



Visiting Orange County

Orange County, popularized by Hollywood as the "O.C.", was often viewed by the earliest Spanish settlers as the Promised Land. Nestled on the coast of California and bordered by the Pacific Ocean, Orange County is home to several major cities - each distinct in its own way - and a thriving tourism industry. The "O.C." is the place to be seen and the place to visit with a bounty of attractions, culture, and the arts. Come and discover the California dream!

Anaheim

Famous for hockey, baseball, fun, and dreams, Anaheim had its humble start as a farming community where farmers came to grow and cultivate oranges. Known as the "Home of the River", Anaheim was destined for the small times until 1955 - the year that Walt Disney made his fateful purchase of 160 acres. This plot of land became the backdrop for his vision and dream - Disneyland.

Perhaps America's most famous amusement park, Disneyland is the prime attraction to Anaheim - its crown jewel. For the sports fans out there, the other attractions to Anaheim are baseball and hockey. Home to the Ducks and the Angels, this city's teams have been immortalized by Hollywood in several films. Quack, quack, quack!

Anaheim Chamber of Commerce:
714-748-0222

Disneyland: 714-781-4565

Disneyland Hotel: 714-956-6425

Buena Park

Next door is Buena Park - another small farming community that awaited fame and fortune. Sometimes referred to as Plaza Buena, Buena Park is the location of the world famous Knott's Berry Farm. Crowned with the title of "America's First Theme Park", Knott's Berry Farm began as a humble berry farm, purchased by Walter and Cordelia Knott in 1920. Their successful business, coupled with Walter's interest in the Wild West and Americana, provided the foundation upon which Walter was able to build Knott's Berry Farm. This is the place to visit for fantastic food - the berry farm is still very much operational - and

for entertainment, geared towards people of all ages.

Buena Park Chamber of Commerce:
714-521-0261

Knott's Berry Farm: 714-220-5200

Radisson Suites, Buena Park:
714-739-5600

Laguna Beach

Home to an art movement started in the early 1900's called California Impressionism, Laguna Beach is still an enclave for artists of every persuasion. This area has been settled by poor idealistic artists and movie stars alike, boasting such famous thespians as Douglas Fairbanks, Bette Davis, Rudolph Valentino, and Judy Garland, just to name a few. It can be argued that Laguna Beach is the place to sate your star-struck thirst.

One of the interesting charms of Laguna Beach is the town "greeter". This was once an older gentleman named Eller Larsen, but the position is now held by Mr. Number One Archer. Mr. Archer has been welcoming people to Laguna Beach for over twenty years, exemplifying that small town America feel from the era of yesteryear.

Laguna Beach Chamber of Commerce:
949-494-1018

Casa Laguna Inn: 800-233-0449

San Juan Capistrano

Deemed a paradise by founder Padre Junipero Serra and other Spanish settlers, the "Jewel of the Mission" is a designated National Landmark. San Juan Capistrano is a relatively young modern city; however, the mission at its heart is steeped in time. Once the 'gateway' to the gold fields of northern California, San Juan Capistrano is home to a 'miracle' that brings visitors from all over the world. Visitors are treated to the return of the Swallows of Capistrano to the mission in March. These little birds return every spring to rebuild their nests and to raise their young, protected by the stone ruins of the old mission. In October, the swallows depart again, seemingly circling the mission in a farewell gesture.

Mission Inn: 866-234-0249

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OVERVIEW

In our bones we know it is coming...those fierce temperatures that mark the low deserts of Arizona in the summer. Already it is into the 80s and 90s, and we are thinking of where to go to beat the heat.

Thankfully, San Diego is ready to offer sparkling beaches, refreshing ocean surf and daytime temperatures *some 30 degrees cooler* than the desert's near-molten highs. Couple those comforts with an incredible array of family-friendly recreation and you have the answer you are looking for.

San Diego's **33 public beaches** are made for frolic. Snorkel and scuba in balmy blue-green waters, build intricate sandcastles, or roast marshmallows over a bonfire at nightfall.

