

The Oregon coast is always a great travel destination, any season. In the winter the storms drive waves crashing on the sometimes rugged coastline, and in summer the moderate temperatures and clear skies embrace sandy beaches. One of our favorite destinations is the central coast village of Yachats, where miles of white sand are occasionally punctuated with rocky headlands.

Oregon wisely set aside its coastline for public use. I suppose if I was one of the very fortunate few who could afford a beachfront home, I would prefer to keep the shore to my-



self, so I understand the battle fought by private interests against the public interest. But in Oregon, the public won, and those without millions can walk the beach for miles, undeterred by fences and No Trespassing signs.

I make this point because a lovely coastal path runs along the shore through our favorite seaside village of Yachats, midway down the Oregon coast. In fact, you can walk part of the old stage road that also ran along the beach before the days of US 101.

My 1910 AAA Oregon Tour Book cautions automobilists following the early beach roads to keep an eye out for the incoming tide. That's a caution we don't have a

standard yellow warning sign for today..... Highway Closed at High Tide! In fact a few sections of the coast are still open to automobiles, but autos do not always mix well with beachcombers, so beach drives are restricted as to location and time of year.



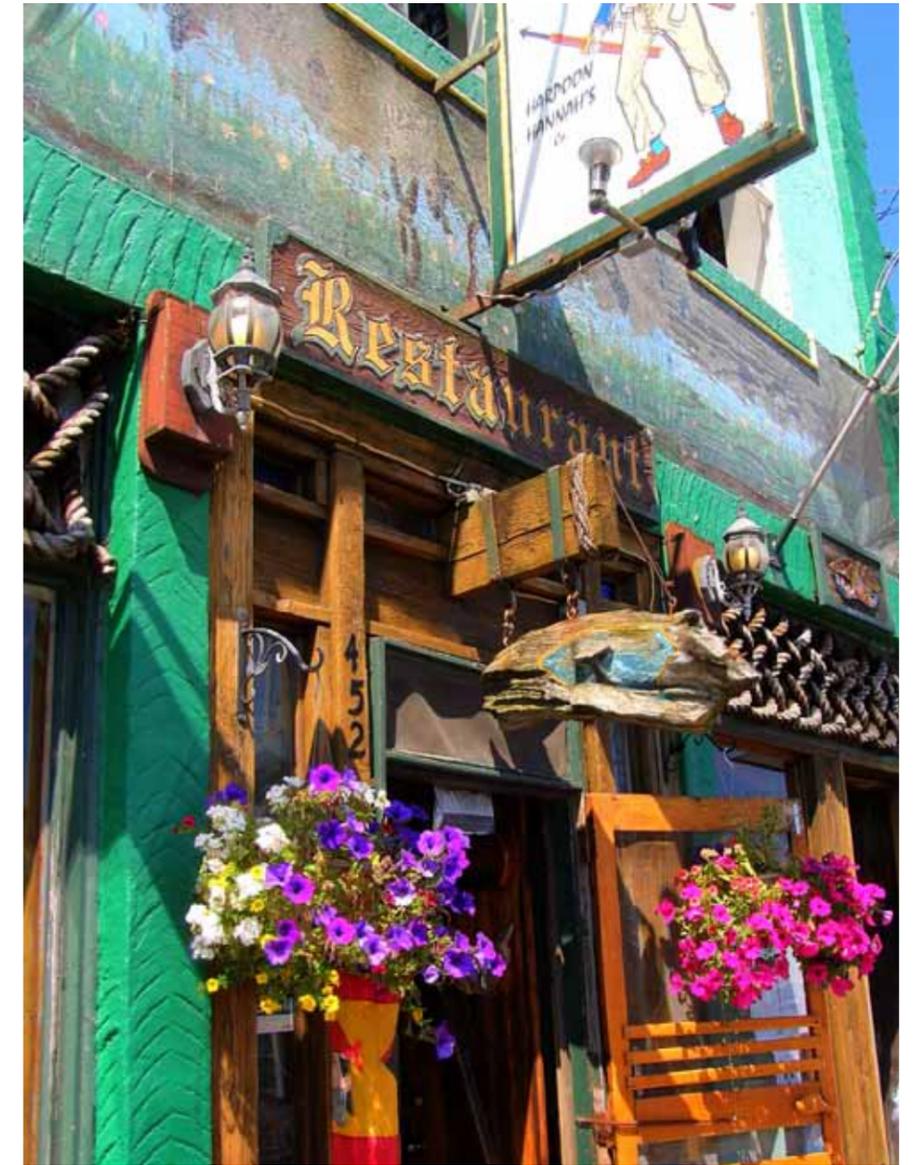
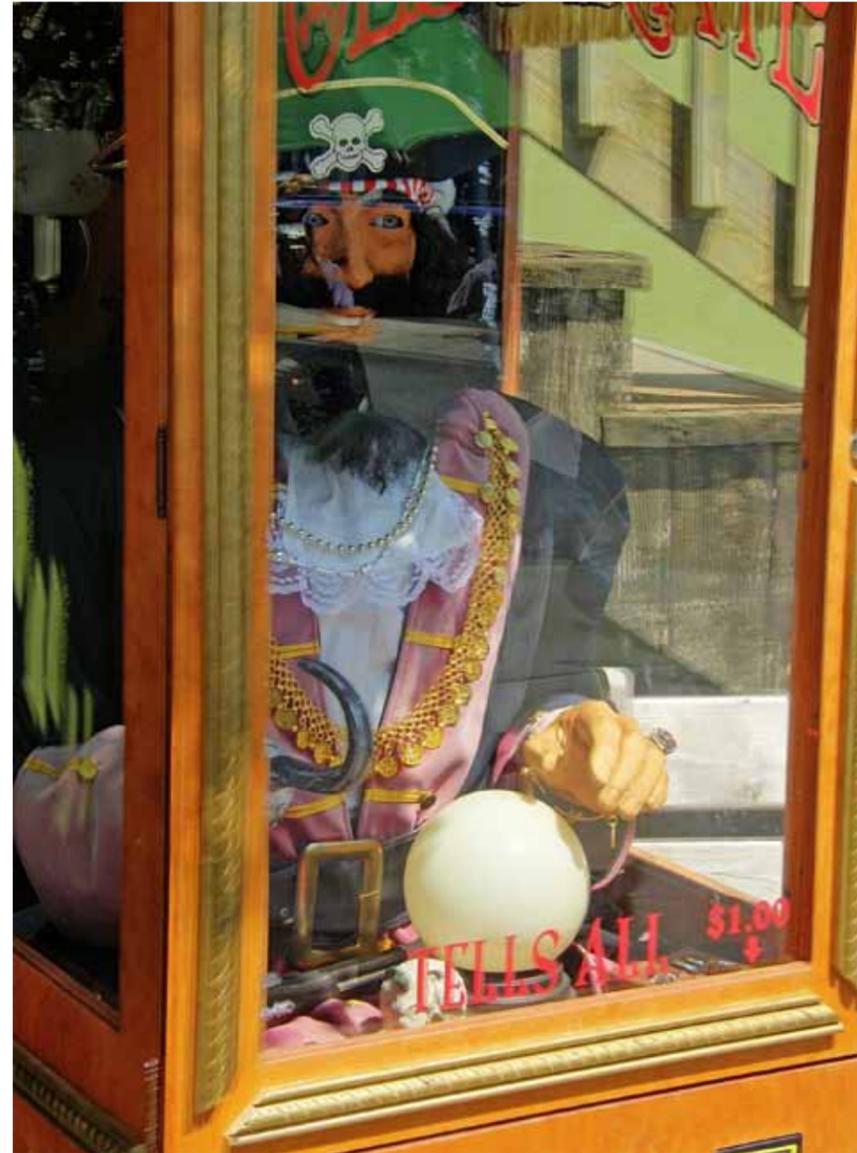
