

AREA ATTRACTIONS

ATTRACTIONS WITHIN 30 MINUTES OF OCEANSIDE

Beaches: 3.5 miles of wide, white sandy beaches. Surfing, body-boarding, volleyball, sand-castles. International surfing contests, boat races and outrigger canoe races. Over 4 million people visit Oceanside's beaches each year.

Oceanside Municipal Pier: One of the longest wooden piers on the West Coast at 1,942-feet. A place for fishermen, tourists and residents. The pier draws over one million visitors each year.

Oceanside Harbor: 1000 boat slips, a variety of shops and restaurants. Deep-sea fishing, whale watching, jet-skiing and kayaking. The Oceanside Harbor has approximately 800,000 people visit each year.

Mission San Luis Rey: The Mission San Luis Rey de Francia is the "King of the Missions" because it is the largest of the California historic missions. Open daily, there are guided and self-guided tours, a museum and a gift shop.

California Surf Museum: The California Surf Museum has a unique collection of surfboards and surf memorabilia. The museum is open year-round and is a favorite destination for surfers. Estimated annual visitor volume is 12,000.

Oceanside Museum Of Art: Housed in an impressive Irving Gill building in downtown Oceanside. With its juried exhibits the museum is rapidly gaining stature as an art center in Southern California. The museum is open year-round and has an estimated annual visitor volume of 32,000.

Buena Vista Audubon Nature Center and Museum: The Buena Vista Lagoon, the only fresh-water lagoon in the state of California, contains dozens of varieties of waterfowl, both migrant and resident. The nature center is located in South Oceanside on Coast Hwy two blocks from the beach, and has an estimated annual visitor volume of 8,000.

Heritage Park Village & Museum: Heritage Park is a recreation of historic Oceanside that includes the Blacksmith Shop & Livery Stable, the Old City jail and the first General store. Estimated annual visitor volume is 9,000 and usage is year-round.

Oceans Eleven Casino: a 25-table card room located at Mission Avenue and Interstate 5. Gourmet meals, live entertainment, Blackjack, Poker, Pai Gow and Pan. Estimated annual visitor volume is 140,000 and usage is year-round.

Guajome Regional Park: Guajome Regional Park is a 569-acre facility located just minutes from downtown Oceanside between the cities of Oceanside and Vista. The park has hiking trails, camping, horseback riding, and some of the best bird watching spots in the area. The estimated annual visitor volume is 500,000 and usage is year-round.

Rancho Guajome Adobe: An old Southern California rancho, built in 1853, is a living history museum and park. The estimated annual visitor count is 50,000 and usage is year-round.

Antique Gas and Steam Museum: The Gas and Steam Museum is located in Guajome Regional Park and offers an historical look at the use of gas and steam-powered machines used in California's development. Estimated annual visitor volume is 75,000 and usage is year-round.

Weekly Farmers' Market: Held on Thursdays in front of Oceanside's City Hall on Pier View Way and Coast Highway from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The market offers a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, baked goods, seafood and arts and crafts. Estimated annual visitor volume is 10,000 and usage is year-round.

Harbor Days: Harbor Days is a two-day annual event held the third weekend of September offering arts and crafts, food and entertainment. It draws an estimated 100,000 visitors.

Holiday Parade of Lights at the Harbor: The December boat parade of lights is an annual holiday event. It draws an estimated 10,000 people.

Labor Day Pier Swim: Every Labor Day hardy swimmers swim around the 1,900-foot pier. There are over 300 swimmers each year and estimated annual visitor volume is approximately 4,000.

Heritage Ball: An annual black-tie charity ball held at the Mission San Luis Rey. Hundreds of people from Southern California come to the Ball each year.

Days of Art: An annual two-day festival held downtown showing art from Southern California. Estimated annual visitor volume is 15,000.

Camp Pendleton Base Tour: Camp Pendleton offers guided and self-guided tours of the base to the public, security permitting.

