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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. 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 round-trip 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 guide to the City of the Arts™. Check out our calendar of events and recreational activities, plus suggested itineraries to help guide your stay in Costa Mesa.

HISTORY OF COSTA MESA

Costa Mesa, originally named Harper, was incorporated in 1953 when it was a farming community of 1,400 people. Now, it’s a world-class destination with a growing population of 112,174 people. Here are a few important milestones the city has celebrated:

- 1920: The city of Harper is officially renamed Costa Mesa.
- 1923: The first local newspaper, the Costa Mesa Herald, begins operation (now the Daily Pilot).
- 1948: Orange Coast Junior College opens (now Orange Coast College), as well as the first park, Lions Park.
- 1967: Civic Center Park completed on Fair Drive. Initial phases of South Coast Plaza completed.
- 1978: South Coast Repertory relocates to Town Center.
- 1986: Orange County Performing Arts Center opens in Town Center.
- 1999: Costa Mesa formally adopts the slogan City of the Arts™.
- 2006: The Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall opens in Town Center.
- 2011: The Orange County Performing Arts Center is officially renamed Segerstrom Center for the Arts.
COSTA MESA offers shopping for every style. From world-renowned 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, fashion-forward 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.

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) 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.
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

3 | 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

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 tarp, 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

9 | PUEBLO Inspired by the scores of tapas in Barcelona, Pueblo serves fresh and vibrant Spanish small bites. Expect everything from grilled Spanish cheeses with charred fig and black truffle oil bocadillos (sandwiches) to fresh shrimp 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 flare. 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

VISIT TRAVELCOSTAMESA.COM/EAT for more on dining
MORE FAVORITE RESTAURANTS

THE CAPITAL GRILLE  Hand-caved steaks, fresh seafood and an award-winning wine list of over 550 selections.
3333 Bristol St., 714.432.1140

MORE FAVORITE RESTAURANTS

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

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

MEMPHIS CAFÉ  Suburban bar turned hip roadhouse offering a mix of regional American and traditional soul food.
2900 Bristol St., 714.432.7685

SHUCK OYSTER BAR  Multi-course sushi creations and refreshing cocktails.
3333 Bristol St., 714.850.0880

HABANA  Reminiscent of 1950s Cuba, expect classics like ropa vieja, empanadas and sangria in a romantic setting.
2900 Bristol St., 714.556.0176

HAMAMORI RESTAURANT  Multi-course sushi creations and refreshing cocktails.
3333 Bristol St., 714.641.2005

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

NATIVE FOODS  A fusion of ethnic and vegan fare regularly exceeding expectations of vegetarian cuisine.
2900 Bristol St., 714.753.2151

BISTRO PAPILLOTE  Casual eatery offering classic French-Vietnamese food.
2900 Bristol St., 714.432.1140

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

TACO MESA  Top Zagat-rated restaurant offering healthy, innovative Mexican fare from time-honored recipes.
647 W. 19th St., 949.642.0429

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

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647 W. 19th St., 949.642.0429

VACA  Bringing the flavors of Barcelona, Madrid, Andalusia, Seville and the Basque regions to Orange County. Enjoy grass-fed Argentinian beef and Spanish favorites such as paella, octopus and grilled calamari.
615 Town Center Dr., 714.429.7640

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PACIFIC-SOUTHWESTERN RESTAURANT  Using healthy rustic ingredients from organic farmers.
2900 Bristol St., 714.549.2584

ECCO PIZZERIA & BAR  Incredible pizza, pasta and other Italian entrees plus fine wine pairings.
2903 Bristol St., 714.644.3226

WEENIES  Hand-carved burgers in a casual California atmosphere.
2901 Bristol St., 714.957.8626

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

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SEABIRDS KITCHEN  Freshly crafted and creative vegan food locally sourced from organic farmers.
2900 Bristol St., 714.549.2584

SCOTCH & SODA  Full-service restaurant offering healthy, innovative cuisine.
665 Paularino Ave., 714.434.1101

VISIT TRAVELCOSTAMESA.COM/EAT for more on dining
THE FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS are well represented in Costa Mesa. Taking center stage in Orange County is Costa 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™ and recognized as Orange County’s cultural epicenter.
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 to serving the Orange County community for more than 40 years, the non-profit, 75-seat community theater brings talented performers and stage craftspersons 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.

