the county with a tour guide (\$) (SLOC)
Murmer your affection during a funny performance of a Murder Mystery Dinner (\$) (PB)
Nude Sunbathe or swim in the (very) secluded nude beach at Pirates Cove (AB)
Nuzzle together during a Whale Watch Tour Cruise along the coast (\$) (MB)
Paddleboat on the very calm Atascadero Lake and watch the swans (\$) (AT)
Pamper yourself and your loved one at one of the many spas in the county (\$) (SLOC)
Putter thru the pottery store, glass-blower & winery (\$) in the tiny village of Harmony (CA)

Pause to reflect on the beauty of the old Mission Gardens (SLO)
Picnic under the ancient trees at the Pasolivo Olive Oil Tasting Room (PR)
Play hide & seek in the Gardens of Cambria Pines Lodge (CA)
Pop a bottle of their champagne and enjoy vineyards views from Laetitia Winery (\$) (AG)
Power along the “Pasasdena” beach of the Peninsula at low tide and admire the views. (BP)
Pretend to be rich as you stroll along on the public access walk by Dolphin Bay Resort (PB)
Promenade along the pedestrian-only downtown “Swinging Bridge” above the creek (AG)
Prowl for fresh produce next to the estuary Farmers Market on Monday mornings (BP)
Purchase a gourmet picnic lunch and eat al fresco on the grounds of “Old Edna” (\$) (SLO)
Ramble to the top of Black Mountain by ocean-front Golf Course (MB)

Relax in the soothing (and private!) natural spring spas of River Oaks Hot Springs (\$) (PR)
Rent a kayak for two and paddle the calm harbor (\$) (MB)
Review an art exhibition at a gallery during Friday evening “Art after Dark” (SLO)
Ride an antique buggy thru a vineyard at Carriage Vineyards (\$) (TM)
Roam the marble terrace of the Outdoor “Neptune” Pool at Hearst Castle (\$) (SS)
Rock to the Sizzling Summer Concerts on Sunday afternoons at Ramona Garden Park (GB)
Sail beautiful Lopez Lake at Sunset (\$) (AG)
Saunter along the quiet Creek Walk in the heart of a bustling downtown (SLO)
Select the most succulent BBQ at a Thursday night downtown Farmers Market (\$) (SLO)
Share popcorn in the beautiful art-deco Fremont Theatre movie house (\$) (SLO)

Sigh together at a Folk Concert presented by “SLOFOLKS” at Castoro Winery (\$) (TM)
Sip champagne together during intermission at the Pewter Plough Playhouse (\$) (CA)
Smell the fresh organic produce at the Friday morning Farmers Market in summer (CY)
Soak in the (very) private natural hot springs of Sycamore Resort (\$) (AB)
Soar in a colorful Hot Air Balloon over lush green Wine Country (\$) (PR)
Soothe your spirit with a gourmet meal at sunset along the Embarcadero (\$) (MB)
Spot the rare tigers and flamingoes at the Charles Paddock Zoo (\$) (AT)
Step down the stairs of the bluff to the quiet beach below the Cliffs Resort (PB)
Stretch your budget for unique art in the quaint East & West “villages” (CA)
Stride along the Dunes & Beach near the Pismo State Beach Golf Course (GB)

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- Strike a bargain in the charming boutiques and antique stores of a Victorian Village (AG)
- Stroll along the downtown promenade and Pier and look for seals (AB)
- Strut your stuff at a free Downtown Park Concert Wednesday nights in Summer (TM)
- Tandem-Bike along the beautiful secluded Huasna Road to the old schoolhouse (AG)
- Taste the free samples at the Farmers Market Saturday mornings by the Park (TM)
- Thrill to a professional touring company performance at the Clark Center (\$) (AG)
- Tidepool at Spooners Cove in the Montana de Oro State Park (LO)
- Toast marshmallows in the evening bonfires near the beach of the Cavalier Resort (SS)
- Train through the countryside all aboard Amtrak (\$) (SLOC)
- Transport your loved one with a Carriage Ride through Downtown by Hotel Cheval (\$) (PR)

- Trek to the top of “Madonna Mountain” and enjoy the city and countryside views (SLO)
- Try the tangy fresh local apple cider and fruits grown near the ocean (\$) (AB)
- View the distant city lights over the ocean from the Harford Pier by Night (AB)
- Walk along a deserted beach on the Big Sur Coast (RP)
- Wander through the wildflowers of the Soda Lake Overlook in the Carrizo Plain
- Watch the Waterwheel go round and round at the Apple Farm Millhouse (SLO)
- Whistle at thousands of butterflies wintering in trees of the Monarch Butterfly Grove (PB)
- Whistlestop to see the views from the Baileyana Winery Schoolhouse (SLO)
- Wind your way hand-in-hand along the Downtown Wine Trail (PR)
- Wine Taste as sun sets thru ancient volcanic peaks at Edna Valley Vineyards (\$) (SLO)

- Wonder at the majesty of the mountain views from the Terrace of Wolff Vineyards (SLO)

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| AB = Avila Beach | PB = Pismo Beach |
| AG = Arroyo Grande | PR = Paso Robles |
| AT = Atascadero | RP = Ragged Point |
| BP = Baywood Park | SM = San Miguel |
| CA = Cambria | SS = San Simeon |
| CY = Cayucos | TM = Templeton |
| GB = Grover Beach | SLO = San Luis Obispo (city) |
| OC = Oceano | |
| LO = Los Osos | |
| MB = Morro Bay | |

SLOC = San Luis Obispo – Countywide

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