La Costa Spa and Resort: A world-renowned 400-acre, 500-room tennis and golf resort, the La Costa Spa and Resort is located in Carlsbad. Estimated visitor volume is 500,000 and the resort is open year-round.

Flower Fields: A 50-acre flower field blooms each spring in an artistic display and draws an estimated 200,000 people.

Legoland California: Located in Carlsbad about 7 miles south of Oceanside, this international theme park features attractions made with Lego's and more than 50 rides. Estimated annual visitor volume is 1.3 million and usage is year round.

Sea Life Aquarium: Located in Carlsbad next to Legoland, this lego-themed aquarium is geared towards children ages 2-12.

Quail Botanical Gardens: A 30 acre garden dedicated to the conservation of rare plants, California native plants, exotic tropical plants and bamboo. Tours, nature walks, lectures, and instructional programs. Located in Encinitas, 15 minutes south of Oceanside, the gardens are open year-round.

Del Mar Racetrack: Located in Del Mar just minutes south of Oceanside, the famous Del Mar Racetrack is a thoroughbred racetrack open from July to September. The estimated visitor volume is 600,000 for the racing season.

San Diego County Fair: Located in Del Mar just minutes south of Oceanside, the fair runs from the middle of June through July 4th each year. The fair offers entertainment, food, and exhibits. The estimated annual visitor volume is over one million.

Mission San Juan Capistrano: Mission San Juan Capistrano is just 30 minutes north of Oceanside and is known as the "Jewel" of the California missions. The swallows return to the mission in March each year and are celebrated by "Swallows Day" events. Estimated annual visitor volume is 500,000 and usage is year-round.

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San Diego Zoo: The San Diego Zoo has over 4,000 rare and endangered species, on over 100 acres of award-winning gardens. Daily entertainment, tours and shows. Estimated annual visitor volume is 3.5 million and usage is year-round.

Sea World: Located on Mission Bay in San Diego, Sea World is a world renowned theme park with entertainment, sea exhibits and rides. Estimated annual visitor volume is 4 million and usage is year-round.

San Diego Wild Animal Park: A scenic wildlife preserve with more than 3,200 animals representing more than 400 species is located in North San Diego County. Estimated annual visitor volume of 1.7 million and usage is year-round.

Seaport Village: Located on the waterfront in San Diego, Seaport Village is a distinctive shopping experience. Daily live entertainment and restaurants. Estimated annual visitor volume is 4 million and usage is year-round.

Mission San Diego de Alcala: Established in 1769 in old San Diego, it is the oldest of the California Missions and has a museum and lovely gardens. Estimated annual visitor volume is 38,000 and usage is year-round.

Old Town San Diego State Historic Park: Located in San Diego, this living history site features historic buildings, arts and crafts, shopping and restaurants. Estimated annual visitor volume is 6 million and usage is year-round.

Old Town Trolley Tours: Located in San Diego's Old Town, the trolley provides a two-hour narrated sightseeing tour of San Diego. The Trolley tour makes 8 stops so riders can disembark along the way and enjoy Old Town, Seaport Village, Horton Plaza, Balboa Park, Coronado and the San Diego Zoo. Hours vary according to the season.

Bazaar del Mundo: Located in San Diego's Old Town area, the bazaar is set in historical buildings and has 16 international shops, restaurants, and live entertainment. Estimated annual visitor volume is 1.6 million and usage is year-round.

Cabrillo National Monument: The Point Loma Lighthouse commemorates Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo's landing in San Diego in 1542. Estimated annual visitor volume is 1.1 million and usage is year-round.

Torrey Pines State Reserve: A 2,000-acre nature reserve of Torrey Pine trees, the rarest pine trees in the United States. Features 7 miles of hiking trails and 4 miles of beach. Estimated annual visitor volume is 1 million and usage is year-round.

