



Newport Beach Shopping

If you thought sailing or surfing was the top recreation activity in Newport Beach, you'd be wrong. In fact, locals and visitors to this world-class coastal resort city would much rather indulge in another sport altogether: shopping.

That's right. Newport Beach has become a world-renowned shopping destination, offering an appealing, one-of-a-kind mix of big name designers, emerging fashion talents, unique home décor boutiques, and artisan gift stores – all in a spectacular seaside setting that you won't find anywhere else.

From exclusive boutiques on tree-lined avenues to big name designers in luxurious centers, and from charming shops on islands to surprising finds in hidden neighborhoods, Newport Beach has something for everyone.

Here's your exclusive guide to the West Coast's new shopping capital.

Fashion Island: For Fashionistas and Foodies

The crown jewel of the Newport Beach shopping scene is Fashion Island. Located at the heart of the city in a magnificent, sun-drenched outdoor setting with gardens, fountains, and lovely ocean views, this isn't your everyday shopping center. Fashion Island boasts a roster of more than 125 of the region's – and the world's – most popular shops for men, women, children and even pets. Here, you'll find Neiman Marcus, Bloomingdale's and Nordstrom, as well as exclusive boutiques like Rebecca Taylor, Ella Moss, Trina Turk, Roberta Roller Rabbit, and Brandy Melville. Fashion Island also is home the West Coast's first C. Wonder store, a colorful emporium of fashion and fabulous home items from Chris Burch.

At Fashion Island, men can stock up on Orange County's haute look – denim – from an array of stores including 7 for all Mankind, Earnest Sewn and True Religion. Or, if a suit and tie is required, the experts at Garys and Bloomingdale's men's stores are among the best stylists anywhere. And, don't forget a watch for him (or some jewels for her) at Traditional Jewelers.



After, or during, your shopping spree, you'll want to relax and enjoy a delicious meal at one of Fashion Island's wonderful alfresco cafés or award-winning restaurants. From health-conscious cuisine at True Food Kitchen to fresh regional cuisine at Great Maple to delectable Italian fare at Canaletto Ristorante Veneto, you'll savor world-class flavors at Fashion Island.

Balboa Island & Balboa Village: For Charming Shops and Artisan Gifts

There is perhaps no more iconic, or charming, location in Newport Beach than Balboa Island. With the historic charm of Nantucket and the modern-day appeal of the California coast, this island is only minutes from central Newport Beach but a world apart. Spend an afternoon exploring the appealing boutiques that line Marine Avenue, including Art for the Soul and Even Sisters, which carry art, apparel, home décor, and gift items from local designers and craftspeople. CandelEssence, a store devoted to locally crafted candles, also is a must-shop. You'll also want to sample tasty dishes from one of Balboa Island's eateries, but save room for a Balboa Bar, Newport Beach's signature frozen ice cream confection. Don't worry! You can walk it off with a stroll around the "Big" and "Little" Islands of Balboa, reveling in gorgeous views of the harbor and the beautiful homes along the boardwalk. Take the ferry across the harbor to Balboa village and meander along the harbor front while browsing the charming village, local eateries, gift shops and art galleries.

Mariner's Mile and Westcliff: For Trendsetters and Treats

When they're not at Fashion Island, trend-conscious locals and visitors are heading north on Pacific Coast Highway to two of Newport Beach's distinctive shopping destinations – Mariner's Mile and Westcliff. Mariner's Mile is home to A'maree's, a shrine to high fashion that has graced the pages of *Vogue*. Here, in an architecturally significant building on the scenic bay front, you'll find an artfully curated and beautifully presented selection of haute couture clothing and accessories. Also along this stretch of PCH is The Cove, an eclectic mix of shops that offers fabulous, coastal chic home décor, jewelry, and clothing.

A stone's throw from Mariner's Mile is Westcliff, where you can indulge your passion for fashion...and your sweet tooth. Be sure to visit Elizabeth Charles, a boutique dedicated to bringing New York style to Newport Beach with under-the-radar designers and big names from Fashion Week. A few steps away is



James Perse, a must-visit for soft-as-air tees and casual basics that embody the laid-back luxury of California style. For the latest trends gathered in one place, a visit to Bardot is a must for any fan of fashion. Inspired by the lifestyle of the French Riviera, the boutique brings in the latest looks from around the globe. And, don't miss SusieCakes, Newport Beach's go-to bakery for over-the-top delicious cakes, cookies, and pastries.

Corona del Mar and Cannery Village: For Shopping and Strolling

Corona del Mar, Spanish for "Crown of the Sea" and certainly a jewel in the crown of Newport Beach shopping and sightseeing spots, is a scenic stretch of stroll-able shopping and dining spots that locals flock to and visitors love. Start at Corona del Mar Plaza, with its great selection of shops and gourmet dining in a chic upscale center, then head south on Pacific Coast Highway to Corona del Mar village with its fashion-forward shops for clothing, home design, jewelry, consignment shopping, and gifts. Further south, Crystal Cove Shopping Center offers yet more appealing boutiques with a breathtaking ocean view backdrop – and scene-y restaurants for the best people-watching in Newport Beach.

Cannery Village and its neighbor, Lido Village, are an idyllic shopping setting with romantic cobblestone walkways and open-air shopping. With little shops reminiscent of a seaside European town and a weekend farmers market, this quaint and historic area begs to be explored. Selling everything from beach towels to shells and nautical gifts, it's the perfect place to grab a little something to remind you of your visit to Newport Beach.