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Anaheim/Orange County Facts

Location

Incorporated as a county in 1889, Orange County is located in the center of Southern California, approximately 30 miles south of Los Angeles and 90 miles north of San Diego.

Anaheim, the second largest city in Orange County, serves as a hub to area attractions, beaches and points of interest and includes the *Disneyland*® Resort, the Anaheim Convention Center, Angel Stadium of Anaheim and the Honda Center.

Climate

The average year-round temperature is 70 degrees. Summers are moderate to hot with cool evenings. Winters are mild with little rain (10-14 inches per year). Approximately 70 percent of the days in Orange County are bright and sunny.

Population/Size:

Orange County encompasses an area of 798 square miles with 42 miles of coastline and beaches. There are 34 incorporated cities within its boundaries, including Anaheim, Buena Park, Costa Mesa, Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, Irvine, Laguna Beach and Santa Ana. Total county population exceeds three million people. Anaheim has a population of more than 325,000 people.

The Anaheim Resort™ District

The 1,100-acre Anaheim Resort completed a \$5.5 billion transformation in 2000, creating a lush, urban resort with a classic Southern California feel. Featuring palm tree-lined boulevards, pedestrian walkways, and a convenient visitor transportation system, The Anaheim Resort encompasses the Anaheim Convention Center and the *Disneyland*® Resort.

Anaheim Resort Transit (ART) offers Anaheim visitors daily shuttle service and 17 interchangeable routes between hotels, *Disneyland*® Park, *Disney's California Adventure*® Park, *Downtown Disney*® District, the Anaheim Convention Center, Amtrak station, Anaheim GardenWalk shopping, dining and evening entertainment.

Air Access & Airport Facilities

Orange County is accessible by four major airports: John Wayne/Orange County Airport (SNA), 16 miles/26 km, 25 minutes from Anaheim; Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), 31 miles/ 50 km, 50 minutes from Anaheim; Long Beach Airport (LGB), 20 miles/32 km, 30 minutes from Anaheim; and Ontario International Airport (ONT), 27 miles/ 44 km, 45 minutes from Anaheim.

Transportation

Several ground transportation companies service the Orange County area, offering daily door-to-door service to/from all major airports, harbors and train stations. Services range from shuttles and charter limousines to car and van rentals. A wide variety of sightseeing tours are available from Orange County to surrounding areas, including Aquarium of the Pacific, Catalina Island, Hollywood, Las Vegas, LEGOLAND® California, Los Angeles, Mexico, San Diego Wild Animal Park, San Diego Zoo, San Francisco, SeaWorld Adventure Park San Diego and Universal Studios Hollywood.

Accommodations

Anaheim/Orange County has approximately 500 hotel properties and an inventory of nearly 55,000 rooms. Accommodations range from family-oriented lodging for the budget-conscious traveler, to elegant, five-star luxury resorts. There are more than 150 hotel properties and nearly 20,000 rooms in Anaheim alone, and close to half of these rooms border the Anaheim Convention Center and are within walking distance of the *Disneyland*® Resort. The city of Anaheim adds a transient occupancy tax of 15 percent to the daily room rate.

Dining

Visitors will find an array of award-winning restaurants and eateries, from neighborhood coffeehouses and local microbreweries to romantic fine dining establishments and lively oceanfront restaurants. Choose from a diverse selection of cuisines in nearly 5,000 restaurants.

Attractions

From the friendly faces of Mickey Mouse and Snoopy to exhilarating thrill rides, OC is home to some of the world's most popular attractions and theme parks, including *Disneyland*® Park, *Disney's California Adventure*® Park, Knott's Berry Farm®, Knott's Soak City Orange County, Wild Rivers Waterpark and The Santa Ana Zoo. Themed dinner entertainment venues include Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament and Pirates Dinner Adventure. *Disney's California Adventure*® Park, *Downtown Disney*® District

Beaches

Orange County's natural attraction is its 42 miles of coastline, featuring various picturesque beach communities with distinct personalities, from posh Newport Beach and artsy Laguna Beach to laidback Huntington Beach, officially known as Surf City USA®. Reflecting an active California lifestyle, Orange County beaches offer an abundance of recreation, from beach volleyball and boardwalk biking to kayaking, sailing and surfing. Visitors can experience Southern California like a local and sunbathe, shop for surfwear or enjoy a beach barbecue or evening bonfire.

