# COSTA MESA OFFICIAL VISITOR GUIDE

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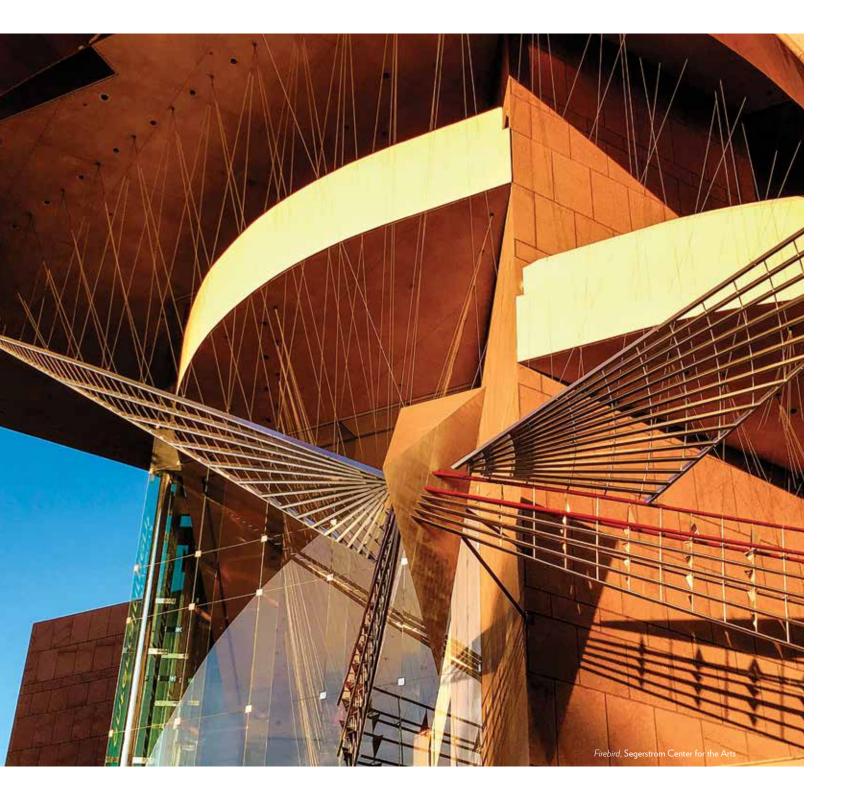
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# **EXPLORE** the City of the Arts<sup>™</sup>

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# WELCOME \_\_\_\_\_ to COSTA MESA

**COSTA MESA**, centrally located between Los Angeles and San Diego and minutes away from the beach, is a perfect getaway in sun-drenched Orange County. Experience world-class shopping, indulge in sumptuous dining, enjoy award-winning Broadway productions and relax at some of the top hotels in Southern California.





Art, music, and theater are some of Costa Mesa's signature activities, underscoring its reputation as the City of the Arts<sup>™</sup> Costa Mesa is truly the cultural epicenter of Orange County, attracting visitors from around the world to experience the Art of Fashion, the Art of Dining and the Art of the Stage.

Shopping is king in Costa Mesa. Experience the Art of Fashion at South Coast Plaza, one of the most comprehensive luxury shopping destinations in the world, with **more** than 250 retailers and restaurants. Find couture items straight from the runway from Chanel and Prada to Gucci and Louis Vuitton. Also featuring today's top home, beauty and footwear purveyors, it makes up the highest concentration of designer brands under one roof in the U.S. And if you like quaint and eclectic local boutique shopping, there's plenty of one-of-a-kind items to be found at The OC Mix, The LAB, or The CAMP.

Costa Mesa's Mediterranean climate, with moderate summers and cool winters, along with its proximity to the **best** beaches and attractions in Southern California, makes the city an ideal year-

round destination. For your stay, Costa Mesa offers a **wide variety of hotels** to accommodate every budget, from well-branded names to stylish boutique offerings. Select hotels offer daily roundtrip shuttle service to nearby Disneyland. Resort. Enjoy incredible plays and **concerts** at Segerstrom Center for the Arts, one of the largest arts complexes in the U.S. The venue showcases significant national and international productions of music, dance and theater by top theater companies and legendary artists.

Looking for **exceptional dining** during your visit? There's Vaca, a Spanish restaurant from executive chef Amar Santana, a star contestant on Bravo TV's "Top Chef". There are also other **hotspots** that rival some of the country's top dining establishments, making the city the culinary capital of Orange County. Enjoy fine dining at Mastro's Steakhouse, the critically acclaimed Asian dumpling restaurant Din Tai Fung, or award-winning French bistro Marché Moderne.

Let this magazine be your quide to the *City of the Arts*<sup>™</sup> Check out our calendar of events and recreational activities, plus suggested itineraries to help quide your stay in Costa Mesa.

## **HISTORY OF COSTA MESA**

- **1948** Orange Coast Junior College opens (now Orange Coast

- Town Center.



# THE ART OF FASHION

**COSTA MESA** offers shopping for every style. From worldrenowned retailers that define luxury experiences to one-of-a-kind boutiques filled with designs by local emerging artists, visitors will find that fashion is an essential part of the Costa Mesa lifestyle. With the variety of shops and merchandise available, the city is truly a mecca for those looking for the latest trends, or timeless classics. Take a tour to browse Costa Mesa's wide range of shopping destinations and you could be a part of creating the next big trend in fashion.



### **COSTA MESA IS HOME** to

South Coast Plaza (3333 Bristol Street), where the world comes to shop. Its stellar cast of the world's top fashion brands – from Christian Dior, Fendi and Hermès to Burberry, Balenciaga and Salvatore Ferragamo – makes it a popular stop among travelers seeking upscale, fashionforward apparel. With something for every shopper, South Coast Plaza also features trending affordable fashion boutiques such as H&M, Banana Republic, and Zara, plus four anchor department stores. Whether your visit brings you in for jewelry, shoes, handbags, clothing or beauty products, you'll find it at South Coast Plaza. With more than 250 boutiques and restaurants, a luxurious VIP suite, and a spa, it is recognized internationally for its unparalleled collection as the crown jewel of shopping on the West Coast. South Coast Plaza offers many services to create a more comfortable experience for shoppers, such as foreign language assistance in more than 40 languages, shuttle services and money exchange. It also plays host to a number of incredible events year round.

**LOCATED JUST ACROSS** the street from South Coast Plaza is **Metro Pointe at South Coast** (901 South Coast Drive), an open-air shopping center where guests can expect to find just about everything on their list. This outdoor shopping center offers guests a marketplace atmosphere,



where they can forget about their worries and simply enjoy the stroll. Familiar featured tenants include Nordstrom Rack and DSW Shoes. While known as a haven for luxury shopping, Costa Mesa also offers a wide variety of fashion boutiques at great prices. Today's fashionistas know that boutique shopping is one of the best ways to find that one-of-a-kind new or vintage piece to take an outfit to the next level.

FOR A GREAT blend of fashion & culture, visit the **The LAB** (2930 Bristol Street), a one-of-a-kind destination that brings together those with shared interests in art, music, fashion and the outdoors. What was once a goggle-making factory has been transformed into a funky indoor-outdoor retail center known for its support of the Little American Business, with an "anti-mall" atmosphere. The LAB inspires customers to create their own identity by experimenting with looks from unique stores – such as handmade jewelry from May Martin, Inc., eyewear from Eye Society, contemporary clothing from Lobby and footwear from Blends.



A PIONEER in the shopping world, The CAMP is the first-known environmentally friendly retail campus in the United States (2937 Bristol Street). All of The CAMP's stores are health conscious or fitness related, with a strong emphasis on an active lifestyle. "Green" is everywhere, from The Studio's locally handcrafted jewelry to Active Ride Shop's organic, modern athletic gear.

### ACCLAIMED SHOPPING VENUE The OC Mix (3313 Hyland Avenue)

The OC Mix (3313 Hyland Avenue) offers an eclectic collection of designer offerings, including high-end eyewear from Alexander Gray and handmade jewelry from local favorite Lili Claspe, plus contemporary clothing from Eva's Trunk and Denim Bar and Cloth & Metal.

# THE ART OF FASHION



**ONE TRIP** to the **17th Street Promenade Shops** is sure to result in adding one-of-a-kind wardrobe pieces. Find vintage pieces and hidden gems in this hipster district featuring Love and Laundry Boutique and No Rest For Bridget.

