



The Best Of
Southern California

Nightlife!

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Looking to have a good time? The OC's diverse nightlife agenda offers something for just about everybody. Within five to ten miles of South Coast Plaza alone, there's a multitude of great places with the promise of an enjoyable evening. So whether you're looking for a fun night of dancing, side-splitting comedy, pool playing, enjoying live music or karaoke, or just relishing a cold beer or fine wine and enjoying delicious food, count on the OC to have something to satisfy your craving.



 Live DJ
  Live Music
  Happy Hour Specials
  Dancing
 Open Mic/Karaoke
  Comedy
  Billiards

Butterfly Lounge   949.642.2243

719 West 19th Street, Costa Mesa
www.butterflylounge.com

Each Saturday night 2 Butterfly Mascots emerge to mingle, dance and make sure guests feel comfortable, making The Butterfly Lounge the place to be on Saturday night! The music ranges from hip-hop, rock, top 40, disco and 80s, to popular dance music; the DJs always take requests.

Savannah 714.557.6647

655 Anton Boulevard, Costa Mesa
www.culinaryadventures.com

Featuring live music to be enjoyed after dinner in the 'Moulin Rouge' themed lounge, Savannah Supper Club features updated classic and contemporary American cooking.

Chester Drawers  949.631.4277

179 East 17th Street, Costa Mesa

The name is cute and so is the clientele. This friendly bar is essentially a pick-up spot, with the young and the beautiful showing off on the packed dance floor. The lights are low and the energy is high. People come from all over the Southland to enjoy this spot. Full bar with beer and wine served by the glass. Drinks are only \$1 on Saturday nights.

Club Mesa   949.642.8448

843 West 19th Street, Costa Mesa

This club is a pleasant surprise. With its great alternative live music usually local bands, Club Mesa encourages a low-key atmosphere. Hit the pool tables or just chill out in a dark corner and listen to the music.

Club Vegas, Stardust Lounge   949.548.9500

1901 Newport Avenue, Costa Mesa
www.clubvegas.com

DJs spin an electric mix of top 40, hip-hop, 70s, 80s, disco, funk and old school in the main club and the Stardust Lounge 9:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. Friday & Saturday nights. \$20 - \$40 cover.

The Clubhouse  714.708.2582

3333 Bristol Street, Suite 2802 (South Coast Plaza), Costa Mesa
www.theclubhouse.com

This stylish country club environment makes the private world of privileges available to everyone. Martinis with a Twist of Jazz featuring the Ken James Trio, 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. every Friday.

Detroit Bar   949.642.0600

843 West 19th Street, Costa Mesa
www.detroitbar.com

A casual but ultra-hip place to hang out, drink and be seen grooving or toe tapping to local indie rock musicians or DJs.

Durty Nelly's 🍷 714.957.1951
2915 Redhill Avenue #6101, Costa Mesa
www.durty-nellys.com

This Irish pub has a great name and a happy atmosphere that feels like a pub in 19th century Dublin. The polished brass and wood paneling add to the authenticity. The clientele is jovial, and many of them are regulars who come in for a mid-day break or an evening toast. Everybody is family here, even first-timers. The service is quick and friendly, and the prices are reasonable.

eVocal 🍷 🎸 🎧 949.642.4548
814 West 19th Street, Costa Mesa
www.myspace.com/eVocal

This art gallery, store and music venue offers on Thursday nights alternate between open-mic and hip-hop, MCs and DJs. Various band showcases indie/rock/pop.

The Harp Inn 949.646.8855
130 East 17th Street, Costa Mesa
www.harpinn.com

The Harp Inn is a great Irish pub that features lively talented Irish bands, both locals and imports, that the crowd loves. The bar is owned by Irish transplants, which makes everyone feel as if they are in Dublin, especially since many of the patrons are Irish.

