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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.

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.

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, Vince, Joie and Brandy Melville.

At Fashion Island, men can stock up on Orange County's haute looks – from denim to suit and ties – from an array of stores including SuitSupply, Rodd & Gunn and Bonobos. And, don't forget a watch for him (or some jewels for her) at Hyde Park 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 hot spots Fig & Olive, Red O and Cucina Enoteca to locally loved favorites Canaletto Ristorante Veneto, True Food Kitchen and Great Maple. If you're in the mood for entertainment, enjoy a full dinner (and perhaps a cocktail) while you catch the latest Hollywood blockbuster at The Lot, the ultimate luxury cinema experience.

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, which carry art, apparel, home décor, and gift items from local designers and craftspeople. Olive Oil & Beyond, a store devoted to ultra-premium extra virgin olive oil and balsamic vinegar, is also a must-shop. You'll also want to sample tasty dishes from one of Balboa Island's eateries, but save room for a Frozen Banana or Balboa Bar, Newport Beach's signature frozen confections. 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 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, Cannery Village & Lido Marina 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 Marina Village, are an idyllic shopping setting with romantic cobblestone walkways and open-air shopping surrounding Newport Harbor. With little shops reminiscent of a seaside European town and a weekly farmers market, this quaint and historic area begs to be explored. Enjoy al fresco dining waterside for a leisurely break during your shopping expedition.