No matter the brand or budget, there's no better place for Southern California shopping than Costa Mesa.

**VISIT TRAVELCOSTAMESA.COM/SHOP** for more on shopping



# THE ART OF DINING

**COSTA MESA** is a culinary destination that delights even the most sophisticated of diners. The Orange County Register claims Costa Mesa is one of the best mid-sized cities for food in the United States. It's nearly impossible to choose among the city's top-rated offerings, ranging from Asian delicacies to Spanish tapas to traditional American cuisine. Established fine-dining favorites include critically acclaimed seafood and steakhouses. And for those seeking a casual experience, there are plenty of contemporary options specializing in authentic California-style cuisine. With more than 150 restaurants, there's a plate for

every palate.



# **EDITOR'S TOP TEN COSTA MESA FAVORITES:**

1 ANQI BY CRUSTACEAN The An family of Crustacean in Beverly Hills brings their fashion-forward dining concept to Orange County, serving unique Asian fusion cuisine in a stunning contemporary space that's Vietnamese in tone. 3333 Bristol St., 714.557.5679

2 ARC FOOD & LIBATIONS An American eatery using freshly farmed ingredients. Every single dish is prepared over open fire with a focus on simplicity. 3321 Hyland Ave. Suite F, 949.500.5561

3 DIN TAI FUNG Steamed Shanghaistyle mouthwatering dumplings are this restaurant's signature dish. The Michelinrated empire has won accolades all over the world, including being named one of the best restaurants on the planet



by The New York Times. 3333 Bristol St., 714.549.3388

4 EAT CHOW Eat Chow is a casual café with a modern décor. Famous for its Parmesan truffle fries. Eat Chow offers both American and Mexican cuisine, ranging from white bean hummus to fried green tomatoes. 1802 Newport Blvd., 949.650.2469

**5 GOLDEN TRUFFLE** A favorite among local foodies with Chef Greeley's simple preparation and bold flavors, weekly country exploration menus and incredible wine pairings. 1767 Newport Blvd., 949.645.9858

6 MARCHÉ MODERNE Ranked among the top restaurants in Southern California by the Los Angeles Times, Marché Moderne serves some of the finest French fare in the region. Expect modern renditions of traditional French





cuisine like seared foie gras and Angus filet with pommes frites and wild hamachi with turnip, olive oil, cilantro and Valencia orange. 3333 Bristol St., 714.434.7900

## 7 MASTRO'S STEAKHOUSE Adored

by diners and named "masterful" by the Los Angeles Daily News, Mastro's serves the finest dry-aged, hand-cut prime steaks and fresh seafood with nightly live music. Enjoy an expansive wine cellar and the signature butter cake for dessert. 633 Anton Blvd., 714.546.7405

8 OLD VINE CAFÉ The cozy casual bistro serves a locals' favorite brunch plus lunch and wine-paired dinners. The innovative menu promotes the use of local seasonal ingredients, as a result of Chef McDonald's culinary training in southern Italy. 2937 Bristol St. Suite A-102, 714.545.1411



# tapas in Barcelona, Pueblo serves fresh with charred fig and black truffle oil bocadillos (sandwiches) to fresh shrimp

# THE ART OF DINING

**9 PUEBLO** Inspired by the scores of and vibrant Spanish small bites. Expect everything from grilled Spanish cheeses ceviche with seasonal citrus and cilantro tapas. 3321 Hyland Ave. Suite D, 714.340.5775

10 TACO MARÍA Taco María is creating homestyle Mexican cuisine with a contemporary flair. Offering California-Mexican dishes, Michelin-starred chef Carlos Salgado uses recipes straight from his mom, the restaurant's namesake. The Los Angeles Times ranked Taco María one of the best restaurants in Southern California. 3313 Hyland Ave. Suite C21, 714.538.8444

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# MORE FAVORITE RESTAURANTS

THE CAPITAL GRILLE Hand-carved steaks, fresh seafood and an awardwinning wine list of over 350 selections. 3333 Bristol St., 714.432.1140

**SEASON'S 52** Using healthy rustic cooking techniques, like brick-oven roasting and grilling to bring out natural flavors. 3333 Bristol St., 714, 437, 5252

**BISTRO PAPILLOTE** Full-service breakfast and lunch, including chef's interpretations of quiches, crepes and Croque-Monsieur. 3313 Hyland Ave., 714.641.2005

**SHUCK OYSTER BAR** Orange County's premier fresh oyster bar. 3313 Hyland Ave., 949.420.0478

**MI CASA MEXICAN RESTAURANT** & BAR Homestyle Mexican food and famous Gold Tequila Margaritas. 296 E. 17th St., 949.645.7626



**UMAMI BURGER** Carefully crafted burgers in a casual California atmosphere. 2981 Bristol St., 714,957,8626

PLUMS CAFÉ AND CATERING A locals' favorite for brunch and lunch, featuring a Pacific-Northwest-inspired menu. 369 E. 17th St., 949.722.7586

MEMPHIS CAFÉ Suburban bar turned hip roadhouse offering a mix of regional American and traditional soul food. 2920 Bristol St., 714, 432, 7685



HABANA Reminiscent of 1950s Cuba. expect classics like ropa vieja, empanadas and sangria in a romantic setting. 2930 Bristol St., 714.556.0176

TACO MESA Top Zagat-rated restaurant offering healthy, innovative Mexican fare from time-honored recipes. 647 W. 19th St., 949.642.0629

ECCO PIZZERIA & BAR Incredible pizza, pasta and other Italian entrees plus fine wine pairings. 2937 Bristol St., 714.444.3226

**PIZZERIA ORTICA** Seasonally inspired regional Italian fare and an extensive list of wines from California and Italy. 650 Anton Blvd., 714.445.4900

**SEABIRDS KITCHEN** Freshly crafted and creative vegan food locally sourced from organic farmers. 2930 Bristol St., 714.549.2584

**NATIVE FOODS** A fusion of ethnic and vegan fare regularly exceeding expectations of vegetarian cuisine. 2937 Bristol St., 714.751.2151

# **HAMAMORI RESTAURANT**

Multi-course sushi creations and refreshing cocktails. 3333 Bear St., 714.850.0880

**SOCIAL** Classic Southern dishes incorporating fresh California ingredients and one-of-a-kind craft cocktails. 512 W. 19th St., 949.642.2425

**EAST BOROUGH** Casual eatery offering classic French Vietnamese food. 2937 Bristol St., 714.641.5010

SANTOUKA RAMEN A locals' favorite near The CAMP, offering some of the best ramen in Orange County. 665 Paularino Ave., 714.434.1101

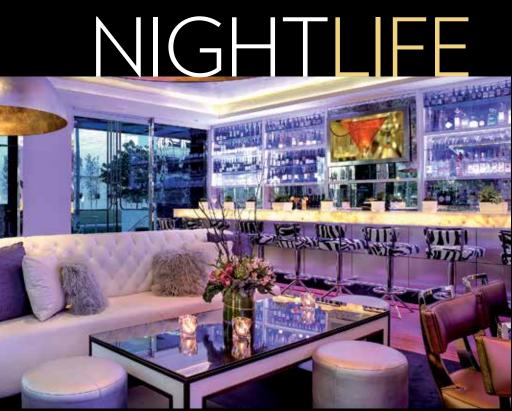
# LEATHERBY'S CAFÉ ROUGE Located

in Segerstrom Center for the Arts, the café features pre-theater cocktails and exceptional modern American dishes using seasonal ingredients. 615 Town Center Dr., 714.429.7640

**VACA** Bringing the flavors of Barcelona, Madrid, Andalusía, Seville and the Basque regions to Orange County, Enjoy grass-fed Argentinian beef and Spanish favorites such as paella, octopus and arilled calamari.

695 Town Center Dr. Suite 170, 714.463.6060

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**COSTA MESA'S** diverse nightlife offers a multitude of options with the promise of an entertaining evening, whether you're out for a night of dancing, karaoke, pool playing, live music or just savoring a cold cocktail and delicious food.

