

# Malibu 90265

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MALIBU is known worldwide for epitomizing sun, sand, and surf on the California coast—and for being home to many celebrities. *Malibu 90265* explores all of this and more. But the place is less familiar as a community that's still largely rural, one whose miles of scenic beaches border the rugged Santa Monica Mountains. This majestic setting has justly been called the Big Sur of Los Angeles. A cattle ranch for more than a hundred years, held for much of that time by the famous Rindge family, Malibu was late in embracing the 20th century. Not until 1929, after decades of private ownership, could the public first drive the full length of State Route 1, the Pacific Coast Highway.

Malibu's transition from virtual Old World kingdom to enclave of the rich and famous has long been closely tied to Hollywood. Many actors, producers, and others in the entertainment industry are Malibu residents. Yet this unique coastal community remains a down-to-earth, vibrant locale that uniquely evokes modern life in California today, with all its charms and challenges—the storied land whose ZIP code is the poetic 90265.

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