



CITY SPRING ACTIVITIES

Mother's Day Treats

It can be challenging to come up with a sensational way to celebrate the woman who birthed you, clothed you, fed you, nagged you and dragged you to get you on the path to where you are today—all in the name of motherly love, of course.

This Mother's Day is your turn to put her on a pedestal for a change. Here are some of our favorite mom-worthy ways to honor yours.



Enchante Cottage Spa

Whisk your mother off to the charming secret garden of **Enchante Cottage Spa** in Solvang. This sweet white cottage was converted into a mini-day spa where guests are greeted with tea and home-made scones before being pampered with pedicures, deep tissue or hot stone massages and other princess-like treats. Owner Deborah Paxton also serves a delicious lunch with advance reservations.

Why send flowers when you can treat mom to a "First Bloom" tour of

Rose Story Farm in Carpinteria? Owners Danielle and Bill Hahn have 18,000 stunning rose plants in 150 different varieties. Don't miss the White Tranquility Garden with more than 1,000 white roses grown together with white companion plants. Call in advance to make reservations for tours, which take place every Wednesday and Saturday.

The roses are also in bloom at the **A.C. Postel Memorial Rose Garden**.

Just across the street from Mission Santa Barbara, this is a great spot to toss a frisbee, have a picnic or just relax with mom on her special day.

Treat your mom like the Queen



Mum with high tea at the ocean-view **Bella Vista at Four Seasons Biltmore Resort**. Traditional British treats like finger sandwiches, miniature pastries, teacakes and scones are served with an assortment of teas or a "spot of sherry."



Rose Story Farm

Andersen's Danish Bakery & Restaurant brings a touch of Copenhagen to the traditional English tea service. Marzipan is a specialty and we recommend the Sarah Bernhardt, a marzipan cookie dipped in dark Ghirardelli chocolate.

Enchante Cottage Spa, 385 Alisal Rd., Solvang, 805/693-1231

Rose Story Farm, 5950 Casitas Pass Rd., Carpinteria, 805/566-4885, www.roestoryfarm.com

A.C. Postel Memorial Rose Garden, Los Olivos and Laguna streets, Santa Barbara, 805/564-5418

Four Seasons Biltmore Resort, 1260 Channel Dr., Montecito, 805/565-8237, www.fourseasons.com/santabarbara

Andersen's, 1106 State St., Santa Barbara, 805/962-5085, www.andersensantabarbara.com

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