

# OCEANSIDE: KEEPING IT O'ORIGINAL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



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# WELCOME TO OCEANSIDE!

Oceanside offers a variety of fun neighborhoods to explore, each with its own unique offerings and coastal vibe.

**Downtown Oceanside:** The heart of Oceanside, downtown is a hub for coastal train travel and includes the historic wooden pier and beach strand, inspired beach resorts and a variety of popular dining venues, many with sidewalk seating. It is also home to the Arts and Cultural District with historic theaters, museums, artists alley and a weekly street market.



**South Morro Hills:** This rural farming community in northeast Oceanside includes a working vineyard and coastal winery, flower fields, and farms growing a variety of produce. Many chefs source produce directly from South Morro Hills farmers. The area also offers agritourism experiences to the public such as seasonal U-pick opportunities and holiday mercados.



**Oceanside Harbor:** A quaint, New England style harbor with a charming village of shops and dining venues where visitors can enjoy views of yachts and harbor activity. Activities abound from surfing and kayaking to whale watching, fishing and sunset sails.



**Oceanside Design District:** Located along Coast Highway adjacent to downtown, this area is a hot spot for dining and co-op retail venues housed in repurposed old buildings and warehouse conversions. Visitors will find breweries, distilleries, gastro pubs, surfboard companies, a state-of-the-art bouldering gym and even a Michelin-caliber restaurant.

**South O:** Located at the southern tip of Oceanside, this quirky and fun neighborhood is affectionately referred to as South O by locals. Enjoy one-of-a-kind vintage and artisan shops, craft breweries and superb dining from sustainable vegan to zero-waste sushi. There's also a vintage bowling alley and San Diego's only audubon nature center.



# O'ARTS

As one of just 14 cities to be named a “California Cultural District,” Oceanside boasts an exciting and emerging arts and culture scene. Visitors can explore California history at Mission San Luis Rey, then feel the “stoke” at the California Surf Museum where the roots of surf and beach culture come to life through exciting displays. Then there’s the Oceanside Museum of Art, which is a cultural jewel in downtown featuring exciting contemporary art exhibits. An annual film festival, live theater productions, high-impact public art, annual cultural celebrations and a monthly art walk add to the city’s rich artistic expression and makes Oceanside a stimulating destination for all.



## NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

- Artwork at the **Mission Pacific Hotel** and **Seabird Resort** was curated by the **Oceanside Museum of Art**.
- Architecture buffs appreciate the historic **Star Theater's** authentic 1950s Googie design as well as Oceanside's three **Irving Gill designed buildings**.
- Each Thursday evening, thousands flock to Oceanside for the **Sunset Market** abundant with international street cuisine plus artists, craftsmen and musicians.
- Oceanside's self-guided **mural tour** features more than a dozen works of art throughout the city.
- **Arcade Tattoo** doubles as a museum honoring folk-art tattooing.
- The new “**Love the O**” interactive sculpture at Oceanside Harbor allows visitors to leave a personal love lock and creates opportunities for dramatic, fun photos as the sun is captured at sunset in the sculpture's open-heart center.
- Visitors can explore historical points of interest through guided and self-guided **walking tours hosted by the Oceanside Historical Society**.





## NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Carla and Linda's Walking Food Tours** are a great way to experience Oceanside's foodie neighborhoods and learn fun community history along the way.
- Oceanside is home to Michelin star restaurant, **Valle**, featuring Baja-modern cuisine.
- The city is also home to two Michelin Bib Gourmand restaurants— the Balinese-inspired **Dija Mara** and **Heritage Barbecue**. **Matsu**, a Japanese-fusion venue, is in pursuit of Michelin honors.
- **The Plot** offers a fully plant-based, responsibly sourced menu and a zero-waste business model, focusing on total utilization of fresh, clean ingredients.
- Dining returns to the pier with **The Brine Box** a kiosk focusing on seasonal and sustainable fish and chips-inspired dishes.
- Cocktails are naturally elevated at rooftop venues including The Brick Hotel's **CocoCabana** and Mission Pacific Hotel's **Rooftop**.
- Revel in Oceanside history at venues such as **Blade 1936**, which is housed an Irving Gill-designed building that was the original home of the Blade Tribune newspaper, or **The Switchboard**, where its name and décor pay homage to the building's important role as a communications center for switchboard operators during WWII.
- Enjoy movie nostalgia and a "High Pie"— a hand pie featuring seasonal fruit— at the restored **Top Gun House**, which was featured in the original 1986 blockbuster.