Arts & Culture

Orange County's burgeoning arts and culture scene boasts numerous museums, cultural centers, festivals and historical sites, including the Anaheim MUZEO, Bowers Museum of Cultural Art and Kidseum, Festival of Arts, Mission San Juan Capistrano,

Orange County Museum of Art, Richard Nixon Library & Birthplace and Sawdust Art Festival. OC is also home of the recently expanded, magnificent Orange County Performing Art Center, as well as the Renee and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall (home of the Pacific Symphony and the Samueli Theater).

Shopping

Home to some of Southern California's premier shopping destinations, Orange County offers something for everyone, including indoor and outdoor malls, upscale boutiques, an alternative "anti-mall," specialty stores, outlet/discount shopping and world-renowned centers, such as Fashion Island and South Coast Plaza.

Entertainment & Nightlife

Live Entertainment: The Grove of Anaheim, Honda Center and House of Blues Anaheim feature performances by top bands and popular comedians.

Entertainment Centers: The new Anaheim GardenWalk, *Downtown Disney*[®] District, The Block at Orange and Irvine Spectrum Center are popular entertainment options, featuring restaurants, movie theaters, retail stores and special attractions.

Nightlife: When the sun goes down, Orange County's nightlife hot spots heat things up. From lively downtown districts and popular local pubs to stylish lounges and exciting dance clubs, such as Bar Louie, Heat Ultra Lounge and Ember Café & Music Club, there are a variety of options for fun after dark.

Casinos: Approximately 90 minutes from Orange County, Southern California's casinos offer world-class entertainment and accommodations, fine dining, exciting gaming action and Vegas-style fun.

Sports & Recreation

Professional Sports: The 45,050-seat Angel Stadium of Anaheim is home to Major League Baseball's Angels, and the National Hockey League's Anaheim Ducks take to the ice at the 19,200-seat Honda Center. The Olympic gold medal winning USA Men's National Volleyball Team is based in Anaheim at the world-class American Sports Centers, the largest indoor tournament and practice court facility in the United States. The NBA Development League expanded to Anaheim with the Anaheim Arsenal based at the Arena at the Anaheim Convention Center.

Golf Courses: World-famous golf champion, Tiger Woods, grew up in Orange County, and today the area boasts more than 40 championship courses, from serene coastal links to challenging inland courses amid rolling foothills.

Nature Preserves & Parks: Orange County boasts 37,000 acres of parkland and open space, including state parks/beaches, regional and wilderness parks, nature preserves, and 357 miles of recreational trails.

Outdoor Sports: Along the Pacific Coast, Orange County's beaches, bays and harbors create ideal environments for aquatic sports, including surfing, kayaking, snorkeling and sailing. Less than a two-hour drive from Orange County, Big Bear Mountain and other local ski resorts offer seasonal skiing, snowmobiling, hiking and fishing.

Spas & Fitness

The Orange County area has an array of luxurious spas located in hotels and stand-alone facilities. Each spa offers a diverse menu of services including signature treatments unique to the area, such as the California Dream'n Facial or yoga on the beach. At the center of an area known for its healthy, Southern California lifestyle, Orange County hosts two and a half marathons each year, including the Disneyland Half Marathon, OC Marathon and Pacific Shoreline Marathon.

Nearby Points of Interest

[Centrally located in the heart of Southern California](#), Anaheim/Orange County is a short drive from many points of interest throughout the region. Big Bear Lake and other mountain resorts, Catalina Island – California's only island resort, Temecula's wine country, Los Angeles, and San Diego, are all within easy reach.

Meetings & Conventions

Anaheim/Orange County is one of the major convention sites in the United States hosting more than one million convention delegates each year. [The Anaheim Convention Center](#) offers 1.6 million square feet of meeting and exhibit space, making it the largest convention center on the West Coast.

Tourism by the Numbers

Employing more than 150,000 people, tourism is one of Orange County's primary industries. [Preliminary 2008 visitor statistics](#) showed that Anaheim/Orange County attracted 43.1 million visitors, who spent \$7.89 billion.

About the Anaheim/Orange County Visitor & Convention Bureau

The Anaheim/Orange County Visitor & Convention Bureau provides information for the media, consumers and professional meeting and travel planners. Available materials include attraction brochures, visitor guides and meeting & event planning guides. Destination images and editorial materials are also available upon request and on the website, <http://www.anaheimoc.org/>.

The Anaheim/Orange County Visitor & Convention Bureau is a non-profit destination marketing organization dedicated to promoting Anaheim/Orange County as a premier visitor, convention and meeting destination. For more information, call 714/765-8888 or visit anaheimoc.org.

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