



Itineraries for Couples coming for the 2014 Vizio BCS National Championship

Couples Fun, Day 1:

3pm: You came to support your team, but you're also taking advantage by having a little romantic getaway. Check into your hotel, unpack and get dressed for a light walk.

4pm: Head to quaint and romantic Balboa Island for some relaxing shopping and strolling. Reminiscent of Nantucket, this charming residential island offers a main street of lovely shops and eateries and a spectacular boardwalk loop around the "Little" and "Big" islands with magnificent views of the harbor and channel. You'll undoubtedly see others sporting your team's wear. You may want to join them for a drink at the Village Inn.

6pm: There are many options for dinner in Newport Beach and if you're still on Balboa Island, then select one of the island's al fresco café's or restaurants. For Italian, head over to Ciao Italian Restaurant or Amelia's Italian Restaurant or if you're craving French fare dine at Basilic Restaurant.

Sunset: End your night with a romantic gondola ride through the network of quaint canals of Newport Harbor as the sun is setting. Let the gondolier serenade you as you take part in the Gondola tradition of kissing under every bridge! This is the beauty of mixing a BCS trip with a romantic getaway!

Couples Fun, Day 2:

9am: Breakfast at casual local favorite, Haute Cakes Caffe. Dine al fresco in the garden patio and enjoy lattes and egg scrambles. While intimate, you may run into a few fans of your team, and that could dictate your day. Otherwise, work off your breakfast with a morning stand-up paddle boarding or kayaking session at the Newport Aquatic Center in the Back Bay or through Pirate Coast at the Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort and Marina.

11:00am: Itching for a little college football with your sweetheart? Head over to Rudy's on the peninsula. With the retractable roof, you can enjoy college football and the sun at the same time. You also may just want to enjoy lounging by the pool at your hotel, or treating yourself to a spa treatment.

3:30pm: Drive down to Crystal Cove State Beach for an afternoon stroll along the sand, then go to the Bootlegger Bar at Beachcomber Cafe, and take part in a mid-century happy hour tradition as the Martini Flag is hoisted - complete with bugle call to salute the sunset. Cheers!

7pm: The choice are endless for great dining coming up from PCH. Corona del Mar features Banderas, Gulfstream, The Bungalow, Rothschild's, and the Crow Bar. If you're looking for something upscale, you can enjoy delicious cuts of meat at Mastro's Steakhouse or take the short drive up Newport Coast to Andrea's at The Resort at Pelican Hill for world-class Italian cuisine.

Couples Fun, Day 3:

11am: Before heading home, cruise Newport Harbor in an electric boat and then Dock & Dine! Many of our local restaurants have a great weekend brunch right on the water like The Cannery, Sol Cocina or Back Bay Bistro. Short on time? Pick-up lunch at Pizzeria Mozza or A Market and enjoy for the journey home.