THE WAYFARER A hip space with rustic Americana decor offering live entertainment, pub fare and drinks. 843 W. 19th St., 949.764.0039

**DURTY NELLY'S** A happy atmosphere that feels like a pub in 19th century Dublin with a full selection of Irish beers and traditional pub fare plus rousing karaoke. 2915 Redhill Ave. Suite G101, 714.957.1951

TIN LIZZIE SALOON Orange County's premier gay bar attracts a wide variety of guests in a cozy and welcoming atmosphere. 752 St. Clair St., 714.966.2029

# SADDLE RANCH CHOPHOUSE

Where "rock meets western," offering steaks, daily brunch, an extensive drink menu and of course – rides on the mechanical bull! 1870 Harbor Blvd., 949.287.4652

# SKOSH MONAHAN'S A hangout spot offering Irish spirits, a wide draft-beer selection, pub grub and steaks.

2000 Newport Blvd., 949.548.0099

KITSCH BAR The bar's plush round chairs, dim lighting and nightly live music make it an ideal hangout spot. 891 Baker St., 714.546.8580

MESA Mesa attracts a chic crowd with its adventurous small-plate cuisine and creative cocktails in a modern lounge atmosphere complete with an open-air retractable roof. 725 Baker St., 714.557.6700

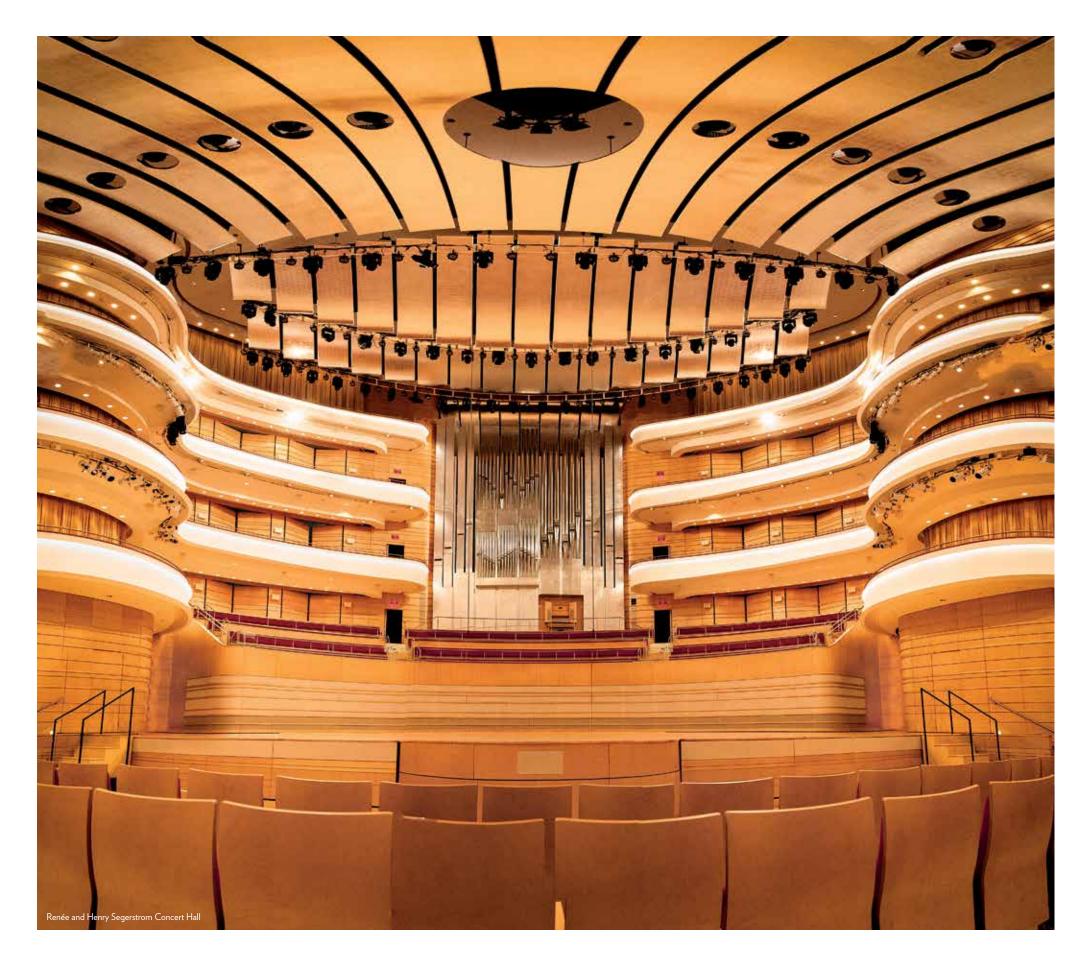
SUTRA LOUNGE An intriguing, highenergy nightclub with two dance floors and three bars that regularly welcomes Orange County's hottest DJs and nationally known

quest spinners. 1870 Harbor Blvd., 949.722.7103

COMMISSARY LOUNGE Enter the Commissary Lounge through a semihidden black door at the back of The LAB. The venue attracts a local crowd with good music, live performances and serves mainly beer with a few soju-based cocktails. 2968 Randolph Ave., 714.557.1861

MASTRO'S STEAKHOUSE Not only recognized for its steaks and seafood, but also for its nightly live entertainment in an elegant yet energetic atmosphere. 633 Anton Blvd., 714.546.7405

WILD GOOSE TAVERN This retrothemed hunting lodge bar serves a menu of gourmet sausages, burgers and interesting sides, such as sweet potato tater tots topped with goat cheese, with 8 craft beers on tap and 16 different bottled beers. 436 E. 17th St., 949,722,9453



THE FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS are well represented Mesa's internationally acclaimed arts district, which includes some of the finest visual installations and performance venues in the country. From year-round, award-winning shows at Segerstrom Center for the Arts to inspiring productions from up-and-coming playwrights at the Costa Mesa Playhouse, it's easy to see why Costa Mesa is known as the *City of the Arts*<sup>™</sup> and recognized as Orange County's cultural epicenter.

in Costa Mesa. Taking center stage in Orange County is Costa

# THE ART OF THE STAGE



THE ORIGINAL Segerstrom Hall at Segerstrom Center for the Arts opened in 1986, providing Orange County with one of the finest performance venues in the nation. The world's greatest dance companies, national tours of Broadway's top shows, and acclaimed artists and attractions appear there each year.

**DIRECTLY ACROSS** the Center's Arts Plaza is **Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall**, which opened in 2006. Designed by renowned architect Cesar Pelli, the venue is noted for its architecturally distinctive sweeping curved glass facade. It also features a dramatic multi-tiered foyer and circular staircase. The lobby ceiling is an art installation called Constellation. It is finished in silver leaf with Swarovski crystal LED lights and

300 individually suspended pendants of polished stainless steel tipped with faceted Baccarat crystal globes.

Behind the Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall is the intimate **Samueli** Theater. Samueli Theater accommodates multiple seating configurations, from traditional theater and intimate, candlelit



club-style to standing-room only for rock concerts. Most of Segerstrom Center's Jazz, Concert and Spotlight Series performances are enjoyed in Samueli Theater. Elegantly greeting visitors at the entrance to Samueli Theater is Aiko Miyawaki's Utsurohi 91, a beautiful sculpture of chromium columns put in motion by the wind.



THE CONCERT HALL and Segerstrom Hall face a 46,000 square-foot arts plaza, whose centerpiece is a towering sculpture by Richard Serra titled Connector. Many events are presented on the plaza by the Center, including free events, dance performances, festivals, parties and its popular summer Movie Mondays Series. Other organizations use the plaza for community events, such as Strides for Life and Walk for the Cure.

**ALSO ON THE** Segerstrom Center for the Arts campus is **South Coast** Repertory (SCR), a professional resident theater. The Tony Award®winning company was founded in 1964 by Artistic Directors David Emmes and Martin Benson, and is one of America's foremost producers of new plays. SCR



offers a variety of outreach and education programs and is renowned for its extensive new play development program featuring works by emerging and established writers, presented during its annual Pacific Playwrights Festival.

**COMPLETING COSTA MESA'S** collection of premier performance venues is the Costa Mesa Playhouse. Dedicated

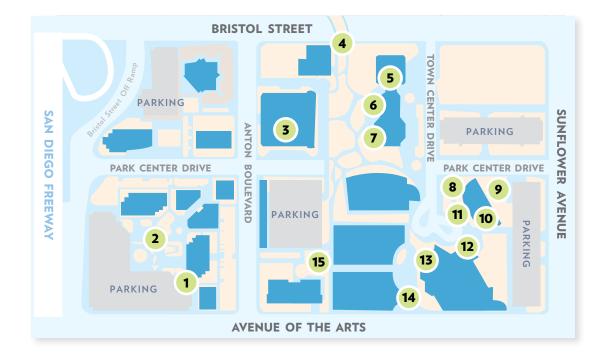
# THE ART OF THE STAGE

to serving the Orange County community for more than 40 years, the non-profit, 73-seat community theater brings talented performers and stage craftspeople together in an intimate setting to perfect their craft. With a season running from September through June and five productions per season, the Playhouse offers a diverse array of plays and musicals to Costa Mesa's theatergoing public.

