

Laguna Beach

A Dream Family Vacation



travel. sleep. eat. play.

travel:

You can fly into either LAX (Los Angeles International Airport), SNA (John Wayne/Santa Ana/Orange County Airport), or BUR (Burbank).

The cost difference can be great, and one is not always cheaper than the other. It depends on where you are flying from. I will price out the differences and let you know the driving distances and directions from your location.

sleep:

These are my top picks, based on different variables. You decide which type appeals to you the most.

Inn at Laguna Beach

This is a beautiful, super clean, updated hotel with tons of ocean views, heated outdoor pool, steps to the sand, and right in the middle of the downtown walking area with abundant restaurants, shopping, and art galleries. See for yourself: <http://www.innatlagunabeach.com>

Montage

This is a full service resort and spa with fine dining, bar areas, and pools, all overlooking the Pacific. They provide engaging, innovative children's programs. Town is a short drive and the resort offers a free shuttle. <http://www.montagehotels.com/lagunabeach/>

Surf and Sand Resort

An oceanfront resort that is literally steps from the sand. The resort offers beach services such as chairs, umbrellas, food and drinks. There is a pool and hot tub, restaurant and bar, and it is walking distance to town. <http://www.surfandsandresort.com>

eat.

Nick's

An open and airy restaurant that serves California cuisine, including comfort foods like fried chicken, excellent seafood, and an eclectic, creative variety of many other foods. Casual Setting
<http://nicksrestaurants.com/nicks-laguna-beach/>

The Deck

A great place for lunch with a view. Known for American Seafood and colorful cocktails. Casual Setting
<http://www.deckonlaguna.com/oceanfront-restaurants-with-a-view/seafood-dining>

Splashes

Fine dining with a beautiful view at the Surf and Sand Hotel. Serves seaside meals for breakfast, lunch, and dinner with fresh combinations.

<http://www.surfandsandresort.com/splashes/>

Studio

For inspired, unique, innovative cuisine in a lovely space with beautiful view, Studio is a delightful choice.

<https://www.montagehotels.com/lagunabeach/dining/studio/>

Carmelita's

For casual, fresh, authentic, yet creative Mexican food, hit Carmelita's. You must start with the fresh guac and warm black bean dip!

<http://www.carmelitaskdm.com/about>

Starfish

Features Asian Fusion with ingredients and dishes from Thailand, Vietnam, China, Korea, and India.

<https://starfishlaguna.com>

Play.

Heisler Park

Fantastic, picturesque spot to watch the sunset or just walk around or sit on a park bench and take it all in. There is a paved path that leads to steps down to the beach. There are sculptures and wildlife explanations. At low tide, there are rocks to climb around and tide pools. There is a gazebo above the ocean. It is a lush landscape with beautiful gardens. Bring your camera!

<http://www.californiabeaches.com/heisler-park-laguna-beach-ca/>

Chrystal Cove

There are sand and surf, rocky reefs, ridges and canyons, all to be enjoyed on a hike, swim, or mountain bike.

http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=644

Pacific Marine Mammal Center

They rescue, rehabilitate, and release marine mammals and inspire ocean stewardship through research, education, and collaboration.

Open 10-4, except major holidays.

<http://www.pacificmmc.org/hours-and-directions/>

Laguna Canyon Foundation

An excellent resource for hiking in the area. They run guided hikes, as well, with concentrations on various things like fitness, yoga, meditation, birds and plants.

<http://lagunacanyon.org>

<http://www.eventbrite.com/o/laguna-canyon-foundation-1000954979>

La Vida Laguna

EcoTours, Surfing, Windsurfing, Kitesurfing, Kayaking, Canoeing, Bike Tours, Stand Up Paddling for the adventurer family!

<http://www.lavidalaguna.com/#lavidalaguna>

Laguna Art Museum

This museum collects, cares for, and exhibits works of art that were created by California artists, and represent the life and history of the state. The California art ranges across all periods and styles, 19th century to the present.

<http://lagunaartmuseum.org/about-us/>