

YOUR ULTIMATE GUIDE TO SPRING AND SUMMER IN NEWPORT BEACH

From sun-drenched festivals to seaside soirées, Newport Beach invites you to celebrate the season with a vibrant lineup of spring and summer events under the California sun!





NEWPORT BEACH, CALIF. (April 17, 2025) – As spring awakens and summer beckons, Visit Newport Beach unveils a collection of events that celebrate the spirit of the coast, the power of community, and the breathtaking beauty of the seasons. From sailing regattas and jazz under the stars to high tea and culinary soirées, this season invites you to walk, wander, and wonder by the sea. Whether you're here for a day or the entire season, Newport Beach promises moments and events filled with sunshine, style, and a splash of seaside magic.

To help you make the most of the season, we've rounded up the can't-miss events happening all across Newport Beach this spring and summer. Each one offering a unique way to savor the sunshine, connect with the community, and celebrate coastal living at its finest:

Gray Whale Migration | Ongoing

Each spring, tens of thousands of gray whales pass along the Newport Beach coastline in one of nature's most awe-inspiring spectacles. From their feeding grounds in the Bering Sea to the lagoons of Baja California—and back again—this annual migration is a front-row invitation to witness the wonders of the wild Pacific.

Roger's Gardens 50th Anniversary Spring Celebration | Ongoing

Step into a kaleidoscope of color as Roger's Gardens celebrates five decades of nature, beauty, and community with a springtime celebration like no other. Themed weekends offer expert tips, immersive garden installations, and unforgettable photo moments in a sanctuary where creativity blooms.

- April 18–20: Bird & Butterfly Gardening & Easter Jubilee
 Celebrate Easter while learning how to create a thriving habitat for pollinators.
- April 25–27: Peppermania



A fiery weekend celebrating peppers with tastings, gardening insights, and culinary inspiration.

May 2–11: Rose Festival & Mother's Day Celebration
 Experience the timeless beauty of roses and find the perfect gift for Mom.

High Tea at Viamara at Pendry Newport Beach | Weekends, 12–3PM

Every weekend, delight in a sophisticated SoCal take on the timeless tradition of High Tea. Indulge in house made pastries, elegant tea sandwiches, and premium teas—with an optional champagne upgrade—inside the chic elegance of Pendry Newport Beach. Reservations required 48 hours in advance.

3rd Thursdays at Corona del Mar Village | Third Thursday of every month, 5–8PM

Revel in the charm of Corona del Mar as the village comes alive each month with live music, food tastings, art exhibits, and community fun. From pup-friendly pop-ups to shop-local scavenger hunts, it's the perfect way to rediscover the neighborhood.

Wildlife Jewels Earth Day Sweep & Learn for Wildlife Walk | April 27

Join local conservationists for a meaningful beach walk at Corona del Mar State Beach. Hear stories of rescued wildlife, help clean the coast, and leave inspired to protect our marine neighbors.

Newport to Ensenada International Yacht Race | April 25–27

A tradition more than 70 years strong, this iconic 126-nautical-mile race sets sail from Newport Beach to Mexico's Baja coast in a thrilling display of seafaring skill, camaraderie, and coastal heritage.

Newport Beach International Boat Show | May 1-4

Explore the pinnacle of yachting luxury with a reimagined experience that blends entertainment, activations, and stunning vessels. From sleek watercraft to elegant lounges, the show celebrates the elevated lifestyle that defines Newport Beach.

- Thursday, May 1: Pre-Show Access (2PM-7PM)
 Be among the first to explore cutting-edge yachts, marine technology, and premium brand activations before the crowds arrive. This exclusive early-access experience offers a first look at the luxury lifestyle that defines Newport Harbor.
- Thursday, May 1: Opening Party presented by Revel Republic x Nobu (6:30PM-10PM)
 Kick off NBIBS in style at the Lido Deck with sweeping harbor views, Nobu hors
 d'oeuvres, premium cocktails, and electrifying live performances by Nic Jackson, Jennifer
 Sunnfors, and violinist D-Sharp. A limited number of public tickets are available for this
 high-energy VIP affair.



May 2–4: General Admission & VIP Access

Dive into three days of luxury on and off the water. Stroll the docks, tour exquisite vessels, discover marine innovations, and enjoy curated entertainment, shopping, and culinary experiences that capture the spirit of Newport's elevated lifestyle.

Newport Beach Wine & Spirits Festival | May 23–25

Set sail into summer over Memorial Day Weekend at Balboa Bay Resort's signature three-day celebration of wine, spirits, and coastal cuisine. With scenic harbor views, curated tastings, and indulgent bites, this elegant festival blends flavor, community, and philanthropy.

- Friday, May 23: Jean-Charles Boisset Winemaker Dinner
 Enjoy a luxurious four-course dinner paired with exceptional JCB wines, hosted by celebrated French vintner and 2024 Wine Enthusiast "Person of the Year," Jean-Charles Boisset.
- Saturday, May 24: Grand Tasting
 Stroll along the waterfront sampling premium wines and spirits—including Veuve Clicquot, WhistlePig, and Empress Gin—paired with culinary delights from top local restaurants. Live music, vibrant energy, and proceeds benefiting the Balboa Bay Club Scholarship Fund make this a standout summer celebration.
- Sunday, May 25: Veuve Clicquot Champagne Brunch
 Close out the weekend in style with an extravagant champagne brunch featuring a chilled seafood display, classic brunch stations, and two glasses of Veuve Clicquot per guest.