Belmont Park's Rides and Attractions: Located in San Diego's Mission Beach area the park is home to the historic Giant Dipper Roller Coaster built in 1925. Estimated annual visitor volume is 900,000 and usage is year-round.

Birch Aquarium, Scripps Institute of Oceanography: This aquarium and museum affiliated with the Scripps Institute and the University of California at San Diego in La Jolla, houses a 70,000-gallon tank of sea life and interactive aquatic displays. Estimated annual visitor volume is 400,000 and usage is year-round.

Rueben H. Fleet Science Center: Located in Balboa Park, the center offers interactive science exhibits and is home to San Diego's IMAX theater. Estimated annual visitor volume is 500,000 and usage is year-round.

San Diego Museum of Art: Located in the historic Balboa Park, this fine art museum exhibits world-class paintings, drawings, prints and sculptures. Estimated annual visitor volume is 300,000 and usage is year-round.

San Diego Natural History Museum: Located in Balboa Park featuring exhibits, lectures, classes and field trips related to natural history for all ages. Estimated annual visitor volume is 250,000 and usage is year round.

San Diego Museum of Man: Located in Balboa Park, this anthropology museum offer exhibits on Egypt and human origins, and a Children's Discovery Center. Estimated annual visitor volume is 250,000 and usage is year-round. San Diego Aerospace Museum: Located in Balboa Park, the museum features over 65 air and spacecraft vehicles chronicling the history and technology of aviation and space flight. Estimated annual visitor volume is 185,000 and usage is year-round.

San Diego Model Railroad Museum: Located in Balboa Park, it is the largest permanent operating model railroad museum in North America with over 24,000 square feet of model railroad layouts, operating railroads and interactive toy train gallery. Estimated annual visitor volume is 120,000 and usage is year-round.

Timken Museum of Art: Located in Balboa Park, the museum features American and Russian icons and old master paintings. Estimated annual visitor volume is 100,000 and usage is year-round.

Museum of Photographic Arts: Located in Balboa Park it has a permanent collection of 20th century photography. Estimated annual visitor volume is 85,000 and usage is year-round.

San Diego Automotive Museum: Located in Balboa Park with antique and historically significant cars and motorcycles. Estimated annual visitor volume is 94,000 and usage is year-round.

Maritime Museum: Located in San Diego on Harbor Drive, it features the Star of India, ferryboat Berkeley, steam yacht Medea, Pilot boat, maritime art, ship models and historical exhibits. Estimated annual visitor volume is 160,000 and usage is year-round.

Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego: Located in La Jolla, the museum presents works from permanent collections and hosts traveling exhibitions. Estimated annual visitor volume is 100,000 and usage is year-round.

Qualcomm Stadium: Home of the San Diego Chargers and San Diego State Aztecs, this stadium is utilized year-around and estimated annual visitor volume is 3.4 million.

Petco Park: A ballpark for the San Diego Padres, voted the "world's best ballpark in America's finest City."

Gaslamp District: The Gaslamp District is an urban village and entertainment area that encompasses ten city blocks in downtown San Diego. The estimated visitor volume is three million and usage is year-round.

California Center for the Arts-Escondido: This arts center offers concerts, plays and performances. The Center draws more than 300,000 people annually.

Bates Nut Farm: Located in Valley Center about 45 minutes east of Oceanside. The farm offers Arts and Crafts Fairs, Antiques, the annual Pumpkin Patch and Car Shows. Open daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Children's Museum San Diego: Located in downtown San Diego, the museum provides a playful space for children and families. The museum features art exhibits and hands-on projects.

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Disneyland: Southern California's most popular tourist destination, Disneyland, is located in Anaheim, approximately one-hour north from Oceanside. Estimated annual visitor volume is 5 million and usage is year-round.

Disney's California Adventure: Disney's 2nd theme park captures the allure and beauty of California in three "lands" - Golden State, Paradise Pier, and Hollywood Pictures Back-lot. Usage is year-round.

