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**OCEANSIDE CONTINUES ITS EXPANSION INTO MEETINGS MARKET  
WITH OPENING OF NEW COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT HOTEL**

**Oceanside, Calif.- October 2011-** Though best known for its military roots and laid-back, surf culture, Oceanside, Calif. is quickly becoming a sought after Southern California coastal meetings destination with unique venues and accommodations ideally suited to groups. The opening of the newly constructed Courtyard by Marriott San Diego Oceanside on November 3 highlights the city's continued growth as a competitive destination in the small meetings market.

"In the last few years, the city's meetings offerings have grown tremendously," said Leslee Gaul, CEO of Visit Oceanside. "Despite the tough economic climate, we continue to move forward with projects that help us cater to the meetings market and ultimately bring increased revenue and business to the city."

Located in the emerging Rancho Del Oro business district, the new Courtyard Oceanside is close to area businesses, Camp Pendleton and the beaches. The hotel will feature 133 guest rooms and 9 suites. The hotel will have 64 double queen rooms, a feature typically in high demand by groups. The property's Endless Summer ballroom, which can accommodate up to 160 guests, is ideal for large group functions. The Blue Crush Boardroom with seating for 12 is suited to executive retreats or intimate break-out sessions. The hotel also offers a pre-function foyer and creative outdoor space including a fire pit for break outs and receptions.

Courtyard Oceanside guests stay connected with complimentary wireless Internet in guest rooms, meeting rooms, the lobby and outdoor courtyard. The lobby also features media pods and GoBoard, an interactive informational display that allows visitors to explore the local area and attractions. The hotel restaurant, The Bistro®, brews fresh Starbucks coffee in the morning with made-to-order fresh breakfast and serves dinner and specialty cocktails in the evening. Other hotel amenities include a complimentary exercise room with high-tech cardio equipment and strength machines, on-site guest laundry and valet service.

The Courtyard Oceanside is just the latest addition to several new and improved Oceanside meeting venues including the neighboring Marriott Residence Inn that opened in 2007 and the

Wyndham Oceanside Pier Resort located across from the pier in downtown Oceanside. Other signature meeting spaces include the Quantum Learning Network's North County Conference Center, which features 42,000 square feet, seven meeting rooms and a 10,500 square foot exhibit hall, the outdoor beach amphitheater near the Oceanside pier, and the Oceanside Museum of Art, which recently completed a lobby expansion that includes indoor/outdoor function space particularly suited to cocktail receptions. For executive retreats, the city's impressive Mission San Luis Rey is another unique venue and offers peaceful and serene surroundings.

For more information, visit [www.visitoceanside.org](http://www.visitoceanside.org).

### **About Oceanside**

Centrally located in the heart of the beautiful Southern California coastline, Oceanside is considered the gateway city between metropolitan San Diego and Los Angeles. A classic Southern California beach town, Oceanside's central location offers visitors an ideal place to stay and experience California's casual spirit. With 3.5 miles of sandy beach, a quaint New England-style harbor, California's longest wooden pier and a stellar year-round climate, Oceanside is an ideal place for enjoying active pursuits including surfing, kayaking, boating, fishing, bike-riding and more. The city also boasts a number of important cultural attractions including Mission San Luis Rey (The King of Missions), the California Surf Museum and the Oceanside Museum of Art.

### **About Visit Oceanside**

To assist with every aspect of your travel needs, Oceanside is home to one of the state's official California Welcome Centers and the Visit Oceanside Conference and Visitors Bureau. With just one stop, visitors can find local, regional and state maps, purchase discount tickets to major attractions, make hotel reservations or shop for the perfect California keepsake. The Visit Oceanside CVB/California Welcome Center Oceanside is conveniently located just off Interstate 5 at 928 North Coast Highway. For more information, please call (800)350-7873 or visit [www.visitoceanside.org](http://www.visitoceanside.org).

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