



The Beach Towns of The Oceanfront

Newport Beach:

Fresh, fashionable and affluent, Newport Beach has beautiful beaches, gracious homes and almost everything else the good life offers. Residents attend Manolo Blahnik trunk shows at Neiman Marcus, then relax at trendy outdoor cafes adorned with bougainvillea. Visitors soak up the sun at Crystal Cove, one of coast's most dramatic and secluded beaches, and stroll the streets of chic Corona del Mar. Once the home of John Wayne, the city now hosts the young, ambitious Newport Beach Film Festival. www.newportbeach-cvb.com.

Laguna Beach:

Nestled between the Pacific Ocean and Laguna Canyon, Laguna Beach stretches seven miles along the Orange County coastline offering a year-round retreat for art lovers, nature enthusiasts, outdoor thrill seekers, history buffs and beach-goers. Visitors can enjoy Laguna's thriving arts scene with over 100 art galleries and artist's studios, the Laguna Playhouse and Laguna Art Museum, and unique to Laguna festivals – art, music and dance. A true coastal getaway, Laguna Beach indulges visitors with luxurious day spas, boutique shopping, the opportunity to explore their creative side with art workshops, and its quaint character, sophisticated atmosphere, rich history and natural beauty. www.lagunabeachinfo.org.

Huntington Beach:

Huntington Beach recalls early California beach towns, where days are filled with beach cruisers, soda shops and surfboards. The city is known worldwide for its excellent waves, beach sports and laid-back *Surf City USA*™ atmosphere. Year-round near its famed, historic pier, the city hosts professional surf contests, beach volleyball tournaments and extreme sports competitions. The city's wide, irresistible beach stretches for eight long miles. Its downtown teems with happening restaurants and pubs, and hip surf and clothing shops including the ever-popular Surf & Sort and the original, legendary Jack's Surfboards. www.surfcityusa.com.

Dana Point:

Considered one of the most romantic spots in California, with dramatic coastal bluffs and rolling foothills, Dana Point is a charming seaside getaway. Offering a range of water activities including whale watching, fishing, sailing, surfing, kayaking and windsurfing, the city also hosts the well-respected Ocean Institute, which is dedicated to education and preservation. The distinctive Dana Point Harbor houses more than 2,500 yachts from around the world. Visitors to this coastal retreat can browse unique specialty shops, explore tide pools and otherwise soak up the tranquil setting. www.danapointvisitorscenter.com.

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