Yachats is a small coastal village that off season is sleepy and quiet. But during the summer it hosts a variety of "nuanced" events, like a classics concert, jazz, crafts fair, and the like, and has its share of coast tourists. But even though the town's accommodations were full last weekend when we visited, the village wasn't crowded..

We met friends of 45 years at The Adobe Resort, which I can happily recommend. We had an ocean view room, which lived up to that description in every way. It was a lovely and calming view, and at night we left the windows open to be lulled to sleep by the sounds of waves splashing on the shore.

The Adobe restaurant serves excellent meals while diners sit at wide windows overlooking the sea. As you might expect in August the ocean was calm. but we have visited The Adobe in the winter when storm waves crash against the low cliff and appear to threaten

to splash on your entree....an entirely enjoyable experience summer or winter. And best of all, the rates for an ocean view room are less than you would pay for most cookie cutter motel rooms with a view of a freeway interchange.





After an early morning walk up the coast a couple of miles, we returned to the resort and jumped in the car for a ride to Newport, about 23 miles north on US 101. Newport has a Lower Town along the waterfront. It once was the home of several fish processing plants, but over the years has developed into a touristy promenade with a few remaining processing facilities and lots of shops and eateries catering to the traveler. I strolled along taking pictures of business signs and entrances in an effort to capture a little of the "ambiance" and color while the women visited the shops.

Back at the Adobe I walked down to the shore and took a few of the obligatory seagull photos.