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Newport Harbor Tour

QUESTIONS:



1 - Spot the Ferris wheel in the Balboa “Fun Zone,” — or, better yet, dock your Duffy and ride the Ferris wheel! Bonus points: Stop in the Bay Arcade and see how many skee ball tickets you can get!



2 - Dock at one of our “Dock and Dine” Restaurants and run in for a quick bite and beverage!



3 - Spot the entrance to the Back Bay Nature Preserve, home to one of the largest coastal wetlands in Southern California.

4 - Locate and name all seven islands in Newport Harbor



5 - Locate Sir Richard Branson’s Virgin Oceanic Vessel. The vessel’s home is in Newport Harbor and is regularly docked in different locations! See if you can find it!



6 - Have an encounter with marine sea life including a seal, seabirds, and maybe even a dolphin and more! Make sure you commemorate each sighting with a photo!



7 - Dock at Balboa Island’s public dock for a Balboa Bar or Frozen Banana (**Hint:** Public Docks can be spotted by the blue paint stripe at the dock’s edge and blue and white finial-topped pilings that mark each dock) See if you can find the other ten!



8 - Take a photo of Pirates Cove! (**Hint:** This cove is near Newport Beach’s Harbor Entrance on the left side and has been a movie and TV location for decades)



9 - Locate Balboa Island Auto Ferry, but be wary of its crossing!



10 - Find Orange County Sherriff’s Harbor Patrol and U.S. Coast Guard headquarters! Bonus point if you spot the U.S. Coast Guard Cutty Narwhal.

ANSWERS:

1 - The Balboa “Fun Zone” is one of Southern California’s oldest and last great coastal amusement areas and a popular family-friendly attraction for visitors to Newport Beach. Visitors can enjoy rides on the waterfront Ferris wheel, play games in the arcade, or tour the nautical museum while enjoying their favorite beach treats. This also is a popular place to rent bikes, take a harbor cruise, or take off for a day trip to nearby Catalina Island on the Catalina Flyer.

2 - On Newport Harbor, several restaurants offer the one-of-a-kind “dock and dine” experience, where you can dock your rented Duffy boat, and dine on your vessel or in-house. “Dock and Dine” restaurants in Newport Harbor are 3Thirty3, Balboa Bay Club & Resort’s Duke’s Place and The First Cabin, Back Bay Bistro, Blue Water Grill, Harborside Restaurant, Sol Cocina, The Cannery, The Dock, Villa Nova, Woody’s Wharf, and DivBar.

3 - One of only a few remaining estuaries in Southern California, Upper Newport Bay is a tranquil setting where fresh and saltwater mix. The Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve and Ecological Reserve represents approximately 1,000 acres of open space. It is the home of nearly 200 species of birds, including several endangered species, as well as numerous varieties of mammals, fish, and native plants.

4 - There are seven islands in Newport Harbor – and, with the exception of Balboa Island, all other islands are gated communities. Islands in Newport Harbor are Balboa Island, Bay Island, Collins Island, Harbor Island, Lido Isle, Linda Isle and Newport Isle.

5 - Earlier this year, Sir Richard Branson of the Virgin Group unveiled his catamaran that houses a single-person Virgin Oceanic Submarine that is set to explore uncharted deep sea-trenches throughout the world. Over the next two years, Branson and his team have planned five dives designed to provide new information about undiscovered life forms and the geography of the ocean – as well as to draw awareness to any issues that threaten the ocean’s health.

6 - Newport Harbor is flourishing with marine life. On a typical day, you can see sea lions, several different species of marine birds and sometimes even dolphins!

7 - Visitors are more than welcome to dock at any of the eleven public docks in Newport Harbor.

8 - Pirates Cove in Corona del Mar has been the set for various film productions including the opening scene from Gilligan’s Island. A set of steps from Ocean Blvd leads you to this beach known for its coves, rock formations and nautical watching!

9 - The Balboa Island Ferry carries automobiles, bicycles and pedestrians between Balboa Island and the Balboa Peninsula. It has been in operation since 1919 and has been owned and operated by the same family for more than 100 years!

10 - The Orange County Sherriff’s Harbor Patrol provides around-the-clock law enforcement, marine fire fighting and search/rescue services along the 48 miles of Orange County coastline. The U.S. Coast Guard is one of the five armed forces of the United States and is a unique instrument of maritime safety, security and environmental stewardship. The Cutty Narwhal is the official patrolling vessel.