## DINE O'SIDE

Oceanside has emerged as one of San Diego's most exciting culinary destinations. The combination of longstanding agricultural roots and a creative, entrepreneurial spirit has blossomed into a farm-to-table culinary scene that centers on fresh, hyper-local ingredients and independent, chef-driven style. Artisanal menus shaped by seasonal produce and locally sourced ingredients can be enjoyed at a diverse array of culinary hotspots that are perfectly suited to the town's "flip flop fine dining" beach lifestyle. Supporting the restaurants is a vibrant agricultural scene that includes organic farms producing everything from avocados and berries to coffee, tomatoes, wine, nuts, grapes, vegetables and more.



# O'SIDE SIPS

Visitors craving local flavor won't go thirsty in Oceanside. The city boasts a booming craft beverage scene that includes craft breweries, wine tasting rooms, coffee and tea shops, a distillery and everything in between. More than a typical ale trail, the O'side Sips program helps visitors navigate where to whet their whistles with details on each venue, a map to plot out their routes, access to exclusive discounts and rewards points for fun prizes.



BEER



COCKTAILS



WINE



JUICE AND TEA



COFFEE

## NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Beach House Winery** is an award-winning coastal vineyard, winery and tasting room and is pursuing an AVA designation for North San Diego's San Luis Rey valley.
- Located on the western end of San Diego's "**Hops Highway**," Oceanside boasts over a dozen microbreweries.
- Cocktail enthusiasts have a pick of speakeasies from the alien-inspired **The Space Pad** to the honky tonk **Southside Saloon** and pirate themed **The Ship**.
- **Waverider Helicopter's Wine Country Tour** transports guests inland for a one-of-a-kind wine tasting adventure.
- Oceanside Adventures' monthly **Wine Sunset Cruise** is the perfect combination of sea life watching, spectacular sunsets and local wine tasting.
- Award-winning **Pacific Coast Spirits** specializes in small batch "grain to glass" artisan spirits.
- Adjacent to the Oceanside Airport, **Hangar 76** serves as a production site and tasting room for **Carruth Cellars**, San Diego's largest urban winery, and the brewing facility and tasting room for **Tipping Pint Brewing Co.**
- **Urbn Water Company** sells local alkaline water, treated via a 13-step process that encourages hydration and detoxification in the body.
- **Northern Pine Brewery** is Oceanside's first veteran-owned brewery.
- Seabird Resort's **Sip, Paint, and Gaze** evenings invite participants to paint a masterpiece while enjoying libations and sunset ocean views.



## NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

- **The Green Room Hotel** is a 1950s-era 12-room motel in South Oceanside that has been given a second life as a modernized bungalow-style boutique hotel.
- **The Brick Hotel** has reimagined a historic 1888 three-story building into a modern boutique hotel with 10 guest rooms, a ground-floor restaurant and rooftop bar and lounge.
- **The Fin Hotel** has a rich and vibrant history going back to the 1920s and retains much of its historic charm including the original grand staircase, vintage signage and Tiffany windows.
- **Tremont Collective and Freeman Collective** are inspired warehouse conversions and home to community-centric food and retail experiences.
- The character of the past shines through at former auto drag shop **Master's Kitchen & Cocktails** as well as **Local Tap House**, which was previously a small grocery.
- **The Rising Co** is a co-op located in a repurposed 1930s era gas station that features goods from local artisans, while **SeaHive Marketplace** and **Captain's Helm** are popular destinations for vintage finds.
- **The Top Gun House** is a meticulously restored 1800s Queen Anne Cottage that graces the courtyard of Mission Pacific Hotel.



# REPURPOSED AND REIMAGINED

Oceanside often takes the repurpose and reimagine approach to self-improvement. Throughout the city, existing spaces are being reinvented and infused with new life. The result is beautiful, character-driven spaces that tell the story of Oceanside's past while also celebrating its exciting future. Oceanside is also filled with shops and retail experiences that honor the vintage and artisan craftsmanship of bygone eras, while finding new purposes for items with a past.



# O'SIDE LOVES GROMS

From beach bonfires to skate parks and great waves, Oceanside is a perfect destination for families with kids of all ages from toddler to teen. The miles of sandy beach, wide variety of outdoor activities, stimulating cultural attractions and central location close to San Diego's top theme parks, such as LEGOLAND California and San Diego Zoo Safari Park, make Oceanside an ideal home base for any family vacation.



## NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

- Oceanside's **Seabird Resort** and **SpringHill Suites Marriott** feature family-friendly rooftop pools with ocean views and comfortable loungers.
- No need to worry about packing beach gear! **The Beach Rambler** at Pier Beach and **Beach Genie** at Harbor Beach provide it all from beach chairs to umbrellas, games and more.
- **The Little Seabirds** program at the Seabird Resort features daily activities from scavenger hunts to art projects.
- **Oceanside Adventures** and **Oceanside Coastal Expeditions** offer daily whale watching cruises from Oceanside Harbor.
- Kids can rent a pole from the pier bait shop and drop a line (no permit required) to try their hand at fishing for the **catch of the day**.
- Skateboard enthusiasts can often rub elbows with pros at one of Oceanside's **six legendary skateboard parks**.
- Cruising along the strand in a surrey bike is fun for all ages, as is the relatively-flat, 9-mile **San Luis Rey bike path** that is completely car-free.
- **Mellano Farms** in South Morro Hills offers strawberry picking and other seasonal agri-fun where families have a good time getting their hands dirty.
- Monthly Free Family Art Days at **Oceanside Museum of Art** allow participants to create their own keepsakes plus enjoy free admission to the museum.
- California Surf Museum's new STEM focused **Science of Surfing** exhibit teaches about wave energy, tides, surf breaks and more.



## NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS:

- The USA Surf Team trains regularly at **Harbor Beach**.
- Paris 2024 Olympian and pro surfer **Caity Simmers** hails from Oceanside.
- **The California Surf Museum** features surfer Bethany Hamilton's shark bitten surfboard that is part of a "courageous inspiration" exhibit.
- **Surf Ride** is a flagship, family-owned Oceanside surf shop established in 1974.
- **"Shaper's Alley"** features dozens of companies related to surfboard manufacturing including **Arctic Foam**, the leading supplier of foam blanks utilizing "green" algae technology.
- **Chemistry, Linden, JS Industries** and **Takayama** surfboards are all made in Oceanside.
- **Sticky Bumps** surf wax, **Raen** sunglasses, **Tracker** skateboarding trucks and **Brixton** hats and apparel all have roots in Oceanside.
- The **Point Break Oceanside Experience** combines the ultimate thrills of skydiving and a guided surf adventure.
- Visitors can learn to surf from numerous companies including **Whitlock Surf Experience**, **Surf Ride Lessons** and **Learn to Rip**.
- Prestigious surf events held in Oceanside include the **Super Girl Surf Pro**, **WSL World Junior Championships**, **World Bodysurfing Championships**, **US Open Adaptive Surfing Contest** and **Oceanside Longboard Surf Contest**.

# CALI'S CAPITAL OF SURF

The surf lifestyle has always been an integral part of the Oceanside experience. Oceanside is home to world-renowned surfers as well as beloved surf brands, surf shops, shapers and manufacturers. This birthplace of board culture has some of the most consistent surf on the West Coast and numerous Oceanside surf schools that cater to all ages and abilities. Oceanside is an official training location of USA Surfing and is home to the California Surf Museum, considered one of the premier surf museums in the country.





# RECREATION & WELLNESS THERAPY

Oceanside is made for those who enjoy active and wellness centered vacations. Whether looking to compete as an elite athlete, check off a bucket list experience or simply have a fun time enjoying the natural surroundings, Oceanside is truly a magnet for adventurous and recreational-minded travelers.



## NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS:

- Oceanside's **Boats 4 Rent** rents kayaks, SUPs and other watercraft for enjoying in the calm, flat harbor waters.
- Deep sea fishing charters leaving from **Oceanside Harbor** are a fun option for first timer anglers to fishing pros.
- Operating out of Oceanside Airport, **Go Jump Oceanside** offers the only coastal skydiving in Southern California.
- Hop aboard **Waverider Helicopters** for a surf check flight or sunset aerial tour along the coast.
- Golf takes on a uniquely Oceanside flavor at **Goat Hill Park** with coastal greens that are flip-flop friendly and challenging too.
- **Moke** and **Pegasus Sidecar Tours** are a fun way to explore Oceanside from a new perspective.
- Each week, the rooftop bars at Mission Pacific and The Brick Hotel transform into peaceful **yoga retreats** with birds-eye views.
- Enjoy some hang time at **Vital Climbing Gym**, a state-of-the-art bouldering gym.
- Noteworthy Oceanside athletic events include **Race Across America**, **Beach Soccer Championships**, **Oceanside IRONMAN 70.3**, **O'side Turkey Trot** and **Labor Day Pier Swim**.
- Play **Pickleball** at Arrowood Golf Course or **Padel** at new courts on Coast Highway.
- When it's time to recharge, **Sunny's Spa & Beauty Lounge** at Seabird Resort features a range of massage, bodywork and beauty therapies.