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# COSTA MESA ART WALK

# TOUR COSTA MESA'S rich arts scene with numerous notable sculptures.



entwined elements. loosely translated

as "Encirclement of Limbs" or "Tower

yellow, steel abstraction inspired by the

Night Shift A rugged granite boulder

sculpture re-enactment of the story of

Four Lines Oblique Gyratory-Square

**IV** An ever-changing strong structure,

that's gentle enough to move with just

Sun Glitter Bronze sculpture depicting

Oiseau Cast bronze sculpture with

rounded sides and sharp projections.

**Reclining Figure** Based on the human

Jonah and the Whale A fountain

6 The Ram A 20-foot-tall, 7-ton, bright

intersected by stainless steel.

of Legs".

animal's horns.

the same name.

the slightest breeze.

a mermaid riding a dolphin.

figure with universal shapes.

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- 1 **Sun Ribbon** Stripes of gold, orange, red, violet and clear-textured glass radiate warmth and form a translucent windscreen.
- 2 **California Scenario** 1.6-acre park created by sculptor Isamu Noguchi representing California's diverse landscape (*below*).



3 **Neptune Water Spouts** A fountain made up of seven identical ceramic Neptune heads providing tranquil acoustics in The Westin South Coast Plaza.

- 4 Unity Bridge Pedestrian bridge connecting Segerstrom Center for the Arts and South Coast Plaza.
  5 Tour Aux Jambes A structure of
  13 Firebird Named after Igor Stravinsky's famous ballet, the gold, red and silver structure is architecturally integrated into Segerstrom Hall.
  - **Connector** A 65-foot-tall, 360-ton sculpture set on a pentagonal ground plan on the arts plaza (*below*).



15 Utsurohi 91 A series of 12 ten-foot columns set in an elliptical configuration with relief images of Chinese zodiac animals.

# MUSEUMS AND CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS



**BOWERS MUSEUM** Displays Egyptian relics, Chinese sculptures, priceless gems and is home to the Bowers Kidseum. 2002 North Main St. Santa Ana, 714.567.3600, bowers.org

### COSTA MESA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

A source for local history, photographs, maps, and periodicals. *1870 Anaheim Ave. Costa Mesa, 949.631.5918, costamesahistory.org* 

**DIEGO SEPULVEDA ADOBE** An early Native American settlement and colorful segment of Southern California history. 1900 Adams Ave. Costa Mesa, 949.631.5918, costamesahistory.org/adobe.htm

**DISCOVERY CUBE** An interactive science museum with more than 100 exhibits. *2500 North Main St. Santa Ana, 714.542.2823, discoverycube.org* 

### HERITAGE MUSEUM OF ORANGE COUNTY

A Victorian gem featuring several buildings from the 1890s set among extensive gardens. *3101 W. Harvard St. Santa Ana, 714.540.0404, heritagemuseumoc.org* 

### INTERNATIONAL SURFING MUSEUM Reinforces

Huntington Beach's reputation as Surf City, USA with a display of surf memorabilia. *411 Olive Ave. Huntington Beach, 714.960.3483, surfingmuseum.org* 

LAGUNA ART MUSEUM Focuses on regional art history and building upon Laguna's unique artists' colony. 307 Cliff Dr. Laguna Beach, 949.494.8971, lagunaartmuseum.org

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LYON AIR MUSEUM Displays historic military aircraft, vehicles and other World War II memorabilia. 19300 Ike Jones Rd. Santa Ana, 714.210.4585, Iyonairmuseum.org

MARCONI AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM Holds an impressive collection of historic and exotic classic cars and bikes. 1302 Industrial Dr. Tustin, 714.258.3001, marconimuseum.org

MISSION SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO One of the original 21 California missions. 26801 Ortega Hwy. San Juan Capistrano, 949.234.1300, missionsjc.com

MUZEO A cultural arts center home to Anaheim's original library and ongoing changing exhibitions. 241 South Anaheim Blvd. Anaheim, 714.956.8936, muzeo.org

**GRAY MATTER MUSEUM OF ART** A boutique museum dedicated to displaying works from local artists, everything from sculptures and photography to drawings and paintings. *485 E. 17th St. Suite 101 Costa Mesa, 949.870.5910, gmmaca.org* 

**ORANGE COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART** Dedicated to preserving and interpreting the art of our time. 850 San Clemente Dr. Newport Beach, 949.759.1122, ocma.net

### **RICHARD NIXON LIBRARY AND MUSEUM**

Educating the public about the life of the 37th President. 18001 Yorba Linda Blvd. Yorba Linda, 714.993.3393, nixonlibrary.gov



# NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

# **COSTA MESA** is located

minutes from some of Southern California's best attractions, many of which are world famous, affording visitors with countless activities that are fun for the whole family. Cheer on a local sports team or enjoy a fun-filled day at one of the nearby worldrenowned theme parks. Costa Mesa is also home to 29 public parks, providing a peaceful retreat from a region filled with excitement. With all of the entertainment options combined with the city's perpetual sunshine, you may never want to leave.

# THE DISNEYLAND, RESORT The most famous theme park in the world, the Disneyland, Resort, is only a 13-mile (21 km) drive from Costa Mesa. The Disneyland<sub>®</sub> Resort welcomes visitors from all over the world and has among one of the highest theme park attendances anywhere. The Disneyland<sub>®</sub> Resort brings fantasy, fun and delight to children and

adults alike year round. The park's eight separately themed areas include New Orleans Square, Mickey's Toontown and the Main Street USA promenade.

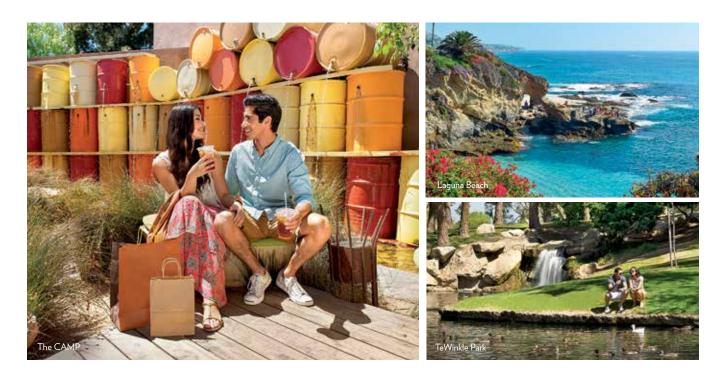
# SHUTTLE TRANSPORTATION TO THE DISNEYLAND, RESORT

A partnership between Costa Mesa and Anaheim Resort Transportation (ART) provides visitors and locals with guick and easy round-trip shuttle transportation to the *Disneyland*<sub>®</sub> Resort from select hotels and South Coast Plaza. Morning departures and evening return trips are available for guests daily. Shuttle service is based on advance reservations made through participating hotels. Passes start at \$5 for adults and \$2 for children and can be purchased from participating



hotels and South Coast Plaza. The Disneyland<sub>®</sub> Resort— which includes both Disneyland<sub>®</sub> Park and Disney California Adventure<sub>®</sub> Park — is located at 1313 Disneyland Dr. in Anaheim. For more information on ART shuttle service, visit travelcostamesa.com/art.

**BEACHES** Luckily, Costa Mesa is near some of the best in OC. World-famous **Newport Beach** borders the city. Live like a local and rent a Duffy electric boat for a relaxing harbor cruise. Catch a wave at Huntington Beach, also known as Surf City USA® - the best place to enjoy water sports just 7 miles (11 km) from Costa Mesa.



And the 18-mile (29 km) drive to Laguna Beach's azure coastline is a perfect retreat for relaxing at the beach and browsing local art galleries.

