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What's New in Oceanside Fall 2026: New Restaurants, Family Attractions, Professional Sports and Coastal Events

From new dining destinations and indoor family entertainment to professional hockey, lacrosse and fall festivals, Oceanside, California, offers fresh reasons to visit this season.

OCEANSIDE, Calif. (Oct. 2026) — Oceanside, California, is welcoming fall 2026 with new restaurants, family-friendly attractions, professional sports teams and seasonal celebrations along the Southern California coast. Highlights include the arrival of Slick City Action Park, new dining destinations in downtown and South Oceanside, the debut season of the Oceanside Shock professional hockey team at Frontwave Arena, and the return of signature events including Bike the Coast, the O'side Turkey Trot and the Oceanside Día de los Muertos Festival.

Fall also marks the beginning of Oceanside's [Season of Swellness](#), inviting visitors and locals to embrace the destination's coastal lifestyle through outdoor recreation, wellness experiences and community events. Travelers can plan their next O'iginal getaway with Visit Oceanside's new visitor planning tool, itinerary quiz and [digital destination guides](#).

Fall 2026 in Oceanside: At a Glance

New family attraction: Slick City Action Park brings nine dry slides and indoor entertainment to Oceanside.

New restaurants: Copper Kings Burgers, Mar & Fuego and La Corriente Cocina expand Oceanside's dining scene.

New retail: Forbidden Fiction Bookshop opens as a woman-owned romance bookstore.

New professional sports: The Oceanside Shock (ice hockey) began their inaugural home season October 10, while the San Diego Seals (lacrosse) make their Frontwave Arena home debut December 19.

Outdoor recreation: Bike the Coast returns October 24 and the O'side Turkey Trot takes place November 26.

Arts and culture: Art After Dark Halloween costume contest and Día de los Muertos celebrations return.

Seasonal experiences: Mellano Farms hosts its Pumpkin & Marigold Harvest Festival on October weekends.

New Professional Sports Teams Arrive at Frontwave Arena

[Frontwave Arena](#), Oceanside's multipurpose sports and live entertainment venue, is expanding its professional sports lineup for the 2026–27 season with the arrival of two teams, adding more opportunities for visitors and locals to experience live sports in North County San Diego.

Oceanside Shock Professional Hockey — Inaugural Home Season Began October 10, 2026

The Oceanside Shock, North County San Diego's new Federal Prospects Hockey League (FPHL) team, will play its inaugural home season at Frontwave Arena in Oceanside, California. The 2026–27 schedule includes 28 home games, which began on Saturday, October 10, 2026, against the Fresno Falcons. The arrival of the Oceanside Shock introduces a new professional hockey experience to the destination.

San Diego Seals Professional Lacrosse — First Oceanside Home Game December 19, 2026

The San Diego Seals are bringing professional box lacrosse to Oceanside, with Frontwave Arena serving as the team's new home venue. The Seals' first home game at Frontwave Arena is scheduled for Saturday, December 19, 2026, offering fans a new opportunity to experience professional lacrosse in Oceanside.

Returning Teams — San Diego Clippers and San Diego Sockers

Frontwave Arena will also welcome back the San Diego Clippers and San Diego Sockers for their respective 2026–27 seasons, beginning in November 2026. Together, the teams expand Oceanside's calendar of professional basketball, soccer, hockey and lacrosse.

New Places to Eat, Play and Shop in Oceanside

Oceanside's collection of independent businesses and visitor attractions continues to grow with new family entertainment, restaurants and specialty retail. From indoor adventures to Baja-inspired seafood, these additions offer visitors more ways to explore the city's distinctive neighborhoods.

Slick City Action Park — New Indoor Family Attraction

[Slick City Action Park](#) brings a new indoor entertainment experience to Oceanside, California. The family-friendly action park features nine unique dry slides and additional attractions designed for active indoor fun. Slick City offers families an alternative to traditional outdoor activities and a new option for rainy-day entertainment in Oceanside.

Copper Kings Burgers — New Downtown Oceanside Location

[Copper Kings Burgers](#) returns to its Oceanside roots with a new restaurant location in downtown Oceanside. The opening adds another casual dining option to the city's growing culinary scene.

Mar & Fuego — New Upscale Mexican Restaurant in Downtown Oceanside

[Mar & Fuego](#) brings an upscale Mexican dining experience to downtown Oceanside, California. Inspired by the flavors of the sea and fire, the restaurant offers grilled specialties, mariscos and seafood dishes and a selection of beverages, adding another distinctive option to Oceanside's downtown dining scene.

La Corriente Cocina — Baja-Inspired Seafood in South Oceanside

[La Corriente Cocina](#) brings Baja-inspired coastal cuisine to South Oceanside. The restaurant serves seafood-focused dishes including ceviches, tostadas and tacos, expanding the neighborhood's selection of Mexican and coastal dining experiences.

