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The Oceanfront Embodies Orange County's Luxurious Coast

THE OCEANFRONT, ORANGE COUNTY, Calif. – The 42 miles of stunning coastline that make up the beach communities of Dana Point, Laguna Beach, Newport Beach and Huntington Beach provide the scenic backdrop that is known around the world to represent the enviable Southern California lifestyle. With a shoreline that ranges from pristine white sand beaches to dramatic cliffs overlooking the pounding surf, this exclusive collection of luxury resorts and spas, world class shopping, championship golf and seemingly endless array of outdoors activities, can be summed up in two words ... The Oceanfront.

The Oceanfront embodies the best of coastal Orange County and assists travelers to the area with a practical and easy-to-navigate Web site – TheOceanfrontCA.com -- that offers information about the area's top hotels and resorts, including links to make reservations online; the four beach communities that compose The Oceanfront; shopping and spas; golf and outdoor activities; dining and more. The eight notable hotels and resorts that comprise The Oceanfront are:

Balboa Bay Club & Resort

Situated on 15 prime acres on Newport Bay, The Balboa Bay Club & Resort is the only full-service waterfront resort in Newport Beach offering breathtaking harbor views. The resort offers 160 luxurious guest rooms, including 10 suites, and 15,000 square feet of flexible indoor meeting space, including a 7,000-square-foot Grand Ballroom and 11 additional conference rooms, all with natural lighting. Guests can enjoy an Olympic-sized pool and whirlpool, a 17,000-square-foot spa, chic restaurants and more. Once frequented by John Wayne, Lauren Bacall, Humphrey Bogart, and the Reagans, the resort's reconstruction has turned it into a premier destination. It has received the AAA Four-Diamond Award of Excellence. For more information or to make reservations, call (949) 645-5000 or visit www.balboabayclub.com.

The Waterfront Beach Resort, a Hilton Hotel

Overlooking a dazzling stretch of white sandy coastline between Los Angeles and San Diego, the Waterfront Beach Resort is a AAA Four Diamond award-winning beachfront property in the beautiful seaside community of Huntington Beach, California. All of the resort's 290 guest rooms offer views of the more than eight miles of shimmering white-sand beaches and 21,500 square feet of meeting and conference space including the 6,000-square-foot Waterfront Ballroom. Guests can enjoy a heated lagoon-style pool and whirlpool, the

award-winning Shades restaurant, Surf Hero Market & Deli, a fitness center and more. For more information or to make reservations, call (714) 845-8000 or visit www.waterfrontbeachresort.com.

Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort & Spa

Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort & Spa is located in the heart of Surf City, USA and features 517 tastefully appointed guestrooms, including 57 suites, offering guests sweeping views of the Pacific Ocean. The resort is also home to three restaurants, including The Californian, a AAA Four Diamond Award recipient as well as more than 100,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor function space – the largest collection on the Pacific Coast. Additional resort amenities include a lagoon-style swimming pool, Slyders and three slide water playground and The Village, an eclectic shopping experience with everything from a pizzeria to surf memorabilia and fine art. Guests also enjoy year-round recreational activities ranging from tennis and surfing to taking advantage of the sandy Southern California beaches via the resort's lighthouse bridge. A full range of treatments for women, men and children are available at the resort's 20,000-square-foot Pacific Waters Spa. For additional information or to make reservations, call (714) 698-1234 or visit www.huntingtonbeach.hyatt.com.

Montage Laguna Beach

Montage Laguna Beach, set on a coastal bluff overlooking the Pacific in the heart of the vibrant arts community of Laguna Beach, offers 30 acres of oceanfront luxury. The 250-room craftsman-style resort features beachfront accommodations; a 20,000-square-foot spa; destination dining at Studio; a wealth of outdoor recreation, including three pools, beach and water sports; a fine art collection and more than 20,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor meeting space. For more information and reservations, please contact Montage Laguna Beach, toll free, at (888) 715-6700 or visit the Web site at www.montagelagunabeach.com.

The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel

Beautifully situated atop a 150-foot bluff with panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean, The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel is an elegant coastal retreat inviting guests to relax, indulge and pamper themselves in the ultimate home-away-from-home that offers a first-class, luxury hotel experience. The four-story structure is reminiscent of a classic Mediterranean villa with fountains and French doors that open onto private terraces from each guestroom. The balconies overlook either the ocean or pools with magnificently landscaped gardens and courtyards. The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel offers guests and business travelers a restyled and elegantly designed hotel experience with 393 guest rooms and nearly 30,000 square feet of meeting, conference and banquet function space. After completing a \$40 million renovation in November 2005, the hotel's graceful and stylish look maintains the traditional Ritz-Carlton detail and offers the world-class service for which the hotel is known. For more information or to make reservations, please call (800) 241-3333 or visit www.ritzcarlton.com.

Surf & Sand Resort

Surf & Sand Resort lies on California's Laguna Beach shoreline where the waves of the Pacific meet 500 feet of pristine white sand. Here, a magnificent oceanfront location combines luxurious accommodations, dedicated personal service, distinctive dining and a therapeutic spa to create relaxing, romantic getaways. Each guest room and suite is a luxurious retreat and the resort's five buildings afford a wide variety of room types and locations, from penthouses high above the beach to rooms with private balconies just a few feet above the sand. The resort also offers state-of-the-art facilities and ocean-view venues that set the stage for successful meetings and elegant occasions for groups of 10 to 250.

For more information or to make reservations, call (800) 837-9202 or visit www.surfandsandresort.com.

Laguna Cliffs Marriot Resort & Spa

Set high on a bluff overlooking the Pacific Ocean, the AAA Four Diamond Laguna Cliffs Marriot Resort & Spa makes the most of its ocean view location, overlooking the California Coastline, Doheny State Beach parkland and Dana Point Harbor, offering 2,500 yacht slips. The picturesque red-roofed Victorian-style resort appeals to both business and leisure travelers who enjoy commanding views of vast white beaches, glorious sunsets and the area's quaint seaport village. Featuring 378 beautifully appointed guest rooms, including 15 deluxe suites; the pristine accommodations at the Laguna Cliffs Marriot Resort & Spa comfortably blend coastal elegance and a sunny décor that reflects the spirit of Dana Point. Guests visiting for leisure can enjoy the two heated swimming pools with ocean views along with the 14,000-square-foot Spa at Laguna Cliffs that embraces the relaxed essence of Orange County with specialty massages, facials and body treatments in its beautifully appointed ten treatment rooms. While on business, guests can sneak in a round of golf at one of five local courses in between meetings in the more than 50,000 square feet of indoor/outdoor meeting space. For more information or to make reservations, please call (800) 228-9290 or visit www.lagunacliffs.com.

Shopping and Events

From outdoor jazz concerts to beachside Fourth of July celebrations, the beach communities of The Oceanfront have something for everyone. For a calendar of upcoming events, visitors can contact the Anaheim/O.C. Visitor and Convention Bureau (www.anaheimoc.org), Dana Point Visitors Bureau (www.danapointvisitorscenter.com), Huntington Beach Conference and Visitors Bureau (www.surfcityusa.com), Laguna Beach Visitors and Conference Bureau (www.lagunabeachinfo.org) and Visit Newport Beach (www.visitnewportbeach.com).

With some of the best year-round weather anywhere, there is a wealth of outdoor activities for visitors to enjoy in coastal Orange County. Adventurous types can take to the waves on a surfboard or a boat in any number of locations along the coast. Those looking for more pedestrian-oriented activities can shop all day at scenic shopping areas like South Coast Plaza.

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