**GOLF COURSES** Tee off at **Costa** Mesa Country Club (1701 Golf Course Dr.) or at one of the nearby beautifully kept greens: Monarch Beach Golf Links (50 Monarch Beach Resort N, Dana Point), Pelican Hill Golf Club (22800 S. Pelican Hill Rd., Newport Beach), **Strawberry** Farms Golf Course (11 Strawberry Farm Rd., Irvine) and Tustin Ranch Golf Course (12442 Tustin Ranch Rd., Tustin).

# **EVENTS & ENTERTAINMENT** The

OC Fair & Event Center attracts over two million visitors annually. The event center has a multitude of special events going on throughout the year, including America's most unique weekly swap meet and marketplace. It's home to Centennial Farm, Pacific Amphitheatre and one of the largest fairs in the U.S., the **OC Fair**, held every July-August since 1890. 88 Fair Dr., Costa Mesa, ocfair.com

# **CENTENNIAL FARM** is a three-acre working farm created to educate youth about agriculture and its importance to life. The **livestock barns and fruit and** vegetable gardens support local charity groups. The Farm offers educational programs, docent-led tours and gardening classes.

**PACIFIC AMPHITHEATRE** outdoor concert venue has hosted numerous luminaries including **Bob Dylan**, Selena Gomez and LeAnn Rimes. Its annual Summer Concert Series draws concertgoers from all over California.

**SPORTS FANS** will be pleased to find the **Honda Center** nearby, located 20 minutes north of Costa Mesa. Home of the Anaheim Ducks, the venue also hosts family shows such as Disney on Ice: Frozen and top performers such as Beyoncé and U2. 2695 East Katella Ave., Anaheim

# ANGEL STADIUM OF ANAHEIM.

home of the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, hosts the team's major league baseball games and is located 13 miles

(21 km) from Costa Mesa. Several major motion pictures were shot here, including Angels in the Outfield. 2000 East Gene Autry Way, Anaheim

# **KNOTT'S BERRY FARM AND KNOTT'S SOAK CITY ORANGE**

**COUNTY** offers 160 acres of world-class rides and entertainment just 22 miles (35 km) north of Costa Mesa. Knott's Berry Farm consists of five themed areas: Ghost Town, Fiesta Village, The Boardwalk, Camp Snoopy and Indian Trails. The park is known for entertaining events throughout the year, including the Halloween-themed Knott's Scary Farm, where the entire park turns into a haunted house-style attraction. Knott's world-famous jams can be found at The Berry Market. 8039 Beach Blvd., Buena Park

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# A Wedding in COSTA MESA

When preparing for the event of a lifetime, every detail simply must be perfect. Costa Mesa hotels and venues offer widely varied and unique backdrops combined with exceptional service for your special event.

### YOU'VE PICKED THE PERFECT

match, and now it's time to select the perfect wedding venue – and Costa Mesa is an ideal place to tie the knot. Our hotel and community partners have a venue to fit any need – from small, intimate affairs to large receptions with hundreds of people – to make the wedding of your dreams come true.

Our hotels understand that the most important part of your wedding planning is exceptional service, from start to finish, ensuring your day is seamlessly perfect. At The Westin South Coast Plaza, wedding receptions receive white-jacket, white-glove catering service, and every couple receives their first wedding gift from the Westin staff. Avenue of the Arts, A Tribute Portfolio Hotel has received the "Best of Weddings" rating from TheKnot. com for 3 years. Only one wedding is allowed per day at the hotel, ensuring your wedding party and guests receive VIP service – including a separate entrance. The Marriott utilizes technology to

give you personalized service, creating a complimentary web page for your wedding guests, and an event mobile app. And both Avenue of the Arts, A Tribute Portfolio Hotel and Marriott can plan an idyllic, romantic ceremony for you alongside a lake located between the two properties. Ayres Hotel & Suites, with the Old World charm of a European village, is a top-rated wedding venue on WeddingWire.com. The focal point is the cobblestone fountain courtyard, lush with blooming flowers year round. And the Hilton offers ballroom space for up to 1,200 guests for a larger celebration. Costa Mesa hotels also offer special group package rates.





Endless choices for photography backdrops and landscapes in Costa Mesa will make you feel like you're in several cities at once. Utilize stunning architectural backdrops with the dramatic glass concert hall and outdoor sculptures at Segerstrom Center for the Arts, and then move to the tranquil *California Scenario*, with landscape elements that celebrate California's native vegetation, or take a romantic shot alongside the lake just behind the Marriott. And the best part is, they're all within walking distance of each other.

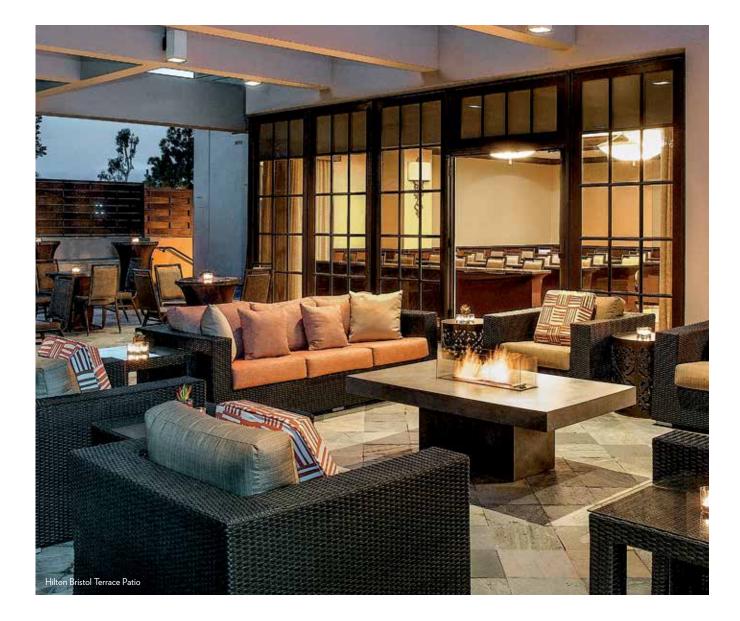
Allow for a creative expression on your special day by utilizing the spectacular Segerstrom Center for the Arts as your wedding venue. With a variety of theaters, a breathtaking concert hall and manicured grounds at your disposal, take center stage of your once-in-a-lifetime event with this unique venue. Across the plaza, the Center Club Orange County is another WeddingWire.com top choice for elegant weddings. *California Scenario* can host more intimate affairs on its 1.6-acre modern outdoor grounds, including catering by the world-class Mastro's Steakhouse. And The OC Mix offers an intimate art gallery venue, set in an organically rich and diverse California-style campus.

Costa Mesa is an incredibly unique selection for your wedding, with a variety of properties and venues to accommodate any budget.

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# YOUR EVENTS

Choose **COSTA MESA** for your special event, and allow seasoned event planners to handle your experience seamlessly from start to finish.



# Whether hosting a business meeting, birthday party, family reunion or company retreat, Costa Mesa offers unique and beautiful event experiences.

Treat your guests to the city's yearround Mediterranean climate with plenty of sunshine. Whether your event is about work or play, your guests will have plenty to keep them occupied in their spare time, including world-class shopping at South Coast Plaza or incredible performances at Segerstrom Center for the Arts.

The Hilton is the city's largest hotel, offering 50,000 square feet of indoor/outdoor meeting space, from boardrooms to banquet rooms, and two private outdoor courtyards with water features. Find special touches like a dedicated kosher kitchen. The Ayres Hotel & Suites offers intimate, elegant events in timeless European style. The Marriott and Avenue of the Arts, A Tribute Portfolio Hotel can host special events, parties and weddings alongside an idyllic lake between the hotels. The Westin South Coast Plaza specializes in green events, including a digital collaboration meeting room. Experience urban excitement on an intimate scale, with 5 hotels in walking distance to South Coast Plaza, Segerstrom Center for the Arts and exceptional dining and nightlife. Costa Mesa also offers destination event space.

Plan your meeting or party in the unique outdoor sculpture garden *California Scenario*, created by worldfamous artist Isamu Noguchi. The Japanese-influenced "Noguchi Garden" features landscape and design elements celebrating California. This truly unique 70,000-square-foot space containing desert streams, forests and a rock fountain accommodates events of approximately 100 guests.

Turn your event into an artistic spectacle at the renowned Segerstrom Center for the Arts, in the heart of Costa Mesa's arts district. Choose from 4 architecturally brilliant venues plus a beautifully manicured 46,000-squarefoot outdoor plaza, with indoor event space of nearly 10,000 square feet.





