

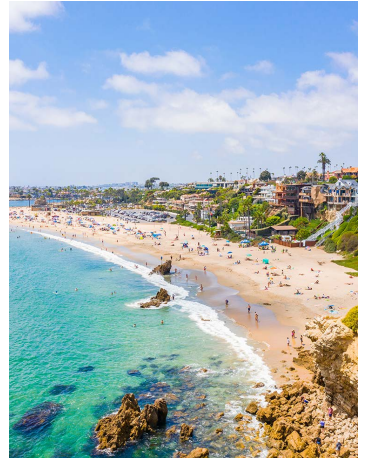
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fact sheet

Newport Beach invites visitors to experience the embodiment of California coastal luxury with 10 miles of scenic shoreline, pristine beaches and world-class shopping, dining and entertainment. Home to more water than land, the sun-soaked Southern California destination is an idyllic retreat nestled between Los Angeles and San Diego. A waterfront getaway for Hollywood A-listers, families and couples alike, Newport Beach has a year-round Mediterranean climate that provides ample opportunity to catch a wave, dock and dine, or take a leisurely stroll through one of 10 charming neighborhoods, each with a distinct personality and story to share. From sunrise to sunset, there's much to discover in the intimate seaside oasis — luxury accommodations, chef-driven culinary concepts, high-end shopping and coastal boutiques, seasonal events, and countless on-the-water activities at the city's award-winning beaches and beyond.



Landscape

Newport Beach is approximately 50 square miles, comprising 25 miles of water, 15 miles of land and 10 miles of coastline.

Location

Newport Beach is situated 45 miles south of Los Angeles (under one hour), 90 miles north of San Diego (under 90 minutes) and 26 miles from Catalina Island (approximately 75 minutes by boat). It is conveniently located at the center of the Orange County coastline, with easy access to the I-405, 55 freeway, 73 toll road, and iconic Pacific Coast Highway (Highway 1).

Getting Here

Newport Beach is directly adjacent to John Wayne Airport (SNA); Long Beach Airport (20 miles north); and Los Angeles International Airport (45 miles north).

Climate

Newport Beach has a warm, Mediterranean-type climate year-round, with temperatures averaging about 67 degrees Fahrenheit/ 19.35 degrees Celsius. Winter lows reach an average of 49 degrees Fahrenheit in December, with summer highs of 72 degrees Fahrenheit in August.

Population

One of only six coastal cities in Orange County, Newport Beach is home to 84,792 residents (2021).

Distinctions

- The “Duffy” electric boat was invented in Newport Beach in 1970.
- The city has the longest-operating and only auto ferry in Southern California.
- Newport Beach has the largest recreational harbor on the West Coast.
- It's home to the largest circular pool in the world, located at The Resort at Pelican Hill.
- Newport Beach proudly hosts the longest-running and largest Christmas Boat Parade in the U.S.

NEWPORT BEACH HISTORY

Newport Beach has evolved dramatically over the years, with each new wave of change shaping the city's modern-day identity. Its rich and colorful history includes a nautical foundation as a vibrant port town in the 1800s, when the harbor became a booming commercial and shipping hub. In 1905, Newport Beach welcomed some of its earliest tourists with the arrival of the Pacific Electric Railroad, which introduced its sun-drenched shores to visitors from the city of Los Angeles. One year later, the city incorporated on September 1, 1906, marking the beginning of flourishing development projects. The harbor was dedicated by city officials in May 1936, initiated by President Franklin D. Roosevelt when he pressed a telegraph key on his White House desk that transmitted a radio signal to the Coast Guard in Newport Bay.

