

## "Best Local Scene in Orange County"

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### Old Towne Orange Historic District

"Charming District"

Visit Old Towne Orange Historic District and step into yesteryear. This district is centered around the original Orange plaza and contains so many historical buildings, the entire district is listed in the National Register of Historic Places! Walk around the one-square mile district and see different architecture, including Victorian and Spanish Revival buildings. The district is also known as a top shopping destination and you'll find plenty of art galleries, boutiques and antique stores near the plaza.



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📍 Old Town, Orange CA

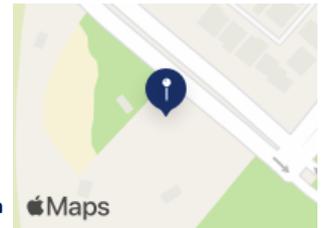


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### Orange County Great Park

"Recognizable Park"

Orange County's Great Park is a popular venue for concerts, plays and other events. It's also known for its giant orange tethered balloon, which visitors can ride for a fee. Soaring 400 feet in the air, on a clear day you can see 40 miles out. Other park attractions include a beautiful carousel, a playground, and a visitor center where you can rent sports equipment for free. Great Park is also home to the Orange County FC.



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🌐 [www.cityofirvine.org/orange-county-great-park](http://www.cityofirvine.org/orange-county-great-park)

📍 6950 Marine Way, Irvine CA

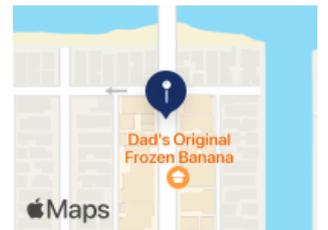


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### Balboa Island

"Island Life"

Balboa Island seems to have the best of both worlds: a lazy, relaxing island atmosphere, yet only minutes away from the mainland. From festivals and parades to chic boutiques and restaurants that run the culinary gamut, this man-made island offers the ideal vacationing spot. Boats and cruise ships ply through clear blue waters, while the sprawling promenade is lined with a melange of stately, waterfront cottages. Its sleek boulevards are ornamented with soaring palm trees, whereas a string of attractions like markets, patio-fronted coffee shops, quaint and cozy bookshops, and the Balboa Island Museum & Historical Society lend it a touristy appeal. The island is also a stronghold of adventurous water sports like surfing and offers something for everyone, no matter your interests!



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🌐 [www.balboaisland.com/](http://www.balboaisland.com/)

📍 Balboa Island, Newport Beach CA



## Corona del Mar State Beach

### "Quintessential Corona del Mar"

For those who can make only one stop in Corona del Mar, make it the Corona del Mar State Beach. This area alone can make everyone fall in love with CdM, a laid-back multi-million-dollar neighborhood accented by the Pacific, with streets lined by palm trees and flower beds. On the bluff, three signs mark beach access: Lookout Point, Main Beach and Inspiration Point. Each point has a different view, but all share Catalina Island in the background, and Newport Bay and Balboa Island in the foreground. A few steps towards the south end of Ocean Boulevard is a secluded cove near the Robert E. Badham Marine Life Refuge, and some of the most extravagant mansions follow.

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Ocean Boulevard, Newport Beach CA



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## Balboa Pavilion

### "Historic Marine Recreation Center"

Located on the Balboa Peninsula, the Balboa Pavilion is a fun center for marine sports enthusiasts. Boat rentals are available for sport fishing and whale watching. Catalina Flyer, the catamaran, takes you across to the Avalon at Catalina Island where you can watch whales. Harborside Restaurant and Grand Ballroom is a waterfront dining and socializing venue. This pavilion has provided for action-packed marine expeditions since 1906 and is regarded as one of the finest marine recreation centers in the area.



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[www.balboapavilion.com/](http://www.balboapavilion.com/)

400 Main Street, Balboa Peninsula, Newport Beach CA



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## Huntington State Beach

### "Reinvigorating Seaside Retreat"

Featuring a scenic sun-dappled expanse, Huntington State Beach is one of the best beaches in southern California. It is popular with both locals and tourists alike. Replete with barbecue pits that are used year-round but especially in the summer, as well as fire rings that can be utilized for bonfires, this is an ideal destination for a fun day out amid picturesque environs. Avid surfers will relish the opportunities for surfing offered by the beach. Fishing, birdwatching, and swimming are some other recreational options here. Keep your eyes peeled for California Brown Pelicans.



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Off Pacific Coast Highway, Huntington Beach CA

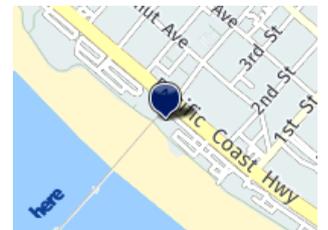


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## Huntington Beach Pier

### "Quintessential Surf City USA"

Stretching 1853 feet (564.80 meters) into the Pacific Ocean, the Huntington Beach Pier is one of the West Coast's longest piers. This attraction is visited by millions of people each year, creating an eccentric crowd. It is home to several important events, such as the U.S. Open of Surfing in July, Kite Party in February and Huck Finn Fishing Derby in August. You'll also find excellent oceanfront dining at both ends of the pier.



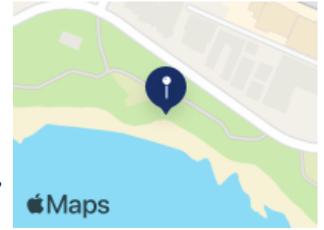
315 Pacific Coast Highway, Huntington Beach CA



## Heisler Park

### "Picture Perfect, Seaside Park"

A short walk from the bustling downtown Laguna Beach, this park is an amazing hidden oasis. The grassy bluff and the sandy beach with giant rocks and hidden caves makes this park a favorite spot for photographers, sunset watchers, picnickers, and even sea birds. There are also a variety of art stands selling local artwork.



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 [www.visitlagunabeach.com/listings/Heisler-Park/1563/](http://www.visitlagunabeach.com/listings/Heisler-Park/1563/)

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