The Helm 949.646.1428
1824 Newport Boulevard, Costa Mesa

This divey bar is filled with an older crowd in the afternoon, and a younger one at night. It serves as a change of pace from the typical Orange County slicked-up bar scene, and is located next door to two other popular bars: Goat Hill Tavern and Yard House.

Kitsch Bar 🎸 714.546.8580
891 Baker Street, Costa Mesa – www.kitschbar.com
Live music nightly.

La Cave 🍷 🎸 949.646.7944
1695 Irvine Avenue, Costa Mesa
www.lacaverestaurant.com

This steakhouse and jazz club features live night-time entertainment. Frank Sinatra tribute with David Kinwald every Monday and Tuesday. Todd Oliver Jazz Quartet, every Wednesday. Rock n' roll karaoke featuring backup band Cover Me Badd, 10:00 p.m. every Thursday.

Lions Den 🍷 🎸 949.645.3830
719 West 19th Street, Costa Mesa
The Lions Den becomes Butterfly Lounge every Wednesday and Saturday night. Club Rewind with DJ Topik spinning hip-hop/old school/house music, 9:00 p.m. every Thursday.

Pierce Street Annex 🍷 🎸 949.646.8500
330 East 17th Street, Costa Mesa
www.piercestreetonline.com

Pierce Street Annex was voted Best of Citysearch Singles Scene 2007. Drink prices are rated the fairest in Orange County for any club that is sizeable and provides music and dancing. Pierce Street Annex is not a restaurant, but half-pound hamburgers, bratwurst, spicy sausage and other great food is available to be cooked on the outdoor barbecue.

Westside 949.646.5615
512 West 19th Street, Costa Mesa 🍷 🎸 🎧

The best kept secret in Costa Mesa. The atmosphere at Westside makes it feel more like a buddy's house than a bar. The restaurant is best known for its pizza, burgers and a variety of sandwiches. There are pool tables, live music and karaoke every Monday and Thursday night.

Shark Club 🎧 714.751.6428
841 Baker Street, Costa Mesa
www.sharkclub.com

Gigantic shark tank, comfy lounge area, billiards, awesome smoking patio and Gay-Night Thursdays. This popular club attracts an upscale, hip crowd. There are 27 pool tables and a 2,000-gallon shark tank.



Sutra Lounge 🍷 🎸 949.722.7103
1870 Harbor Boulevard, Costa Mesa
www.sutrabar.com

Dimly-Lit Moroccan-themed club with two dance floors, three bars and lots of pretty people.

Bistango Restaurant 🎸 949.752.5222
19100 Von Karman Avenue, Irvine
www.bistango.com
Live music every night.

Crazy Horse Steakhouse and Saloon 🍷 949.585.9000
71 Fortune Drive, Suite 864, Irvine
This spacious "saloon" has enough entertainment to keep the party hoppin'. The drinks are mixed perfectly, and are appropriately priced. Not sure what to wear? Anything cool.

El Cholo 🍷 949.451.0044
4365 Alton Parkway, Irvine
www.elcholo.com

Today, El Cholo serves possibly the most diverse clientele, including celebrities, of any restaurant in Los Angeles. Musician Bill O'Gilvie performs 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. every Friday.

French 75 🍷 🎸 714.573.7600
13290 Jamboree Road, Irvine
327 Newport Center Drive (Fashion Island), Newport Beach 949.640.2700
www.culinaryadventures.com

A lively French bistro specializing in Prime American steaks prepared 'Parisian style.' The red glass and candlelit 'Rouge Bar' offers a selection of signature martinis, champagne cocktails, Alsatian beers and French and California wines by the glass. French 75 also features live jazz Wednesday – Saturday, and a weekday 'Bubbly Hour'. Jazz performances from Mike Hamilton are at 6:30 p.m. every Friday and Saturday.

The Improv 🎭

949.854.5455

71 Fortune Drive # 841, Irvine

It's where many of today's stars were born and continue to shine. The World Famous Improv Comedy Showcase has been the career launching pad for many of today's familiar film and television faces.