Across the plaza, the exclusive Center Club is ideal for executives, networking and private events. For an event on a grander scale, Costa Mesa also offers the OC Fair & Event Center, with 7 different buildings from 13,400 to 36,000 square feet of event space, plus various outdoor possibilities, including an 8,200seat amphitheater.





WHETHER YOU'RE CELEBRATING a special event, staying overnight for business or simply enjoying Southern California at your leisure, Costa Mesa offers an exceptional selection of hotel accommodations for every guest. A stay in Costa Mesa makes it easy to enjoy the full Orange County experience. From well-known luxury properties to unique boutique hotels, Costa Mesa provides unparalleled comfort within proximity to world-class shopping and award-winning entertainment. As an added convenience, many Costa Mesa hotels offer complimentary round-trip transportation to John Wayne Airport, Orange County and easy shuttle service to the nearby *Disneyland*<sub>®</sub> Resort.





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# **OVERVIEW**

Infused with modern elegance and classic chic style, the AAA Four Diamond Awarded Avenue of the Arts Costa Mesa, A Tribute Portfolio Hotel is the perfect urban gathering place. Poised in the hub of Orange County's corporate and cultural center and Costa Mesa's performing arts district, the tranquil lakeside atmosphere provides an eclectic blend of artistic elements, luxury, and unmatched personal service. It's just steps away from the acclaimed Segerstrom Center for the Arts and a short walk from world-renowned shopping at South Coast Plaza.

The Avenue of the Arts Costa Mesa offers an unmatched selection of exceptional accommodations, dining experiences, recreational activities, and business facilities. Its state-of-the-art meeting and conference facilities encompass over 15,000 square feet of flexible indoor-outdoor meeting space.



- 238 Rooms
- 15,000 Sq. Ft. Meeting/Event Space
- AAA Discount
- Bus Parking
- Business Center
- Cocktail Lounge
- Complimentary Airport Shuttle Service to and from John Wayne Airport, Orange County
- Complimentary Fitness Center
- *Disneyland*, Resort Shuttle Service
- Dry Cleaning
- In-Room Safe
- In-Room Spa Service
- Meeting Facilities
- Outdoor Heated Pool & Jacuzzi
- Restaurant On Site
- Room Service
- Self-Parking



325 Bristol Street, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 www.ayrescostamesa.com (714) 549-0300







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# **OVERVIEW**

The Ayres Hotel & Suites is a charming French Provincial-inspired inn reminiscent of a French village square with its cobblestone courtyard, beautiful gardens, and cascading water fountain.

The centrally located property with 284 deluxe guestrooms and suites offers all the amenities expected of a full-service hotel. Suite rooms feature jetted tubs and the Ayres Dream Sleeper<sup>™</sup> bed.

Get revitalized in the fitness studio and stay connected in the business center and stylish meeting space. Enjoy aesthetically pleasing décor, and relax in the courtyard or by one of two outdoor, heated pools or Jacuzzis.

Offering fine cuisine with an international flair, Le Chateau Garden Bistro offers delicious breakfast, lunch and dinner options as well as one of the area's best happy hours right outside your guestroom.



- 284 Rooms
- 10,000 Sq. Ft. Meeting/Event Space
- AAA Discount
- Bus Parking
- Business Center
- Cocktail Lounge
- Complimentary Airport Shuttle Service to and from John Wayne Airport, Orange County
- Complimentary Internet Access
- Complimentary Fitness Center
- Complimentary Parking
- *Disneyland*, Resort Shuttle Service
- Dry Cleaning
- Meeting Facilities for up to 180 people
- Restaurant On Site
- Room Service
- Safe Deposit at Front Desk
- Two Outdoor Heated Pools & Jacuzzis

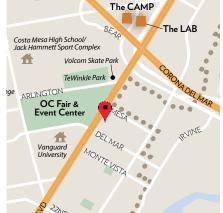


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# OVERVIEW

**Best Western Plus** is a perfect choice for your stay in Costa Mesa. The hotel is walking distance from the OC Fair & Event Center, Pacific Amphitheatre, and Vanguard University. Other nearby attractions include Segerstrom Center for the Arts and South Coast Plaza shopping center. The hotel offers convenient access to Newport Beach, Laguna Beach, Huntington Beach, and is less than 4 miles (6 km) from John Wayne Airport, Orange County.

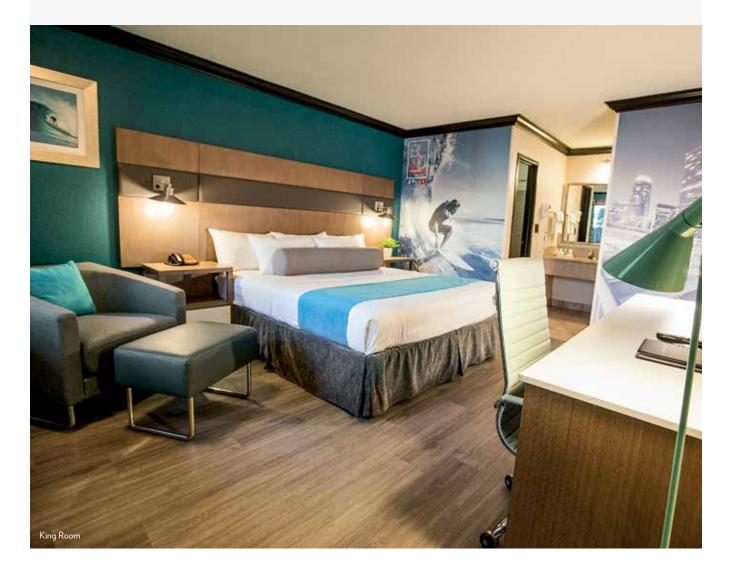
Families can enjoy a day of fun at the *Disneyland*, Resort and Knott's® Berry Farm theme parks, which are just 15 miles (24 km) away. Situated near many Southern California attractions, the Best Western Plus boasts 97 well-appointed guest rooms and suites.

The hotel offers daily breakfast and dinner in its on-site café.

- 97 Rooms (connecting rooms available)
- 3,000 Sq.Ft. Meeting/Event Space
- AAA Discount
- Bus Parking
- Complimentary Airport Shuttle Service to and from John Wayne Airport, Orange County
- Complimentary Fitness Center
- Complimentary Hot Breakfast
- Complimentary Internet Access
- Complimentary Parking
- *Disneyland*, Resort Shuttle Service
- Grab & Go Marketplace
- In-Room Safe
- Outdoor Heated Pool & Indoor Jacuzzi
- Restaurant On Site
- Self-Serve Laundry

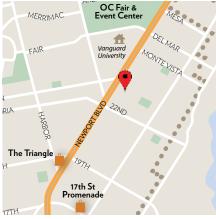


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# OVERVIEW

Chill out and experience what it means to live in Orange County - enjoy contemporary style with a boutique hotel attitude. Located minutes from the beaches of the Pacific, popular shopping destinations like The Triangle, and blocks away from the OC Fair & Event Center, the **BLVD Hotel** exudes a warm Southern California vibe, a stylish surf design aesthetic and personalized customer service to ensure your stay is nothing short of amazing.

A chic look and modern simplicity are the norm at the BLVD Hotel. Whether traveling for work or play, it is the perfect accommodation for productivity or relaxation. Each room comes complete with a mini-fridge, coffee maker and microwave, as well as a separate sitting area and work desk with ergonomic chair. Enjoy rain-shower heads and eco-friendly products.

- 58 Rooms
- AAA Discount
- Business Center
- Complimentary Internet Access
- Complimentary Parking
- *Disneyland*<sub>®</sub> Resort Shuttle Service
- Outdoor Pool & Jacuzzi



3131 Bristol Street, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 www.cpcostamesa.com (714) 557-3000









# OVERVIEW

**Crowne Plaza** is an ideal upscale hotel experience for leisure visitors and business travelers. With contemporary style and a modern vibe that's warm and relaxed, Crowne Plaza offers a unique stay within walking distance to South Coast Plaza and Segerstrom Center for the Arts. The hotel allows convenient access and proximity to popular Southern California attractions like *Disneyland*<sub>®</sub> Resort, Balboa Peninsula and the Irvine Business District.