VISIT TRAVELCOSTAMESA.COM/CALENDAR for upcoming events and shows.
COSTA MESA ART WALK

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

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 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 entwined elements loosely translated as “Encirclement of Limbs” or “Tower of Legs”.

6. The Ram: A 20-foot-tall, 7-ton, bright yellow, steel abstraction inspired by the Ram’s Horns.


9. Four Lines Oblique Gyratory-Square: An ever-changing strong structure, that’s gentle enough to move with just the slightest breeze.

10. Sun Glitter: Bronze sculpture depicting a mermaid riding a dolphin.

11. Oiseau: Cast bronze sculpture with rounded sides and sharp projections.

12. Reclining Figure: Based on the human figure with universal shapes.

13. Firebird: Named after Igor Stravinsky’s famous ballet, the gold, red and silver structure is architecturally integrated into Segerstrom Hall.


15. Utsurohi: 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. 200 E. 1st 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, 949.657.5918, costamesahistory.org

DIEGO SEPUYEDA ADOBE: An early Native American settlement and colorful segment of Southern California history. 1900 Adams Ave. Costa Mesa, 949.657.5918, costamesahistory.org/adobe.htm

DISCOVERY CUBE: An interactive science museum with more than 100 exhibits. 2510 North Main St. Santa Ana, 714.542.2827, 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, 714.540.0400, heritageoc.org

INTERNATIONAL SURFING MUSEUM: Rowesons Huntington Beach’s reputation as Surf City, USA with a display of surf memorabilia. 411 Olive Ave. Huntington Beach, 714.960.3483, surfmmuseum.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, lagunartmuseum.org

LYON AIR MUSEUM: Displays historic military aircraft, vehicles and other World War II memorabilia. 19300 Icke James Rd. Santa Ana, 714.230.4588, lyonairmuseum.org

MARCONI AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM: Holds an impressive collection of historic and exotic classic cars and bikes. 1502 Industrial Dr. Tustin, 714.256.1001, marconimuseum.org

MISSION SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO: One of the original 21 California missions. 26801 Ortega Hwy. San Juan Capistrano, 949.234.1500, missionsjc.com

MUSEO: A cultural arts center home to Anaheim’s original library and ongoing changing exhibitions. 241 South Anaheim Blvd. Anaheim, 714.956.8936, museo.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. 411 E. 1 St. Suite 101 Costa Mesa, 949.870.5910, gmoma.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

ALSO TAKE THE ART WALK & MUSEUMS
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 world-renowned 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 Resort welcomes visitors from all over the world and has among one of the highest theme park attendances anywhere. The Disneyland, 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 quick and easy round-trip shuttle transportation to the Disneyland, Resort. 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, Resort— which includes both Disneyland Park and Disney California Adventure 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 (1751 Golf Course Dr.) or one of the nearby beautifully kept greens: Monarch Beach Golf Links (30 Monarch Beach Resort N. Dana Point), Pelican Hill Golf Club (22600 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. 1250 E 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. 8339 Bear Dr., Buena Park

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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.
YOUR EVENTS
in
COSTA MESA

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 year-round 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 world-famous 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-square-foot 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 8,200-seat amphitheater.

VISIT TRAVELCOSTAMESA.COM/MEETINGS for more ideas.
WHITEHORE 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, Resort.
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.
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™ 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.
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.
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.
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, 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.
OVERVIEW

The Hilton is located in the heart of Costa Mesa just minutes from the world-renowned 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®, 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.
Holiday Inn Express & Suites

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OVERVIEW
Clic 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.

AMENITIES
• 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
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.

AMENITIES

• 253 Rooms
• AAA Discount
• 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
• 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
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.

AMENITIES

- 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
- AAA Discount
- 500 Sq. Ft. Meeting/Event Space
- 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
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- Meeting Facilities
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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.

AMENITIES

• 144 Suites
• 690 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
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® Bed promises a sublime slumber, while the spa-like Westin Heavenly® 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.
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 Café’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 home, spend a day at the nearby world-famous Disneyland, 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.