HOLLYWOOD CONNECTIONS

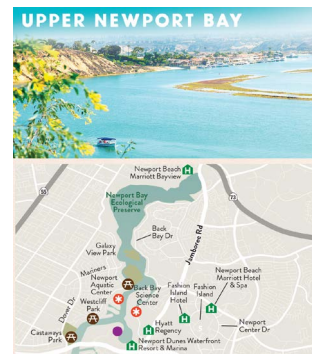
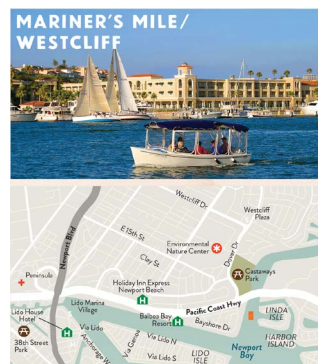
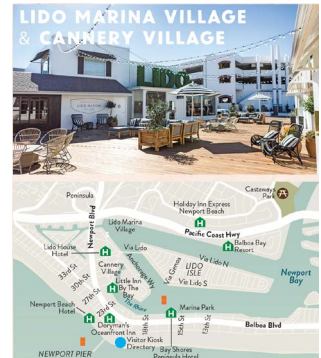
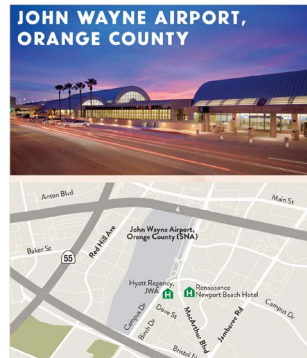
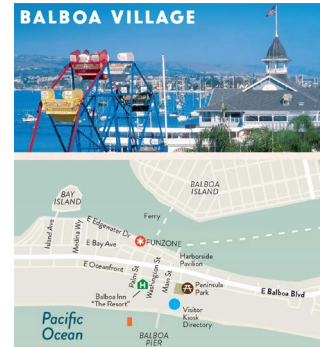
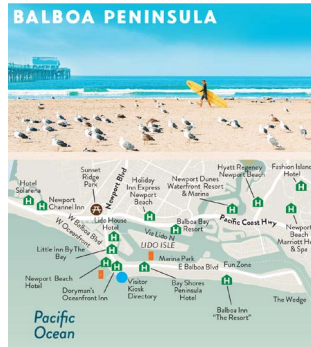
Newport Beach has established a tradition of cinematic excellence dating back to the Golden Age of filmmaking. The destination has inspired stories on screen for over 100 years and rolled out the red carpet for A-list actors, actresses and industry legends who made Newport Beach their personal hideaways. From Bogart and Bacall's romance at sea to the destination's big break in 1917 in the original "Cleopatra," Newport Beach has a storied Hollywood history that continues with modern-day TV shows like "Arrested Development" and the annual Newport Beach Film Festival, considered to be the largest luxury film festival in the United States.

NEWPORT BEACH ON SCREEN

Cleopatra, All Quiet on the Western Front, Captain Blood, The Sea Wolf, Shadows, College, To Have and Have Not, The Breaking Point, Romy and Michele's High School Reunion, Jerry Maguire, Dating Games People Play, The O.C., Arrested Development, Real Housewives of Orange County, Million Dollar Listings Selling Sunset, and more

NEWPORT BEACH NEIGHBORHOODS

Ten distinct neighborhoods and villages make up the Newport Beach landscape, each delivering its own seaside experience, coastal charm and natural beauty. Neighborhoods include: Airport District, Back Bay, Balboa Island, Balboa Peninsula, Balboa Village, Cannery Village, Corona del Mar, Fashion Island, Mariner's Mile/Westcliff and Newport Coast/Crystal Cove.



HOTELS & RESORTS

A stay in Newport Beach offers a reprieve from everyday life and an opportunity to experience laidback luxury by the coast. With more than 3,345 hotel rooms, there's something for every type of traveler, from charming seaside inns and vacation rentals for families to waterfront getaways for the glamorous, global jetsetter. The destination is home to renowned hospitality brands and luxury resorts where visitors can rejuvenate, relax and escape, including VEA Newport Beach, A Marriott Resort & Spa; Lido House, Autograph Collection; and the Forbes Five Star-rated Resort at Pelican Hill. An additional 295 sophisticated guest rooms and suites will arrive in summer 2023 with the opening of Pendry Newport Beach, located just steps from Fashion Island.

BEACHES

Visitors can bask by the sea and feel a world away at award-winning beaches, including Crystal Cove State Park, Corona del Mar State Beach and Newport Municipal Beach. From swimming, surfing and stand-up paddleboarding to tide pools, sunbathing and two iconic piers, there are countless ways to experience the city's sandy shores and many on-the-water activities. Monstrous swells also draw crowds at The Wedge, where waves up to 30 feet create some of the most powerful beach breaks found across Southern California.

NEWPORT BEACH GEMS

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Steeped in history and rooted in Newport's nautical founding, these standout experiences are not to be missed.