## AUTHENTICALLY ELEVATED

Oceanside boasts a collection of splurge-worthy and immersive experiences to elevate any vacation including beachfront resorts, indulgent spa treatments, custom tours, and Michelin-starred dining.

### BEACHFRONT RESORTS

The **Seabird Ocean Resort & Spa** and the **Mission Pacific Beach Hotel** enjoy a prime location overlooking Oceanside's historic wooden pier and beach.

- The adjacent resorts offer guests a combined 387 guestrooms – most with water-facing views.
- The chic Mission Pacific was voted the top hotel in San Diego in the Conde Nast Traveler Reader's Choice Awards.
- Mission Pacific's Ethereal Suite offers amazing vistas of the sea, two king beds, two and a half bathrooms, extra living spaces, kitchenette and minibar with complimentary gourmet snacks.
- The Seabird boasts a relaxed, estate-by-the-beach vibe, a rejuvenating spa, and family friendly programming just steps from the sand.
- The Seabird's Sunny's Spa & Beauty Lounge was voted the #2 best hotel spa in the country by USA Today 10 Best.
- The Seabird's Estate Suite includes an expansive furnished patio, two unique bedrooms, two full bathrooms, a separate living area, a reading nook, and beautiful views of the Pacific Ocean.

### TITLEIST PERFORMANCE INSTITUTE

Custom golf fitting sessions designed to improve overall player development using Titleist's innovative technologies for advanced equipment fitting, swing analysis, and science-based player conditioning.

### BRIXTON CUSTOM HEADWEAR

Brixton's custom hat experience at its flagship store in Oceanside includes a consultation with a headwear artist, customizable hat, complimentary laser etching, steaming and a hat box.

### PRIVATE CRUISES

Enjoy a private excursion on a luxe catamaran or sport yacht out of Oceanside Harbor.

### CUSTOM SURFBOARDS

Surfing goes next level with the opportunity to meet a local shaper and commission a custom surfboard. Visitors can pick from over a dozen top-tier surfboard manufacturers.





## NEW AND FUTURE

Oceanside has experienced an unprecedented period of growth and reinvention over the past decade. The result is a fresh landscape for visitors to enjoy that emphasizes the town's coastal beauty, history, and quirky O'side vibe. On the horizon are several more exciting projects that promise to add to Oceanside's reputation as one of San Diego's coolest beach towns.

### FRONTWAVE ARENA

Opening 2024, **Frontwave Arena** will be the new home of the San Diego Sockers and will be the region's epicenter for athletic events, concerts and more.

### OCEAN KAMP

**Ocean Kamp** will be a resort community three miles from the coast that is anchored around a 6.5-acre wave lagoon. The project will include a hotel, a conference center, retail stores and restaurants, rock climbing walls, pools with lazy river, bike trails, fitness center, yoga pavilion, a spa, soccer area, zipline, open space and more.

### COAST HIGHWAY VISION AND STRATEGIC PLAN

Oceanside's stretch of the **Historic 101** will be thoughtfully reimagined into a pedestrian-friendly destination with a series of neighborhood nodes and generously landscaped avenues.

### PIER PLAZA IMPROVEMENTS

Enhancements to the pier area continue with the second phase of the **Pier Plaza Improvement** project focusing on updates to the pier structure, historic amphitheater, and beach community center.

### COASTAL RAIL TRAIL

The planned expansion of the **Coastal Rail Trail** via the **Loma Alta Creek Bridge Project** will increase coastal access for pedestrians and cyclists as well as improve wetland habitat.

### AGRITOURISM STRATEGIC PLAN

**The Agritourism Strategic Plan** will help preserve and cultivate urban and rural farming opportunities, while increasing engagement and appreciation for the farming community through hands-on experiences for visitors.

### BUENA VISTA LAGOON RESTORATION

Plans are underway to restore the lagoon to a natural saltwater inlet with tides that flow in and out.





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