Forbidden Fiction Bookshop — New Woman-Owned Romance Bookstore

[Forbidden Fiction Bookshop](#) is a new woman-owned specialty bookstore in Oceanside dedicated to romance literature. Carrying a variety of romance genres and supporting independent authors, Forbidden Fiction aims to create a welcoming space where readers can discover new stories, connect with fellow book lovers and explore the work of emerging writers.

Fall Outdoor Adventures and Active Events in Oceanside

With mild coastal weather and scenic routes along the Pacific Ocean, Oceanside offers opportunities for outdoor recreation throughout the fall season. Two returning annual events invite participants of different ages and abilities to experience the destination on foot and by bicycle.

Bike the Coast — October 24, 2026

[Bike the Coast](#) returns to Oceanside on Saturday, October 24, 2026, bringing cyclists of all ages and abilities together for a scenic ride along historic Highway 101 in coastal North San Diego County.

Participants can choose from 7-, 15-, 24-, 50- and 100-mile routes traveling through Oceanside, Carlsbad, Encinitas, Solana Beach and Del Mar. Following the ride, cyclists and spectators can gather at the Finish Festival for food and beverages from local vendors, live music by Gone Blonde and a beer garden. The 2026 event supports Bike MS.

O'side Turkey Trot — November 26, 2026

The annual [O'side Turkey Trot](#) returns to Oceanside on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26, 2026. The 5K welcomes runners and walkers of all ages and abilities to take part in a holiday tradition along the Southern California coast.

Beginning on Coast Highway, the flat, scenic course offers ocean views and refreshing coastal breezes. Event highlights include a costume contest, a largest-team competition, live entertainment along the route and finisher medals. Registered participants also receive digital race photos, event shirts and access to live results.

Beyond the holiday festivities, the O'side Turkey Trot has raised more than \$500,000 for nonprofit organizations serving Oceanside residents. The 2026 event will support the San Diego Food Bank.

Fall Festivals, Arts, Cultural and Halloween Celebrations in Oceanside

Oceanside's fall calendar brings together live music, art, Halloween festivities, agricultural traditions and cultural celebrations. From a new ukulele festival to the 25th anniversary of the city's Día de los Muertos celebration, these events highlight Oceanside's creative spirit and strong sense of community.

Inaugural Oceanside Ukulele Festival — October 10, 2026

The first-ever [Oceanside Ukulele Festival](#) took place Saturday, October 10, 2026. The full-day celebration of music, craftsmanship and community features live performances, hands-on workshops and opportunities to connect with artists and makers from across the region. The new festival celebrates the joyful, easygoing spirit of the ukulele while adding another music-focused experience to Oceanside's fall arts and culture calendar.

Treats in the Suites at Frontwave Arena — October 21, 2026

[Frontwave Arena](#) hosts Treats in the Suites on Wednesday, October 21, 2026, bringing family-friendly Halloween festivities to Oceanside. Guests can trick-or-treat through creatively decorated arena suites and enjoy seasonal activities throughout the venue.

Art After Dark at Oceanside Museum of Art — October 24, 2026

[Art After Dark](#) returns to the Oceanside Museum of Art on Saturday, October 24, 2026. Lauded as the largest costume party in Southern California, the annual Halloween celebration combines art, fashion and imaginative costumes under the 2026 theme, "Anatomy of the Surreal."

Guests can compete in creative costume categories including Best Upcycled Design, Best Interpretation of the Exhibition and Best Interpretation of the Event Theme. The result is a distinctly O'iginal Halloween celebration where wearable art takes center stage.

Pumpkin & Marigold Harvest Festival at Mellano Farms — October 2026

[Mellano Farms](#), a century-old family farm in Oceanside, celebrates the autumn harvest with its annual Pumpkin & Marigold Harvest Festival, held Saturdays and Sundays throughout October 2026, ending on Sunday, November 1. The seasonal festival offers a Southern California take on traditional fall activities, featuring pumpkins, corn mazes and vibrant fields of marigolds. Visitors can also enjoy pumpkin pie eating contests, educational talks and demonstrations, live music, local vendors and food trucks.

Oceanside Día de los Muertos Festival — October 25, 2026

The annual [Oceanside Día de los Muertos Festival](#) returns to downtown Oceanside on Sunday, October 25, 2026, celebrating its 25th anniversary. Honoring the traditions of Día de los Muertos, the community festival celebrates life, remembrance and cultural heritage

through music, dance, art, food and family-friendly activities. The anniversary celebration will feature a classic car show, local vendors, traditional danza performances, live music and artistic displays.

Plan a Fall Getaway to Oceanside, California

Whether exploring new restaurants, attending a professional sporting event, celebrating at a fall festival or enjoying the city's coastal recreation opportunities, visitors will find new and returning experiences throughout Oceanside this season.

Travelers can discover more seasonal inspiration through Visit Oceanside's [Season of Swellness](#) and use the destination's new trip-planning tools and [digital guides](#) to create their own O'iginal itinerary.

For more information on what's new in Oceanside, upcoming events and trip-planning resources, visit www.visit oceanside.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.

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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 \$625 million that is generated by visitor spending in Oceanside each year, which supports over 4,000 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.visit oceanside.org.