- **Newport Harbor:** As the largest recreational harbor on the West Coast, this leisurely locale comprises seven islands between Balboa Peninsula and the mainland ideal for navigating via sunset cruise or stand-up paddleboard. Soak up scenic views of waterfront estates and nearly 9,000 luxury yachts and sailboats, shop sunshine staples, or savor elevated seasonal cuisine alfresco in this unrivaled harbor in the heart of the city.
- **Dock & Dine:** A delicious day awaits at Newport Beach's waterfront restaurants, which invite electric boaters to pull up to the dock to savor the destination's signature culinary experience. Visitors can dine inside or enjoy locally sourced, seasonal ingredients and chef-driven concepts right on the water via Dock & Dine meal delivery service.
- **Balboa Island:** Classic and sophisticated with a touch of whimsy, this neighborhood embodies nautical coastal living with an emphasis on home and garden, locally-owned shops, restaurants and merchants frequented by the destination's toniest locals. Visitors can sweeten their stay with a frozen banana or Balboa bar at one of the iconic shops serving up the dreamy treats since the 1940s.
- **Crystal Cove Beach Cottages:** Built between 1920 and 1940, the seaside colony nestled along Newport Coast transports visitors back in time with 24 beautifully restored cottages and a charming Historic District. An enchanting retreat, Crystal Cove State Park offers the opportunity to experience California's natural and architectural beauty, untouched by time.
- **Historic Fun Zone at Balboa Village:** One of the state's last surviving examples of great waterfront recreational pavilions, the Fun Zone has endured since 1936 as a family-friendly entertainment haven with penny arcade games, a bayside Broadway and Ferris Wheel offering birds-eye views of Newport Harbor and the ocean.
- **Newport Beach Boat Parade:** America's longest-running boat parade sets sail every December, with nearly 100 yachts and boats illuminating Newport Harbor for five consecutive nights. The 14-mile course includes a stretch of multi-million dollar homes known as the Ring of Lights, which are opulently decorated to serve as a twinkling backdrop for this beloved Newport Beach tradition.

ACCOLADES

Destination & Beaches

- One of Seven “Hugely Charming Coastal Towns” in the United States (Trip Advisor, 2019)
- Top 25 Beaches in the United States (Trip Advisor, 2019)
- Best California Beach - Newport Municipal and Crystal Cove State beaches (USA Today, 2018)
- Top 10 Most Romantic Beaches (USA Today, 2015)
- The Wedge ranked as one of seven local landmarks to see in 2013 (OC Register, 2013)
- World’s Most Beautiful Canal Cities (Travel + Leisure, 2012)

Water Quality & Cleanliness

- A+ Rating for “Excellent Water Quality” - Balboa Peninsula beaches, Newport Harbor, Corona del Mar State Beach and Crystal Cove State Park + The Wedge on the Honor Roll (Heal the Bay, 2013)
- Top 13 “Superstar” Beaches, Five Stars for Clean Water Quality (National Resource Defense Council, 2013)
- One of the Cleanest Beaches in the U.S. (USA Today, 2012)
- Five Stars for Cleanest Beaches in the U.S. (CNN, 2012)

Accessibility

- Best in Travel 2018 Rates John Wayne Airport Best in the U.S. (Money, 2018)
- John Wayne Airport ranked highest among large airports (J.D. Power’s 13th annual airport survey, 2018)

Holidays

- Top 10 Best Readers’ Poll for Best Holiday Parade (USA Today, 2018)
- America’s Best Places for Holiday Lights (Yahoo! Travel, 2012)

Meetings

- Top 50 Meeting Destinations in the United States (Cvent Inc., 2013 and 2014)
- Top 50 Safest CA Cities’ List Report (SafeWise, 2018)

Local Lifestyle

- Top 125 Best Places to Live in the USA (U.S. News & World Report, 2018)
- Top 100 Best Places to Live (Livability, 2018)
- Top Three Best Cities to Live In (Orange County Register, 2013)

Business

- Best CVB/DMO (Successful Meetings Pinnacle Awards, 2016)
- Platinum Award for Website Overall/Nonprofit, Two Gold Awards for Mobile Website and Website Element/Homepage (Hermes Creative Awards, 2014)
- Four Silver Communicator Awards for Visit Newport Beach, Websites (Travel/Tourism, Visit Newport Beach, Websites – Structure and Navigation, Visit Newport Beach, Websites – Visual Appeal and Mobile sites – Academy of Interactive & Visual Arts, 2014)
- Two Platinum AVA Digital Award Website and homepage/Web Element (Association of Marketing and Communications Professionals, 2014)
- HSMAI Adrian Gold Award for Mobile Website and Silver Award for Desktop Website (Hospitality Sales & Marketing Association International, 2013)
- Mobile Web Award for Outstanding Mobile Website (Web Marketing Association, 2013)
- Four Gold Awards for Magazine Placement, Website Home Page, Website Redesign, Website for Nonprofit (MarCom Awards, 2013)
- No. 2 on the Best Places to Work in Orange County List (Orange County Business Journal, 2013)