Sing Sing 🎤 🎧

949.453.8999

71 Fortune Drive, Irvine

Featuring the fabulous dueling pianists who can play any song requested, these musicians make the crowd laugh as they attempt to play the songs shouted out by drunken patrons, who are encouraged to sing (sing! sing!) along. Located in the Irvine Spectrum.

Tia Juana's Long Bar 🍸 🌎

949.551.2998

14988 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine
www.tiajuanas.com

At Tia Juana's, the atmosphere shifts nightly. Themes include hip-hop/top 40, Spanish rock, Live Band Sundays, country nights, Salsa music, swing dancing, and KIIS FM College Nights.

**Balboa Saloon** 🍷 🍹

949.673.9783

700 East Bay Avenue, Newport Beach

www.balboasaloon.com

With plenty of beer, music and friendly faces, Balboa Saloon has established itself as one of the most popular watering holes in Orange County. Sea animals that have paid a trip to the friendly neighborhood taxidermist adorn the walls, adding a touch of the nautical to this Balboa Island bar.

Bambu Lounge 🎷

949.476.2001

4500 MacArthur Boulevard, Newport Beach

www.bambunewportbeach.com

Fairmont Fridays dance series, live music with Gerald Ishibashi and the Stone-bridge Band (nine-piece band playing Top 40s), 8:00 p.m. every Friday night. No cover.

Bayside Restaurant 🍷

949.721.1222

900 Bayside Drive, Newport Beach

www.baysiderestaurant.com

Live jazz/pop, piano or saxophone performances every night.

Blue Beet Café 🎷

949.675.2338

107 21st Place, Newport Beach

www.thebluebeet.com

Nightly live jazz is the main attraction at this Newport Beach club. The Edmund Velasco Quintet tears up the place every Sunday night. The crowd is mainly beach babes and surfer dudes, so it's a big-time pickup spot, as well as a great place to take a date. The martini menu features every martini imaginable.



Duke's Place 🍷

949.645.5000

1221 West Pacific Coast Highway, Newport Beach
Specialty cocktails. Wonderful jazz. Breathtaking views of Newport Harbor. A feast for all the senses, Duke's Place combines taste, sound and sight to create an unparalleled atmosphere of relaxation. Named after the legendary John Wayne, this up-scale entertainment bar and lounge at The Balboa Bay Club & Resort is the perfect spot to unwind at the end of the day.

Harry's Bar at Mamma Gina 🍷

949.673.9500

251 Pacific Coast Highway, Newport Beach
www.mammaginas.com
Located inside the Mamma Gina restaurant but functioning as a separate venue, this bar has a classic name and a classic atmosphere. The clientele is upscale and discerning, mostly in their late-twenties and older. The view of Newport Harbor is to die for, as are the live jazz bands and the many tasty wines.

Hogue Barmichaels 🍷 🍷

949.261.6270

3950 Campus Drive, Newport Beach
www.hoguebarmichaels.com

Live punk, rock and alternative music nightly with varying cover. Club Motion and karaoke every Monday

Muldoon's Dublin Pub & Celtic Bar

949.640.4110

202 Newport Center Drive, Newport Beach
www.muldoonspub.com

This classic Irish pub is located in the heart of Newport Beach. It attracts an eclectic crowd of professionals, college students and everybody in between. Yearning for a good pint of Guinness and a virtual trip to Ireland? This is the place!

Ritz Restaurant 🍷

949.720.1800

880 Newport Center Drive, Newport Beach
www.ritzrestaurant.com

For 25 years, The Ritz Restaurant and Garden has been the place to go for those who appreciate fine food and wine served in an atmosphere of refined elegance. Live Music in Garden Bar, 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Tuesday – Friday. 6:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. Saturdays. Piano Bar in dining room, 6:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. Tuesday – Saturday.

