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**NEWPORT BEACH: SO MANY REASONS TO VISIT!**

*Girlfriend Getaways, Romantic Weekends and Family Travel*

*There is Something for Everyone!*

**NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (April 1, 2018)** – Situated between Los Angeles and San Diego and nestled among golden stretches of pristine Pacific coastline, Newport Beach epitomizes the casual yet sophisticated lifestyle of Southern California. This idyllic seaside destination is widely celebrated for its natural beauty that sets the scene for a vibrant yachting community alongside stylish accommodations, eclectic coastal cuisine, and world-class shopping. Comprised of ten distinct district neighborhoods, each lend a unique culture, charm, natural beauty, and history to the city. Ranked among the “Top 10 Resort Towns in the U.S.,” Newport Beach is also distinguished as one of the country’s “Top 10 Best Family Beaches.”

**THE COTTAGES OF CRYSTAL COVE**

Crystal Cove State Park's Historic District is a stretch of beach in Southern California's Newport Coast that is home to 24 restored, charming cottages from the 1930s and ‘40s. The cottages can be rented as an enchanting retreat for visitors who appreciate the opportunity to experience California’s natural and architectural beauty, untouched by time. <https://crystalcove.org/beach-cottages/>

FUN FACT: Plan ahead and you can reserve the cottage that appeared in the movie drama Beaches (1988) starring Bette Midler and Barbara Hershey.

**LIDO HOUSE**

The newest addition to the Newport Beach portfolio of hotel properties, the Lido House is a Marriott Autograph Collection hotel comprised of 130 guest rooms, including one presidential suite, several executive suites and five custom designed three-story cottages. It is the ultimate beach house retreat embodying the luxurious, yet laid back vibe of its hometown. Lido House is set on the site of the former Newport Beach City Hall and pays homage to the historic landmark with its signature restaurant, The Mayor’s Table. The hotel also boasts the only rooftop bar in Newport Beach, a saltwater pool with private cabanas, a high-end fitness spa and a 1,500-square-foot, ocean-inspired spa. It is also ideally situated in the city’s marina, just steps away from the retail mix offered at Lido Marina Village. <https://www.lidohousehotel.com/>

FUN FACT: Newport Beach local, David August, who has been custom making tailored suits and casual wear for the most distinguished business leaders, sports professionals and entertainers since 1989, designed the uniforms for the Lido House staff.

**DUFFY BOAT EXPERIENCE**

The best way to take in the essence of the city is with a narrated Duffy Boat tour showcasing Newport Beach mansions, yachts and sailboats, highlighting celebrity history and a drive-by of John Wayne's estate and yacht, The Wild Goose, in addition to the former homes of Shirley Temple, James Cagney and George Burns! All while seeing the Lido Peninsula, Newport Beach Harbor Islands, The Balboa Bay Club and the Newport Yacht Club. <http://www.duffyofnewportbeach.com/>

FUN FACT: Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall spent many happy hours on Bogey’s boats moored in Newport Bay.

**SHOPPING**

**Fashion Island:**  An open-air shopping destination with views of the Pacific Ocean, this luxury shopping center features anchor stores including Neiman Marcus and Bloomingdale's in addition to a variety of specialty boutiques such as Traditional Jewelers**.** Fashion Island also features acclaimed restaurants such as **Fleming’s Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar, Sushi Roku, FIG & OLIVE, Red O, CUCINA enoteca, Hopdoddy Burger Bar, Lemonade, True Food Kitchen** and**R+D Kitchen.**[**https://www.shopfashionisland.com/**](https://www.shopfashionisland.com/)

**Lido Marina Village:** Artisans, tastemakers, chefs, curators and collectors come together to share their wares and draw inspiration from the sun and the sea. Enjoy al fresco dining waterside, explore a mix of charming boutiques and stylish shops, and experience a delightfully scaled village ambience inviting you to stroll and discover creative details at every turn. <https://www.lidomarinavillage.com/>

FUN FACT: Amazing shopping coupled with fabulous dining makes these locations a favorite stomping ground for the Real Housewives of Orange County.

**BALBOA FUN ZONE**

Since 1936, the Fun Zone at Balboa Village has been providing affordable entertainment for all ages. With no admission costs, you can stroll the bayside boardwalk and play as you like. Take a relaxing ride on our Ferris Wheel, which offers fantastic views of the Newport Harbor and Pacific Ocean. The Village is one of the state’s last surviving examples of great waterfront recreational pavilions. <http://www.balboavillage.com/about/>

FUN FACTS: The iconic waterside Ferris Wheel was the setting for [Childish Gambino's music video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tG35R8F2j8k) and [Ryan and Marissa’s first kiss](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KRnm33p9lzE) from FOX teen drama The OC. Two famous frozen treats were created on Balboa Island: the chocolate dipped frozen banana and the Balboa Bar, a block of vanilla ice cream on a stick, dipped in chocolate and your favorite topping.

**FINE DINING**

**Nobu:** The world’s most recognized Japanese restaurant, known for its innovative cuisine and celebrity following, opened its first Orange County location at Lido Marina Village. Designed by a noted Paris -based architect, the restaurant occupies Lido’s premier two-story waterfront space at the tip of the Main Deck, featuring incredible views of the Newport Harbor. Enter this breathtaking restaurant from the main Village street or from your Duffy on the harbor side. Nobu Newport Beach at Lido features indoor and outdoor dining experiences, a sushi bar and lounge.

**Mastro's Ocean Club:** Recognized for their combination of world-class service, highly acclaimed cuisine, and live entertainment in an elegant yet energetic atmosphere. A truly unparalleled dining experience.

**21 Oceanfront :**  Reminiscent of a grand, turn-of-the-century dining club located in the historical McFadden Building, 21 Oceanfront specializes in classic continental selections offering a wide variety of fresh fish, seafood and prime meats. Complement your elegant oceanfront dining experience with a fine selection of wines from the extensive private wine cellar. 21 Oceanfront Restaurant is recognized as being the most romantic restaurant in Orange County and the best place to watch the sunset.

**Marche Moderne:**  One of Southern California’s most celebrated French restaurants from chef-owners Florent and Amelia Marneau, located in the Crystal Cove Shopping Center along Newport Coast. Marché Moderne’s truly exceptional cuisine marries classic French cooking techniques with modern sensibilities, along with world-class service and hospitality for an unparalleled dining experience. Guests can enjoy an oceanfront setting, with a new restaurant design concept featuring a stunning exhibition kitchen, an outdoor patio and an expanded bar.

**Images and video available upon request.**

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