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## **EIGHT WAYS TO GET OUTSIDE IN O'SIDE AS CITY REOPENS FOR LEISURE TRAVEL**

**Located in North San Diego, Oceanside offers numerous options for outdoor fun while staying safe**

**Oceanside, Calif.- June 2020**—Leisure travel has resumed in Oceanside, Calif. and Visit Oceanside is celebrating all the ways vacationers can rejuvenate outdoors while staying safe and socially distanced. Situated on over three miles of coastline in San Diego County, Oceanside naturally lends itself to outdoor pursuits and an active lifestyle, minus the big crowds.

“This summer, Oceanside will be a great road trip destination for travelers seeking to dip their toes back in to travel,” says Leslee Gaul, CEO of Visit Oceanside. “While continuing to prioritize safety and hygiene, our businesses are ready to welcome visitors who will find Oceanside a perfect place to relax, rejuvenate and reconnect while enjoying fresh air and spacious surroundings.”

Visit Oceanside’s top ideas for outdoor fun in this summer include:

### **Beach Basking**

From the [Harbor to Buccaneer Beach](#), visitors will find numerous wide, sandy beaches for laying a towel in the sand and simply enjoying fresh coastal air.

### **Surf Lessons**

[Surf lessons](#) are a must when visiting California’s Capital of Surf. Whitlock Surf Experience is a popular choice and is featuring a \$75 surf lesson package that includes two hours of surfing instruction at Oceanside Pier Beach, wetsuit and surfboard. Other surf lesson options include Surfride Surf School and Learn to Rip.

### **Bike Excursions**

Oceanside has excellent [bike trails](#) and several local rental companies, including [So Cal Bikes](#), even offer free delivery to most area hotels. The City’s most popular ride is its seven mile San Luis Rey trail that follows the San Luis Rey River and is completely isolated from vehicle traffic. Sites along the way include the Oceanside Airport, Mission San Luis Rey and the Prince of Peace Benedictine Abbey. The Coastal Rail Trail is another popular route and includes sections of paved trails along the coast through Oceanside.

### **Walking Mural Tour**

Oceanside's downtown area features an extensive collection of street murals, many painted by well-regarded local artists with inspiring stories. Using Visit Oceanside's [mural map](#), visitors can embark on a fun, self-guided mural hunt through the streets of Oceanside and soak up the local culture.

### **Cruising for Sea Life**

Catch dolphins, whales, sealions and more on one of Oceanside Adventures Luxury Cruises daily [excursions](#) that leave from Oceanside Harbor. To maintain social distancing, this intimate experience is limited to just 20 people per day.

### **Kayaking**

Kayaking in Oceanside Harbor is a great way to enjoy the ocean, fresh air and surrounding sea life. [Oceanside Boat Rentals](#) has a variety of one-and two-man kayaks, plus SUPs, jet skis and electric boats.

### **Trail Hikes**

Oceanside's [trails](#) cater to young, old and every ability. Oak Riparian Park is a scenic public park that connects to over six miles of trails via Carlsbad's Calavera Trail System, providing access to a fun hike up Mount Calavera, an old volcanic plug. Guajome Regional Park offers more than four miles of park trails to meander through surrounded by chaparral, woodlands, wetlands and mixed grasslands. There are also two gorgeous fishing ponds and a sizable amount of open grass area, perfect for a picnic day, or to simply relax. Garrison Creek Trail is a short one-mile trail through rolling hills with lovely sights around each bend.

### **Fishing**

Fisherman have numerous [opportunities](#) to snag their catch of the day in Oceanside, whether simply casting from the pier or taking advantage of sport fishing opportunities at the harbor.

For more information on Oceanside and all of its outdoor offerings, visit [www.visitoceanside.org](http://www.visitoceanside.org).

### **About Oceanside**

Perfectly situated between metropolitan San Diego and Los Angeles, Oceanside is a quintessential California coastal escape that includes wide sandy beaches, a quaint New England-style harbor, historic wooden pier and charming bungalow neighborhoods. O'side (as locals affectionately call it) is a destination of discovery where visitors can explore everything from California history at the "King of Missions" to surf culture at the California Surf Museum and awe-inspiring sea life through exciting ocean adventures. This playful and fun destination thrives on taking recreation to the next level and boasts world-class surfing, skateboarding, bike riding, boating and even skydiving. A flourishing farm-to-table food and craft beer, wine and spirit scene reflects Oceanside's creative and entrepreneurial spirit, as do exciting arts and culture programs that earned Oceanside one of just 14 California Cultural District designations in 2017. Classically charming, eclectic and always genuine, Oceanside is an ideal place to stay and a true O'iginal. [www.visitoceanside.org](http://www.visitoceanside.org)

**About Visit Oceanside**

Visit Oceanside Conference and Visitors Bureau is the official tourism marketing organization in Oceanside, Calif; promoting travel to the city for both leisure and group visitors. The organization influences about one-third of the \$415 million that is generated by visitor spending in Oceanside each year, which supports nearly 3,500 jobs. Visit Oceanside also operates one of the state's official California Welcome Centers. With just one stop, visitors can find local, regional and state maps, purchase discount tickets to major Southern California attractions, make hotel reservations or shop for the perfect California keepsake. The Visit Oceanside CVB and California Welcome Center- Oceanside are 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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