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Things to do in Southern California:

Nearby Attractions:

Catalina Island 22 miles (via the Pacific Ocean)/1 hour

<http://www.catalina.com/main.html>

From chewing gum magnate William Wrigley to author Zane Grey, Catalina Island has been home to some of history's most interesting figures, and a favorite vacation spot for others. Explore Avalon's rich history, famous landmarks, and fascinating architecture.

Mission San Juan Capistrano

5 miles/10 minutes

<http://www.missionsjc.com/>

Mission San Juan Capistrano, the Birthplace of Orange County, was founded more than two hundred years ago. Today it is a monument to California's multi-cultural history, embracing its Native American, Spanish, Mexican and European heritage. Originally built as a self sufficient community by Spanish Padres and Indians, the Mission was a center for agriculture, industry, education and religion. Sites of interest include the Serra Chapel, Padres Quarters, Industrial Area, Soldiers Barracks, Cemetery and The Great Stone Church.

Dana Point, CA

The City of Dana Point is characterized by its seven miles of prominent coastal bluffs and scenic rolling hills along the Pacific Ocean. County, State and private beaches adorn the coastline, including world-famous surfing spots at Doheny, Dana Strands, and Salt Creek. The Dana Point Harbor provides slips and moorings for more than 2,500 boats.

Beaches:

Dana Point beaches are among the finest in the world. Dana Point is rich in surf history and is popular for surfing, tide pool exploration, walking and ocean enjoyment. Come and play at Salt Creek Beach, Doheny Beach, Baby Beach, or Capistrano Beach!

Salt Creek Beach Park <http://www.ocparks.com/saltcreekbeach/> This long, sandy beach is a popular surfing spot for the locals. Walking paths lead to the beach and to the grassy seven-acre Bluff Park, which has benches, barbecue grills, picnic tables, and restrooms.

Just south of Ritz Carlton Dr., a pedestrian gate leads through the Ritz Carlton along the bluff above Salt Creek Beach. The path, which skirts the southern perimeter of the grounds, has benches that overlook gray whale migration routes, popular surfing spots, Catalina Island, and the coastline. Several stairways lead from the multi-use trail to the beach, changing rooms, outdoor showers, restrooms, snack bar, fire pits, and a path along the seawall. Paths lead north and east through a golf course and along Salt Creek, a scenic corridor featuring small parks and several miles of trails.

The Ritz Carlton Laguna Niguel will also provide for your convenience:

- Complimentary beach shuttle service
- Beach chairs and beach umbrellas
- Body boards for the beach

Doheny State Beach <http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/> 2.3 mi – about 4 mins

Administered by the California Department of Parks and Recreation. The 62 acre site features over one mile of sandy beach and some of the best swimming and surfing in California. During low tide, tide pools are prime for exploring. The campground features 120 developed family campsites and the picnic area has 170 picnic tables and 99 barbecue grills.

Whale Watching

Dana Point is known as the “Whale Capital of the West” because several types of whales use the point as a navigational landmark on their migrations north or south. Dana Point Harbor whale watching boats provide amazing experiences with these majestic animals off the Dana Point coast. The Blue Whale season will run May - October.

Dana Point Fishing and Whale Watching <http://www.danawharf.com/>

Or to purchase by phone, call Zerve at (800) 979-3370

Daily at 10am, 12pm, 2pm

\$29 Adults

\$24 Military/Seniors

\$19 Kids 3-12

Children Under 2 are FREE

Laguna Beach

Known for its miles of clean sandy beaches, working artists and annual festivals, Laguna Beach is the perfect California small town getaway for visitors near and far.

The city of Laguna Beach is a seaside village of 25,000-plus residents that includes hundreds of local working artists and unique gift shops. It is home for people who seek the tranquility of beach accommodations as well as endless cultural opportunities. These include dozens of art and music events throughout the year, as well as an art museum and a live stage theater.

Art Festivals/Museums

Laguna Art Museum

307 Cliff Dr. at North Coast Hwy., 7.2 mi – about 13 mins

www.lagunaartmuseum.org

The Museum focuses on the cultural heritage of our huge, diverse and powerful state, and on the unique history and accomplishments of Laguna Beach, a community of the American West located on the shore of southern California, about fifty miles below the city of Los Angeles. As cultural theorists often enjoy pointing out, southern California, with its motion picture, television, and aerospace industries, is the mecca of artificial culture. In this “here-today-gone tomorrow” culture, our history has traditionally been trivialized and discarded, leaving a great deal of the past for us to excavate. Laguna Beach and the Laguna Art Museum have stood at the center of another sort of culture. From the turn of the century through the 1930s, Laguna Beach was home to one of the most significant artists’ colony on the Pacific Coast. The Laguna Art Museum has not only been the focal point of this art colony but, instrumental in uncovering its history as well. Along with its counterpart, the Oakland Museum of California Art in northern California, it has been at the forefront of a trend among California museums to focus on regional art history.

Art-A-Fair Festival

777 Laguna Canyon Rd, 6.8 mi – about 13 mins

<http://www.art-a-fair.com/>

The Art-A-Fair Festival is the ultimate destination for lovers of art to visit this summer! Nestled in a colorful garden setting in romantic Laguna Canyon, the Festival is an enjoyable place to spend a summer day in the historic art community of Laguna Beach

Open seven days a week, visitors are offered the opportunity to view and acquire art directly from the artist exhibitors, finalists of a national juried competition. An exciting variety of two and three dimensional art is represented including oils, watercolors, pastels, acrylics, drawings, mixed media, photography, sculpture, jewelry glassworks, pottery, and furniture.