Subaru Newport Beach Jazz Festival | May 30 - June 1

A symphony of smooth sounds returns to the Hyatt Regency Newport Beach for a three-day escape of jazz, food, and coastal vibes beneath the palms. Lineup highlights include Anthony Hamilton, Chante Moore, Roney James and more!

30th Annual Balboa Island Parade | June 1

This year's beloved parade pays tribute to our first responders with island flair, a nod to Fire Station #4's 30th anniversary, and an after-party concert with "M Street Band." Bring your chairs, your spirit, and your red, white & blue.

Newport Beach TV Fest | June 5–8

Be part of the inaugural celebration of television arts, hosted by the Newport Beach Film Festival. Taking place at Lido Theater and The Port Theater, this four-day event spotlights emerging talent, hit shows, and creative voices from networks and streaming platforms.

Father's Day Burgers, Bourbon & Cigars | June 9



Celebrate dad in style at Pendry Newport Beach with grilled favorites, live music, premium cigars, bourbon tastings, and lawn games beneath the summer sun.

Newport Beach Wooden Boat Festival | June 13–14

music and timeless maritime ambiance.

Balboa Yacht Club sets the scene for a maritime masterpiece. Themed "Stories From The Sea: Wooden Boats In Film & Fiction," this year's celebration blends classic craftsmanship with timeless storytelling on shimmering waters.

- Friday, June 13: Friday Night Premiere | 6–10PM
 Step into the enchantment of the festival's Hollywood-inspired opening soirée. With cocktails, nostalgic charm, and sweeping harbor views, this elegant evening celebrates the storied legacy of wooden boats. Raise a glass to Stories of the Sea while enjoying live
- Saturday, June 14: Festival Day
 Begin with a red carpet welcome flanked by vintage wooden runabouts, then step aboard over 30 spectacular vessels docked along the marina. Explore "The Boys in the Boat" exhibit, featuring rowing boats reminiscent of the beloved story. Enjoy plein air artists painting scenes inspired by iconic films, live music, and guest speakers sharing tales of nautical legends. Cap off your experience with a harbor cruise aboard John Wayne's Wild Goose, a piece of Newport Beach history.

RELISH – A Food, Wine & Spirits Experience | June 27–29

Hosted by VEA Newport Beach, this elevated weekend brings together celebrity chefs, sommeliers, and spirit authorities for tastings, masterclasses, and unforgettable coastal indulgence.

- Friday, June 27: Opening Night
 - Opening Cocktail Party | 5:00PM-7:00PM
 Kick off the weekend with handcrafted cocktails, curated bites, and premium wine tastings. Mingle with top culinary talent including Chef Aarti Sequeira, Cheesemaster Afrim Pristine, Mixologist Tony Abou-Ganim, and more during this stylish evening of food and drink pop-ups.
 - Private Dinner with Chef Scott Conant | 7:00PM-10:00PM
 Experience a four-course Italian feast by acclaimed Chef Scott Conant, with perfectly paired wines and intimate conversation celebrating his signature cuisine and culinary journey.
- Saturday, June 28
 - Chef + Expert Master Classes | 10:00AM-3:45PM
 Elevate your palate with immersive sessions featuring Chef Gale Gand's "Chocolate 101," Afrim Pristine's West Coast cheeses, mixology and caviar pairings, and more from top winemakers and chefs.



An Evening with Tyler Florence | 6:00PM-10:00PM

Begin with a show-stopping, 12-foot cheese and charcuterie masterpiece created live by Cheesemaster Afrim Pristine. Then enjoy a four-course dinner and engaging conversation with Chef Tyler Florence, concluding with a signature dessert by Zac Young and live entertainment.

Sunday, June 29

- Doughnuts + Sushi Brunch Experience | 10:00AM-12:00PM
 Indulge in handcrafted sushi, fresh donuts, and decadent churros from a lineup of celebrity chefs in this vibrant sweet-and-savory brunch experience.
- Relish Wellness | 12:30PM-3:30PM
 Wind down the weekend with guided meditation, yoga, and workshops focused on nutrition, balance, and holistic well-being.

Pacific Wine & Food Classic | September 20

Celebrate local culinary stars and Restaurant Royalty at Newport Dunes, with chef-driven bites, world-class wine, and The Dessert Garden—a brand-new oasis of decadent creativity.

20th Annual Art in the Park | September 20

The Newport Beach Civic Center transforms into a creative haven, where visitors can browse original art, meet local artisans, and explore unique jewelry, sculpture, photography, and textiles.

For the full calendar of events, and to begin your unforgettable seaside journey, visit <u>VisitNewportBeach.com/events</u>. Seeking vacation recommendations? Dial **1-800-94-COAST** for the exclusive vacation hotline that will be your personal concierge for tailored recommendations, information, and inspiration crafted just for you.

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