Studio Café 🍷 🎸 🎧

949.675.7760

100 Main Street, Newport Beach

This is an exciting club with a great schedule of live jazz, blues and rock. It's located on the second floor of a building overlooking the Pacific and attracts a fashionable clientele. The crowd is mostly 20-something up-and-coming professional types. Music ranges from jazz and blues to rock to hip-hop DJ sounds.

Tentation Ultra Lounge 🍷 🎧

949.660.1010

4647 MacArthur Boulevard, Newport Beach
www.tenrestaurantgroup.com/tentation

Night club with live DJs every Thursday – Saturday night. Laugh Lounge every Wednesday. \$10 cover.

Village Inn 🍷

949.675.8300

127 Marine Avenue, Newport Beach

This tavern is a unique neighborhood bar with lots of regulars and plenty of live music, ranging from classic rock to lounge music. The clientele ranges from kids just out of college to adults on the verge of their mid-life crises; all in all, a perfect place for individuals of all ages and interests to mellow out.

Bistro 400 🍷

714.543.9821

400 West Fourth Street, Santa Ana
www.bistro400.com

Come sink into a cozy chair, enjoy the warmth of the buttercup-colored walls and relax to the always changing music. Bistro 400 offers extraordinary food in an intimate setting that provides casual elegance along with refined hospitality. Located in Santa Ana's historic downtown district, the Bistro is as colorful as its art-enriched surroundings. Live jazz every Friday – Sunday.



Blue Beet Café

French 75



Club Rubber 🍷 🎧

949.224.3006

3503 South Harbor Boulevard, Santa Ana

Every other Saturday night, the Galaxy theater transforms into Club Rubber. Each night has a different theme; past themes have included 70s disco, Catholic School Girl, and 60s Psychedelica. Techno, trance and hip-hop music is played consistently all night to keep the crowd dancing. The clientele is eclectic. Credit cards are accepted at the bar, but admission must be paid in cash.

Gypsy Den 🎶 🎧

714.835.8840

125 North Broadway Avenue, Santa Ana

www.gypsypden.com

Nose-pierced babes woo scruffy-bearded grad students with promises of Foucault and vegetarian chili at this hot night spot. Open-mic music/poetry nights 7:30 – 11:00 p.m. every Monday and Thursday. Django Jam (jazz & swing jam sessions), 7:00 p.m. every first and third Wednesday of the month. Poetry readings, 7:00 p.m. every first Tuesday of the month. Live music, 8:30 p.m. every Friday & Saturday.

The Olde Ship

714.550.6700

1120 West 17th Street, Santa Ana

www.theoldeship.com

This British pub is a place where relaxation, stimulation and conversation are the order of the day. In their "local", as the British refer to their pubs, a sense of being "at home" is very much in evidence; and, it's the publican's job to ensure the maintenance of that atmosphere.

Original Mike's 🍷

714.550.7764

100 South Main Street, Santa Ana

www.originalmikes.com

This remarkable restaurant showcases two full bars, a presentation kitchen, an inviting patio, an indoor stage for nightly live entertainment, a stage on the patio for live entertainment on the weekends and a wide selection of drinks.

Proof Bar

714.953.2660

215 North Broadway, Santa Ana

www.proofbar.com

Located in the heart of historic downtown Santa Ana is this semi-intimate, full-alcohol cocktail lounge. An outlet for eclectic Orange County music, culture and nightlife, this is the first new full alcohol bar in Santa Ana in 21 years, promoting evolution of the Artists Village into an increasingly urbane night-time destination.

Second Stage Theater 🎭

714.545.3825

2122 South Grand Avenue South #C, Santa Ana

Second Stage Theater is literally that - the "second stage" of the self-producing repertory troupe known as the Berubians. Before opening their own theaters, they performed in venues such as the Comedy Store and The Laugh Factory. The performers have roots in improv and sketch comedy and can make a crowd laugh with just a simple facial movement. In addition to performances, they hold several improv workshops.



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www.TravelCostaMesa.com

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If you've had too much to drink please call for a ride.**

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Evening Star Limousine Service	714.524.8585



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