On an ocean theme, visit the **Maritime Museum** of San Diego to view one of the finest collections of historic ships in the world. Or head to the **San Diego-La Jolla Underwater Park** dedicated to preserving ecology and sea life. And what visit to the City by the Sea would be complete without spending some time with the famous

Shamu at Sea World?

For a more romantic sea-going experience, try the **Sunset Hornblower cruise** along 26 miles of waterfront. Enjoy a three-course dinner with a fine wine list as you travel past over 50 landmarks and historic points of interest plus an array of navy ships.

San Diego is rightfully proud of its many museums. Fifteen of them repose at **Balboa Park** alone (along with the Old Globe Theater). Museums of Art, Photography, Natural History and, of course, the famous **San Diego Zoo** are only some of the many attractions.

Historic shopping districts like the Gaslamp Quarter and numerous excellent restaurants featuring exquisite seafood and a variety of national cuisines abound. They complement the fascinating mix of sights and sounds that make this town a must-do experience for Arizonans when home is a bit too hot.

CALENDAR

APR 11-13 OCEANSIDE

Int'l Coin, Currency & Stamp Expo

QLN Learning Center - Investment grade & collector merchandise, also hobby supplies, memorabilia; free appraisals, door prizes, free gifts and admission for kids under 12. Fr 11a-6p, Sa 10-6, Su 10-5, \$2 (all 3 days) Srs \$1. **818-997-6496**

APR 11-13 SAN DIEGO

27th Annual Art Alive 2008:

Paris in the Park

San Diego Museum of Art, Balboa Park/Hillcrest - Annual, over-the-top celebration of art and flowers. Adm. \$12; Youth (6-17) \$5. **619-232-7931**

APR 20 FALLBROOK

Fallbrook Avocado Festival

Avocado lovers converge in San Diego's North County to sample avocados, check out the cooking contest, buy avocado-themed gifts, and enjoy bands, live entertainment & friendly beer gardens. **www.fallbrook.org**

APR 24-MAY 1 NEWPORT BEACH

Newport Beach International Film Festival

More than 170 features, shorts, documentaries, and animated films compete for dozens of Jury Awards and Audience Awards. The Festival also hosts several premiere galas, yacht parties, and question and answer sessions with filmmakers. **714-253-2880**

APR 26-27 SEBASTOPOL

Annual Apple Blossom Festival

Ives Park - Parade Main Street 10a Sat., entertainment, arts & crafts, children's activities, quilt show, Home & Garden Lifestyles. Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5, adm \$7/\$5, 10 & under free. **877-828-4748**

MAY 3-5 SAN DIEGO

Old Town Fiesta Cinco de Mayo

Old Town - Fun, food and fiesta celebrating Latino arts, culture, history and diversity. Free event, including several stages and activity areas across Old Town State Historic Park. **619-236-3236**

MAY 17-18 DANA POINT

Doheny Blues Festival

Doheny State Beach - Music, vendors, booths. Sample different foods from around the world at the International Food Court. Sa 11:15a-9:30p & Su 11:15a-8:30p. **949-362-3366**

MAY 23-26 GARDEN GROVE

Strawberry Festival

Golden Anniversary

Village Green - Commercial booths; arts & crafts; game booths; food. Major carnival rides; stage shows; celebrities & performers; parade. Largest Strawberry Shortcake. Fr 1p-10p, Sa & Su 10a-10p, Mo 10a-8:30p. **714-638-0981**

JUN 27-AUG 31 LAGUNA BEACH

42nd Annual Sawdust Art Festival

Over 130 artists; original artwork and crafts. Demonstrations and workshops. Live entertainment and food from nearby cafes. 10a-10p. \$7 Adults \$6 seniors, \$3 6-12 yrs, 5 and under free. **949-494-3030**

JUN 27-AUG 31 LAGUNA BEACH

Art-A-Fair Festival

Laguna Canyon - Art exhibitors; two and three dimensional art; demonstrations and lectures. Gourmet lunch and dinner catered by Tivoli Too. Su-Th 10a-9p. Fr-Sa 10a-10p. Adult \$7, Seniors \$3.50, 12 and under free. **949-697-6815**

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