Knott's Berry Farm: Located in Buena Park, Knott's Berry Farm is an hour's drive north from Oceanside and is one of the most frequented family destinations in Southern California. Estimated annual visitor volume is four million and usage is year-round.

Universal Studios Hollywood: The world's largest movie studio and theme park located in Universal City about one and a half hours north of Oceanside. Open year-round.

Temecula Valley Wineries: Located in the rolling hills of the Temecula Valley about one hour east of Oceanside. Fifteen wineries produce award-winning premium wines. Open year-round.

Anaheim Stadium: Home of the California Angels and many other events, Anaheim Stadium has an estimated annual visitor volume of 1.8 million and usage is year-round.

The Pond: Home of the Mighty Ducks and other entertainment events, the Pond, located in Anaheim, has an estimated annual visitor volume of one million and usage is year-round.

Shopping: South Coast Plaza and Fashion Island are located one hour from Oceanside in South Orange County. Estimated annual visitor volume is three million and usage is year-round.

Palomar Observatory: Located at the top of Palomar Mountain approximately an hour east of Oceanside are the 200-inch Hale Telescope, the 48-inch Oschin Telescope, the 18-inch Schmidt telescope, and the 60-inch reflecting telescope. The observatory is open to the public.

Julian: Located just an hour east of San Diego in the beautiful Cuyamaca Mountains, Julian is an historic gold mining town and area of apple orchards famous for Julian's apple pie. Specialty shops, horse-drawn carriages, restaurants.

Mexico: One and half hours south of Oceanside is Tijuana, Mexico. The border crossing at San Ysidro is open 24 hours a day. Shopping, restaurants and sight seeing. Accessible by the Coaster connecting to the San Diego Trolley.

CASINOS

Casinos: Nine casinos are located within one and a half hours from Oceanside. One card room casino, Oceans Eleven, is located within the City of Oceanside.

Pechanga: Located directly off I-15 approximately 45 minutes east of Oceanside. Over 100,000 square feet of casino gaming, dining and entertainment. 2,000 slot machines, video poker, blackjack and poker.

Pala: Located on Highway 76 about 30 minutes east of Oceanside. Pala Casino 2,000 slot machines, blackjack, 77 table games, eight restaurants, two lounges with live entertainment daily.

Pauma Valley: Located off Highway 76 about 40 minutes east of Oceanside. 850 slot machines, blackjack, poker and two restaurants.

Harrah’s Rincon: Located off Highway 76 about 45 minutes east of Oceanside, Harrah’s Rincon Casino has 1,600 slot machines, blackjack, poker, 6 restaurants and nightly entertainment.

Valley View: Located in Valley Center about 45 minutes east of Oceanside, Valley View Casino has 750 slot machines and high-limit gaming tables, restaurants and entertainment. Sycuan: Located 30 minutes east of downtown San Diego, Sycuan Casino and Resort offers 2,000 slot machines, bingo, off-track betting dining and entertainment.

Viejas: Located in Alpine one hour from Oceanside, Viejas Casino features 2,000 slot machines, sixty-two table games and restaurants. The Viejas Outlet Center features more than 50 stores and shops. Golden Acorn: Located off Interstate 8, about one hour from Oceanside with 750 slot machines, table games and a restaurant.

Barona: Barona Valley Ranch Resort and Casino is located just one hour from Oceanside. The casino features 2,000 slot machines, gaming tables and restaurants.

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GOLF

Golf: Oceanside is home to two private (El Camino County Club & Emerald Isle) and two public (Oceanside Municipal & Center City) 18-hole courses, one of which is a executive course. Estimated annual usage is 100,000. Morro Hills Village will be the newest 18-hole course and will be completed in 2004.

There are 80 different golf facilities located within an hour and a half driving distance from Oceanside. The most famous courses, Torrey Pines and La Costa, host annual PGA tour events.