

COASTAL LIVING[®]

Delicious Fall Escapes

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**THE BEST
BEACH HOUSE
KITCHENS**

**A SOUP-TO-NUTS GUIDE TO
OUR FAVORITE ROOM**

TOP DOWN: THE ULTIMATE COASTAL ROAD TRIP

Santa Monica to Laguna Beach

○ START



Part seven of our Seattle to San Diego excursion sets off from Santa Monica and makes a lazy path along some of Southern California's most memorable stops before ending up in idyllic Laguna Beach. From the historic grandeur of the *Queen Mary* to surf-loving stretches of Huntington Beach, from Newport Beach's seafood palaces to the alluring cottages of Crystal Cove, it's a sunlit sojourn.

LEG 7 of 8

MILE 32

LINER LOVE
Long Beach

Follow California Highway 1 as it skirts south from Santa Monica, taking in the fun surf scenes of **Manhattan** and **Redondo beaches** before hitting the mother ship, as it were. The *Queen Mary* was once the grandest ocean liner in the world, and you can choose among a variety of tours, from historic to haunted.



MILE 49

SURF-CITY STAY
Huntington Beach

It's called "Surf City, U.S.A.," and with 10 miles of five broad beaches, that's a fair moniker. Rent a bike and cruise the shoreline, followed by a break for beer, seafood, and shopping at the recently opened **Pacific City complex**. Make your bed one with a view at the hip new **Paséa Hotel & Spa**. (Rates start at \$259.)

MILE 55

SEAFOOD STOP
Newport Beach

After a morning beach walk, head south for lunch at a true seafood shrine: **The Crab Cooker**. Explore Balboa Island, a charming enclave set right in Newport Harbor, and enjoy old-fashioned amusements at the nearby **Balboa Fun Zone**. Overnight at **Balboa Bay Resort**. (Rates start at \$219.)



MILE 67

ARTFUL LODGING
Laguna Beach

Make this storied art colony your pleasure HQ for a whole day. Do breakfast or lunch (or both) at **Zinc Cafe & Market**, poke around the historic downtown, stroll **Main Beach**, and then settle in for drinks and dinner with a view at **Driftwood Kitchen and Stateroom Bar**. Sleep in Moroccan-inspired splendor at **Casa Laguna Hotel & Spa**. (Rates start at \$249.)



MILE 61

NATURE BREAK
Crystal Cove State Park

This beloved cove has inspired painters, beach lovers, and bohemians for generations. Protected now as a state park, it's held in loving perpetuity. Ogle the **historic cottages to rent**, which become available far in advance via reserveamerica.com.



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DETOUR WORTH TAKING It's a short detour inland, but miles away in setting. For a taste of the area's historic ranching style, play among the steep hillsides of Aliso and Wood canyons at **The Ranch at Laguna Beach**, a new resort with a gift for golf and spa treatments. (Rates start at \$350.)



QUEEN MARY
TRANSATLANTIC
CROSSINGS

1,001



66 PEOPLE RODE ONE GIANT SURFBOARD (AT THE SAME TIME) NEAR THE HUNTINGTON BEACH PIER

9k+

BOATS IN
NEWPORT HARBOR



WORKING ARTISTS
AND STUDIOS IN LAGUNA BEACH