Sawdust Art Festival

935 Laguna Canyon Rd., 6.9 mi – about 13 mins

www.SawdustArtFestival.org

The 43rd Annual Summer Show opens Friday, June 26 and continues daily through Sunday, August 30, 2009. The Sawdust will feature the fine art and craft of nearly 200 Laguna Beach artists and is sure to be the highlight of your summer adventures.

Art enthusiasts, collectors, and novice artists have come to the Sawdust since our beginning in 1966 for our mix of fine art and craft. Media include hand blown and fused glass, painting, jewelry, surf art, ceramics, textile, wood and metal sculpture, scrimshaw, photography, and so much more. And, our artists are eager to share their creative process with you so please, feel free to ask questions.

In keeping with our mission, "to educate the public about the art created in Laguna Beach," the Sawdust Art Festival provides a variety of art and craft projects for all ages at our Children's Art Spot, Ceramics Booth, Sawdust Studio, and our world-class Glass Blowing Booth. We also offer Summer Evening Art Classes at 7 p.m. Sunday-Thursdays. We hope you'll try your hand at creating your own masterpiece.

Get an up close visit with select artists during our Meet the Artists Tour on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Wineries

Laguna Canyon Winery

2133 Laguna Canyon Road 7.4 mi – about 14 mins

www.LagunaCanyonWinery.com

Whether you're holding a private event or dropping in for a daytime tasting, our barrel tasting room will romance you with 70 full oak wine barrels. A unique ambiance sure to give you a memorable experience.

TASTING ROOM HOURS:

Tuesday - Sunday (11am - 6pm)

Monday (Closed)

Amusement Parks:

Disneyland 32 miles/40 minutes

www.disneyland.com

From the charm of Main Street, U.S.A to the whimsy of Mickey's Toontown, explore eight fantastic "lands" of nostalgia, color and delight. Let your imagination run free in a Magic Kingdom where life is a fairy tale and dreams really do come true.

Single Day Theme Park Ticket - Ages 10 and Up \$69.00

Single Day Theme Park Ticket - Ages 3-9 \$59.00

California Adventure 32 miles/40 minutes

http://disneyland.disney.go.com/disneyland/en_US/parks/landing?name=DisneysCaliforniaAdventureLandingPage

Immerse yourself in a magical festival of shows, parades and attractions celebrating California's storied past and exciting future. From the gold rush and Hollywood's golden era to the timeless allure of the beach, discover the vast and diverse Golden State.

Park hopper tickets for both Disneyland & California Adventure for 1, 2 and more days are available online and allow you access to both parks

LEGOLAND 36 miles/40 minutes

www.legoland.com/

At LEGOLAND® California everyone is a hero on more than 50 super rides, shows and attractions. ADVENTURERS WANTED. The Land of Adventure, LEGOLAND California's newest area, is full of mystery and intrigue. PIRATES WANTED. Sail a galleon in Splash Battle. HEROES WANTED.

LEGOLAND is a 128-acre theme park located in Carlsbad. Created by the Danish LEGO Company, LEGOLAND California offers interactive attractions, family rides, shows, restaurants, shopping and beautiful landscape features.

1-Day Admission Adult (13-59) \$63.00;

1-Day Admission Child/Senior (3-12)* / (60+) \$53.00

SeaWorld 63 miles/1 hour

<http://www.seaworld.com/>

SeaWorld is San Diego's No. 1 tourist attraction and one of the most popular marine parks in the world. Spread out over more than 189 acres on beautiful Mission Bay Park, SeaWorld is known for its spectacular animal shows, interactive attractions, aquariums, rides and dining facilities.

SeaWorld San Diego is one of the world's premier marine adventure parks with 200 acres of world-class shows, thrilling rides and unforgettable animal encounters. More than 80 million visitors have explored the mysteries of the sea here, with up-close animal interactions and exhilarating thrills. And we hope to see you here soon.

Single Day Admission Ages 10+ \$65

Single Day Admission Ages 3-9 \$55

San Diego Zoo 65 miles/1 hour 15 minutes

<http://www.sandiegozoo.com/>

Located just north of downtown San Diego in Balboa Park, this 100-acre Zoo is home to over 4,000 rare and endangered animals representing more than 800 species and subspecies, and a prominent botanical collection with more than 700,000 exotic plants.

San Diego Zoo - Best Value

Best Value Package

Includes Zoo admission with unlimited use of Guided Bus Tour, Express Bus, and Skyfari aerial tram.

Adult (ages 12+) \$35.00 Child (ages 3-11) \$26.00

San Diego Wild Animal Park 55 miles/1 hour

<http://www.sandiegozoo.org/wap/index.html>

Located 35 miles north of downtown San Diego in the San Pasqual Valley near Escondido, the Wild Animal Park is an expansive wildlife sanctuary that is home to more than 3,500 animals representing more than 400 species. Its renowned botanical collection represents 3,500 species and 1.5 million specimens.

Best Value Ticket

Includes Wild Animal Park Best Value ticket admission, Journey into Africa Tour, Conservation Carousel ride, all exhibits and shows. Parking not included. Adult (ages 12+) \$35.00 Child (ages 3-11) \$26.00