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Orange County is known for its many art galleries and arts-oriented events taking place in Newport Beach, Huntington Beach, and Laguna Beach, where some of the festivals have become so popular that they have become synonymous with the community itself.



Bowers Museum

**Bowers Museum** in Santa Ana is one of Southern California's finest museums and Orange County's largest. One of few in the United States devoted to promoting human understanding through art. Call 714.567.3600 or visit [www.bowers.org](http://www.bowers.org).

**The Orange County Museum of Art** is the premier visual arts organization in Orange County. Located in Newport Beach, the museum's collection comprises nearly 5,000 objects, with a concentration on the art of California from the early 20th century to the present. Call 949.759.1122 or [www.info@ocma.net](http://www.info@ocma.net).

**The Laguna Art Museum** is an heir to the Laguna Beach Art Association, the oldest cultural institution in Orange County. Through collections, publications and research on the art of California, Laguna Art Museum in Laguna Beach promotes an understanding of the role of California artists in the development of the visual arts nationally and internationally. Call 949.494.8971 or visit [lagunaartmuseum.org](http://lagunaartmuseum.org).

**The Crystal Cathedral** in Garden Grove has been hailed as one of "the most spectacular religious edifices in the world." It is home to the annual *Glory of Christmas* and *Glory of Easter* pageants. Tours are available. Call 714.971.4013 or visit [www.crystalcathedral.org](http://www.crystalcathedral.org).

**The Discovery Science Center** in Santa Ana is dedicated to educating young minds, assisting teachers and increasing the public's understanding of science, math and technology through interactive exhibits and programs. Call 714.542.2823 or visit [www.discoverycube.org](http://www.discoverycube.org).

**The J. Paul Getty Museum**, commonly known as the Getty Museum, is located on the west side of Los Angeles and features a collection of artworks that are meaningful and attractive to a broad audience. Interpretation of the collection is achieved by educational programs, special exhibits, publications and knowledgeable docents. Call 310.440.7300 or visit [www.getty.edu](http://www.getty.edu).



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**Little Saigon** is considered the cultural and commercial capital of Southern California's largest Vietnamese community. A favorite destination is the Asian Garden Mall, a two-story indoor complex with some 400 ethnic boutiques, specialty shops, restaurants, and the largest jewelry center in Orange County. Call 714-842-8018 or visit [www.bridgrecreek.com](http://www.bridgrecreek.com).

**Mission San Juan Capistrano** is one of the original 21 California missions. Founded in 1776 by Father Junipero Serra, it receives worldwide attention every March 19 when the swallows fly back to Capistrano on St. Joseph's Day. Call 949.234.1300 or visit [www.missionsjc.com](http://www.missionsjc.com).

**The Newport Harbor Nautical Museum** - Visit the NHNM and explore our touch tank, sportfishing simulator and multi-media exhibits. Be dazzled by our extraordinary collection of ship models. Located in the historic Balboa Fun Zone. Call 949.675-8915 or visit [www.nhnm.org](http://www.nhnm.org).

**The International Surfing Museum** preserves an important aspect of nearby Huntington Beach's image as "Surf City, USA." Home of the U.S. Surfing Championships and the celebrated Bud Surf Tour, Huntington Beach is rated the "most heavily surfed beach on the West Coast" by *Surfer's Almanac*. So it is only natural for this surfing landmark to also play host to this international monument to surfing. Call 714.960.3483 or visit [www.surfingmuseum.org](http://www.surfingmuseum.org).

**The Richard Nixon Library & Birthplace** in Yorba Linda has the farmhouse where America's 37th President was born and raised. View the burial site of the President and Mrs. Nixon and the permanent exhibits which includes many letters, photographs and personal effects from the Nixon Family. Call 714.993.5075 or visit [www.nixonfoundation.org](http://www.nixonfoundation.org).