Guests can also enjoy Crowne Plaza's newly renovated, full-service American restaurant and lounge, Fireside Tavern, which is open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Plus, with 9,000 square feet of meeting space, a professional team will ensure your meeting or special event is uniquely tailored to your needs.



# AMENITIES

• 224 Rooms

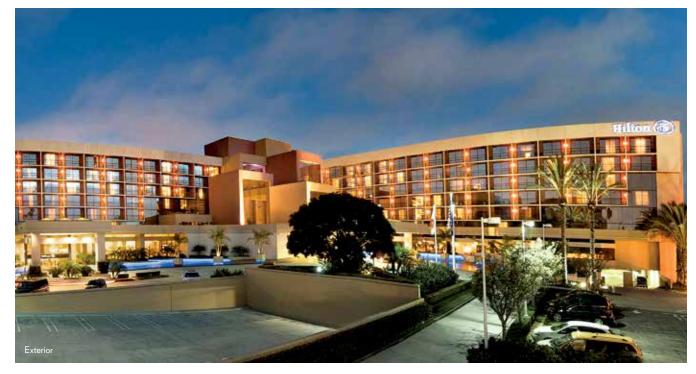
• 9,000 Sq. Ft. Meeting/Event Space

- AAA Discount
- Bus Parking
- Business Center
- Cocktail Lounge
- Complimentary Airport Shuttle Service to and from John Wayne Airport, Orange County
- Complimentary Fitness Center
- Complimentary Internet Access
- *Disneyland*<sub>®</sub> Resort Shuttle Service
- Dry Cleaning
- In-Room Safe
- Meeting Facilities
- Outdoor Heated Pool & Jacuzzi
- Dog-Friendly (fee applies)
- Restaurant On Site
- Room Service
- Self-Parking



3050 Bristol Street, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 www.hiltonoc.com (714) 540-7000









# OVERVIEW

The **Hilton** is located in the heart of Costa Mesa just minutes from the worldrenowned South Coast Plaza and critically acclaimed Segerstrom Center for the Arts, as well as scores of mouthwatering dining options in unique eateries.

Guests will enjoy spacious rooms with either a king or two queen beds featuring the Hilton Serenity Collection<sup>®</sup>, along with a usable workspace creating a room designed for both business and pleasure.

Nestled in a sunlit seven-story atrium beneath towering palm trees, the hotel's highly regarded Bristol Palms California Bistro and Bar proudly features its signature "California Rim" cuisine, depicting the flavors of the Golden State's many vibrant cultures and epicurean influences.

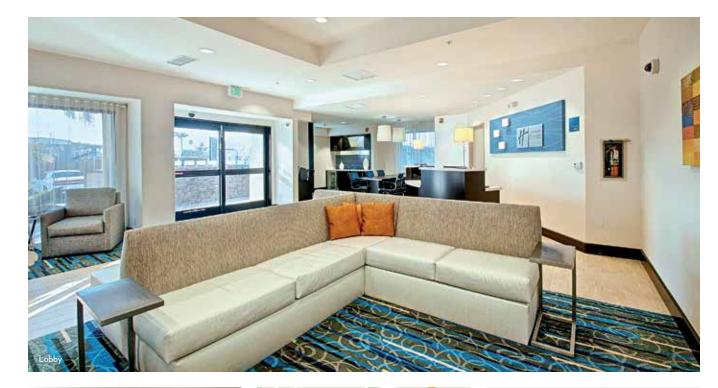


- 486 Rooms
- 48,000 Sq. Ft. Meeting/Event Space
- AAA Discount
- Beauty Salon
- Bus Parking
- Cocktail Lounge
- Complimentary Airport Shuttle Service to and from John Wayne Airport, Orange County
- Complimentary Fitness Center
- Corner Pantry 24-hour Grab & Go Marketplace
- *Disneyland*, Resort Shuttle Service
- Dry Cleaning
- In-Room Safe
- Meeting Facilities
- Outdoor Heated Pool & Jacuzzi
- Pet-Friendly (fee applies)
- Restaurant On Site
- Room Service
- Self-Parking
- Technology Lounge



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# OVERVIEW

Chic style and comfort meets convenience and affordability at the newly renovated **Holiday Inn Express & Suites**. Located less than 2 miles from John Wayne Airport, Orange County, the centrally located hotel is a short drive from nearby beaches, fine dining, and within walking distance of the OC Fair & Event Center and The Triangle shopping and entertainment center.

All guestrooms feature suite-type amenities including a kitchenette, wet bar, microwave and refrigerator. The 24-hour business center offers complimentary access to computers with high-speed Internet, plus laser printer, fax and mail services.

Whether you're working in the Orange County business district or exploring the endless shops, restaurants and beaches, this Costa Mesa hotel is a perfect base for your Southern California travel.



- 62 Rooms
- 400 Sq. Ft. Meeting/Event Space
- AAA Discount
- Business Center
- Complimentary Breakfast
- Complimentary Fitness Center
- Complimentary Parking (1 vehicle per room)
- *Disneyland*, Resort Shuttle Service
- Group discounts for 7 rooms or more (based on availability)
- In-Room Safe
- Outdoor, Heated Pool
- Self-Serve Laundry

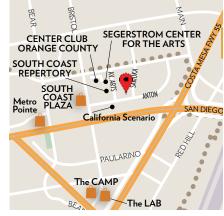


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# OVERVIEW

The **Marriott** is located minutes from renowned attractions, incredible shopping and pristine beaches and is a perfect complement to the beauty, culture, and uniqueness of Costa Mesa. With 253 guest suites featuring beautiful décor, world-famous Marriott plush bedding, and premium bath amenities, it doesn't get better! Business travelers can spread out in 3,200 square feet of space with the flexibility to accommodate small meetings and events.

Your perfect coastal experience continues with Hemingway's, which offers delectable American cuisine three times a day. Active travelers will revel in the hotel's outdoor pool with private cabanas and a 24-hour, state-of-the-art fitness center with weights and cardio equipment. Additional complimentary offerings include shuttle service to and from John Wayne Airport, Orange County and free Wi-Fi in public areas.

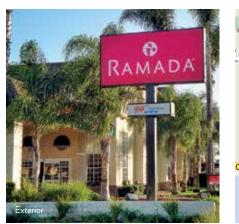
- 253 Rooms
- AAA Discount
- Business Center
- Cocktail Lounge
- Complimentary Airport Shuttle Service to and from John Wayne Airport, Orange County
- Complimentary Fitness Center
- *Disneyland*<sub>®</sub> Resort shuttle service
- Dry Cleaning
- Grab & Go Marketplace
- Internet Access
- Meeting Facilities
- Outdoor Heated Pool & Jacuzzi
- Pet-Friendly (fee applies)
- Safe Deposit Box at Front Desk
- Self-Serve Laundry
- Restaurant On Site
- Room Service
- Self Parking



1680 Superior Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627 www.ramadanewport.com (949) 645-2221









# OVERVIEW

The **Ramada** is perfectly located just off the lively bustle of Newport Boulevard and features comfortable guest rooms and suites for business and leisure travelers alike. Along with a variety of restaurants, boutique shops and bars, the OC Fair & Event Center is also a nearby attraction where guests can experience events year round.

The hotel's welcoming guest rooms provide an in-room safe and refrigerator. All suites also have a microwave and a kitchenette. Start and end your day off right with breakfast or dinner and a drink at the on-site restaurant, the Sunset Grille. The business center, also located in the lobby, features high-speed Internet access and laser printer.

- 140 Rooms
- 500 Sq. Ft. Meeting/Event Space
- AAA Discount
- Cocktail Lounge
- Complimentary Airport Shuttle Service to and from John Wayne Airport, Orange County
- Complimentary Fitness Center
- Complimentary Internet Access
- Complimentary Parking
- *Disneyland*, Resort Shuttle Service
- Dry-Cleaning
- In-Room Safe
- Meeting Facilities
- Outdoor Heated Pools & Jacuzzi
- Restaurant On Site
- Self-Serve Laundry



881 West Baker Street, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 www.residenceinn.com/csmnb (714) 241-8800









# OVERVIEW

The **Residence Inn by Marriott** is located in the heart of Costa Mesa, minutes from John Wayne Airport, Orange County, South Coast Plaza and down the street from The LAB and The CAMP shopping centers.

Whether in town for business or leisure, each oversized suite is designed to fully accommodate any guest's lifestyle. All suites have been equipped with the comforts of home, including spacious living and sleeping areas with a comfortable work desk. The kitchen is fully equipped with a refrigerator, range, microwave, oven, cooking utensils and a coffeemaker. Guests also have access to a 24-hour fitness center, an outdoor heated pool and Jacuzzi.

This extended-stay hotel offers a warm, engaging staff ready to make your visit as comfortable and enjoyable as can be.

- 144 Suites
- 680 Sq. Ft. Meeting/Event Space
- AAA Discount
- Business Center
- Complimentary Airport Shuttle Service to and from John Wayne Airport, Orange County
- Complimentary Breakfast Daily
- Complimentary Fitness Center
- Complimentary Internet Access
- Complimentary Parking
- Complimentary Social Hour (Monday-Wednesday only)
- *Disneyland*, Resort Shuttle Service
- Dry Cleaning
- Fully Equipped Kitchen
- Meeting Facilities
- Outdoor Heated Pool & Jacuzzi
- Safe Deposit Box at Front Desk
- Self-Serve Laundry



686 Anton Boulevard, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 www.westinsouthcoastplaza.com (714) 540-2500









# **OVERVIEW**

The newly renovated **Westin South Coast Plaza** enjoys a prime location in the heart of Orange County, in close proximity to world-renowned shopping, exciting attractions and spectacular beaches. A short pedestrian bridge connects guests to South Coast Plaza, an international shopping destination featuring 250 of the finest retail boutiques and 30 signature restaurants.

Guests can rejuvenate in 394 spacious, beautifully appointed guestrooms. The famous Westin Heavenly<sup>®</sup> Bed promises a sublime slumber, while the spa-like Westin Heavenly<sup>®</sup> Shower invigorates the senses.

The hotel features the iconic Waterfall Terrace facing the popular Lobby Lounge, with its signature cocktails and superfood-packed menus. The outdoor, heated terrace pool and the tennis courts are popular with both kids and adults.

- 394 Rooms
- AAA Discount
- Bus Parking
- Business Center
- Complimentary Airport Shuttle Service to and from John Wayne Airport, Orange County
- Complimentary WestinWorkout® and gear lending program
- *Disneyland*, Resort Shuttle Service
- Dry Cleaning
- Grab & Go Marketplace
- Lobby Lounge
- Outdoor Heated Terrace Pool with Cabanas
- Over 35,000 Sq. Ft. of indoor and outdoor Meeting/Event Space
- Pet-Friendly (fee applies)
- Restaurant On Site
- Room Service
- Self or Valet Parking
- Tennis Courts

# A WEEKEND

Costa Mesa, the *City of the Arts*,<sup>™</sup> offers the very best of Orange County, California with world-class dining, shopping and entertainment. The city is centrally located between Los Angeles and San Diego and is just minutes from the Pacific Ocean.



### DAY 1 - INDULGE IN FOOD & FUN

After you arrive at John Wayne Airport, Orange County, just 10 minutes from Costa Mesa, check into one of the city's welcoming hotel accommodations, many of which offer complimentary airport shuttle service.

Relax and begin your day with breakfast! It's nearly impossible to choose among local favorites like Old Vine Cafe's savory omelets, the "Dutch Baby" deep-dish pancake from Plum's or Sidecar Doughnuts & Coffee. After breakfast, set out for a stroll through The OC Mix, one of the hottest gathering spots in Orange County. Pop-up shops at The OC Mix include a craft cocktail shop, a chocolatier, organic baby clothing and a specialty spice shop. Next door, SoCo Collection offers home furnishing and kitchen design stores. Enjoy afternoon tapas at Pueblo, or a charcuterie plate at WeOlive.

Spend the late afternoon walking Costa Mesa's arts district, with a variety of public art available for viewing (see our guide on p.20), and make sure to stop at *California Scenario*, a tranquil outdoor sculpture garden in the heart of the city. Before heading back to your hotel for the evening, immerse yourself in Costa Mesa's nightlife. Indulge in dinner, cocktails and conversation in the perfect casual lounge atmosphere at Silver Trumpet Restaurant and Bar or the hip Mesa at The CAMP.





# DAY 2 - ART OF FASHION &

**THE STAGE** Experience the Art of Fashion by starting your day at South Coast Plaza. Pick up a croissant at Champagne French Bakery and revel in 250 designer and unique boutiques under one roof. South Coast Plaza is a fashion mecca that will satisfy the most discerning shopper. After you've picked up the latest Gucci bag, enjoy the selection of over 30 incredible restaurants, whether your stomach is calling out for Din Tai Fung's famous Shanghai dumplings, or duck breast and foie gras at Marché Moderne. Put on those new Prada shoes and experience the Art of the Stage with a performance at Segerstrom Center for the Arts. The center hosts award-winning musical and theater productions year round; you might just time it right to catch a concert by the legendary Placido Domingo, or enjoy the rollicking fun of *Chicago* or *Wicked* on stage.

# DAY 3 - EXPLORE NEARBY DESTINATIONS Before heading

**DESTINATIONS** Before heading home, spend a day at the nearby world-famous *Disneyland*<sub>®</sub> Resort. Anaheim Resort Transportation offers round-trip shuttle service there with advance reservations from select Costa Mesa hotels and South Coast Plaza. Or for a more relaxing day, start with a hearty soul food brunch at Memphis Café and then stroll down the glittering azure coastline of Newport Beach, play some golf at Costa Mesa Country Club, or visit Talbert Nature Preserve, with nearly 2,000 acres of unspoiled Southern California landscape and 3 miles of walking trails.

Costa Mesa invites you to experience a fabulous weekend retreat with a variety of activities for everyone to enjoy.

# COSTA MESA

### YEAR-ROUND (WEEKENDS)

Orange County Marketplace at the OC Fair & Event Center Sunday Sounds at The LAB

### JANUARY/FEBRUARY

Chinese New Year Celebration at South Coast Plaza

### **FEBRUARY**

Pacific Coast Sport Fishing Festival and Boat Show

### **APRIL**

Costa Mesa Community Run

Pacific Playwrights Festival at South Coast Repertory

Spring Garden Show at South Coast Plaza

## MAY Orange County Marathon

JULY - AUGUST Concerts in the Park at Fairview Park

Orange County Fair at the OC Fair & Event Center

Movie Mondays at Segerstrom Center for the Arts

Summer at the Center at Segerstrom Center for the Arts

### **SEPTEMBER**

Cruisin' For A Cure at the OC Fair & Event Center

> Festival of Children at South Coast Plaza

Great Labor Day Cruise at OC Fair & Event Center

**OCTOBER** Pumpkins and Pancakes at South Coast Plaza

NOVEMBER Artventure at SoCo Collection

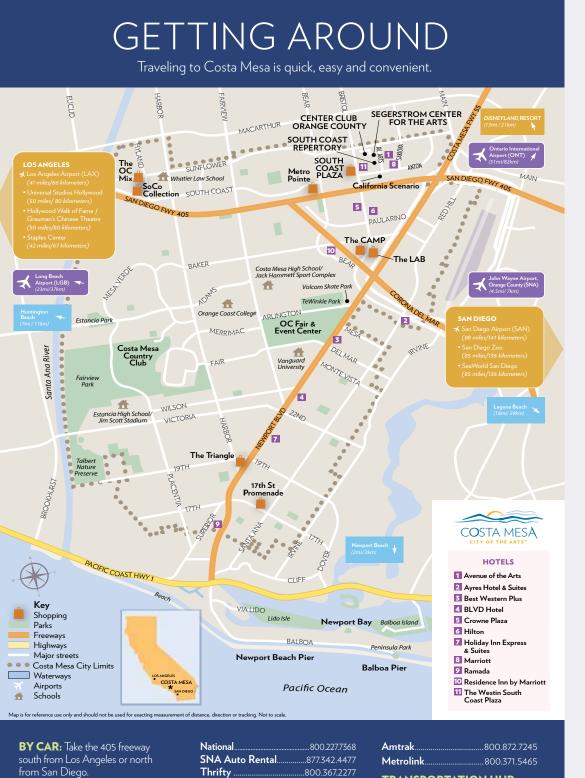
Santa at South Coast Plaza

Tree Lighting Ceremony at Town Center Park

DECEMBER The Nutcracker at Segerstrom Center for the Arts

Snoopy Holiday Display at City Hall

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