

# FACT *Sheet*

A stay in Newport Beach offers a reprieve from everyday life and an opportunity to experience laidback luxury by the coast. With more than 3,345 hotel rooms, there's something for every type of traveler, from charming seaside inns and vacation rentals for families to waterfront getaways for the glamorous, global jetsetter. The destination is home to renowned hospitality brands and luxury resorts where visitors can rejuvenate, relax and escape, including **VEA Newport Beach, A Marriott Resort & Spa; Lido House, Autograph Collection;** and the Forbes Five Star-rated **Resort at Pelican Hill**. Now open, **Pendry Newport Beach** brings an additional 295 sophisticated guest rooms to the destination, located just steps from **Fashion Island**.



## **Landscape**

Newport Beach is approximately 50 square miles, comprising 25 miles of water, 15 miles of land and 10 miles of coastline.

## **Location**

Newport Beach is situated 45 miles south of Los Angeles (under one hour), 90 miles north of San Diego (under 90 minutes) and 26 miles from Catalina Island (approximately 75 minutes by boat). It is conveniently located at the center of the Orange County coastline, with easy access to the I-405, 55 freeway, 73 toll road, and iconic Pacific Coast Highway (Highway 1).

## **Getting Here**

Newport Beach is directly adjacent to John Wayne Airport (SNA); Long Beach Airport (20 miles north); and Los Angeles International Airport (45 miles north).

## **Climate**

Newport Beach has a warm, Mediterranean-type climate year-round, with temperatures averaging about 67 degrees Fahrenheit/ 19.35 degrees Celsius. Winter lows reach an average of 49 degrees Fahrenheit in December, with summer highs of 72 degrees Fahrenheit in August.

## **Population**

One of only six coastal cities in Orange County, Newport Beach is home to 84,792 residents (2021).

## **Distinctions**

- The “Duffy” electric boat was invented in Newport Beach in 1970.
- The city has the longest-operating and only auto ferry in Southern California.
- Newport Beach has the largest recreational harbor on the West Coast.
- It's home to the largest circular pool in the world, located at The Resort at Pelican Hill.
- Newport Beach proudly hosts the longest-running and largest Christmas Boat Parade in the U.S.

# ACCOLADES

## Destination & Beaches

- One of Seven “Hugely Charming Coastal Towns” in the United States (Trip Advisor, 2019)
- Top 25 Beaches in the United States (Trip Advisor, 2019)
- Best California Beach - Newport Municipal and Crystal Cove State beaches (USA Today, 2018)
- Top 10 Most Romantic Beaches (USA Today, 2015)
- The Wedge ranked as one of seven local landmarks to see in 2013 (OC Register, 2013)
- World’s Most Beautiful Canal Cities (Travel + Leisure, 2012)

## Water Quality & Cleanliness

- A+ Rating for “Excellent Water Quality” - Balboa Peninsula beaches, Newport Harbor, Corona del Mar State Beach and Crystal Cove State Park + The Wedge on the Honor Roll (Heal the Bay, 2013)
- Top 13 “Superstar” Beaches, Five Stars for Clean Water Quality (National Resource Defense Council, 2013)
- One of the Cleanest Beaches in the U.S. (USA Today, 2012)
- Five Stars for Cleanest Beaches in the U.S. (CNN, 2012)

## Accessibility

- Best in Travel 2018 Rates John Wayne Airport Best in the U.S. (Money, 2018)
- John Wayne Airport ranked highest among large airports (J.D. Power’s 13th annual airport survey, 2018)

## Holidays

- Top 10 Best Readers’ Poll for Best Holiday Parade (USA Today, 2018)
- America’s Best Places for Holiday Lights (Yahoo! Travel, 2012)

## Meetings

- Top 50 Meeting Destinations in the United States (Cvent Inc., 2013 and 2014)
- Top 50 Safest CA Cities’ List Report (SafeWise, 2018)

## Local Lifestyle

- Top 125 Best Places to Live in the USA (U.S. News & World Report, 2018)
- Top 100 Best Places to Live (Livability, 2018)
- Top Three Best Cities to Live In (Orange County Register, 2013)

## Business

- Best CVB/DMO (Successful Meetings Pinnacle Awards, 2016)
- **Platinum Award** for Website Overall/Nonprofit, Two Gold Awards for Mobile Website and Website Element/Homepage (Hermes Creative Awards, 2014)
- **Four Silver** Communicator Awards for Visit Newport Beach, Websites (Travel/Tourism, Visit Newport Beach, Websites – Structure and Navigation, Visit Newport Beach, Websites – Visual Appeal and Mobile sites – Academy of Interactive & Visual Arts, 2014)
- **Two Platinum** AVA Digital Award Website and omepage/Web Element (Association of Marketing and Communications Professionals, 2014)
- **HSMAI Adrian Gold Award** for Mobile Website and Silver Award for Desktop Website (Hospitality Sales & Marketing Association International, 2013)
- Mobile Web Award for Outstanding Mobile Website (Web Marketing Association, 2013)
- **Four Gold Awards** for Magazine Placement, Website Home Page, Website Redesign, Website for Nonprofit (MarCom Awards, 2013)
- No. 2 on the Best Places to Work in Orange County List (Orange County Business Journal, 2013)

# ACCOLADES

## Business

- **Silver Telly Award** for Non-Broadcast – Travel & Tourism Category – “ ‘Food & Film: Four Course Immersive Dinner’ ” 2023
- **Silver Telly Award** for Non-Broadcast – Social Video – Travel & Tourism Category – “ ‘Neighborhood Guide: Crystal Cove’ ” 2023
- **Bronze Telly Award** for Local TV – Travel/Tourism Category – “ ‘Super Bowl Commercial’ ” 2023
- **Bronze Telly Award** for Regional TV – Travel/Tourism Category – “ ‘94th Oscars® Commercial’ ” 2023
- **Bronze Telly Award** for Regional TV – Travel/Tourism Category – “ ‘Summer Campaign: ‘Let’s Dream By The Sea: Romantic Getaway’ ” 2023
- **Bronze Telly Award** for Regional TV – Travel/Tourism Category – “ ‘Summer Campaign: ‘Let’s Dream By The Sea: Girlfriend’s Getaway’ ” 2023
- **Bronze Telly Award** for Regional TV – Travel/Tourism Category – “ ‘Summer Campaign: ‘Let’s Dream By The Sea: Family Day’ ” 2023
- **Bronze Telly Award** for Regional TV – Travel/Tourism Category – “ ‘Summer Campaign: ‘Let’s Dream By The Sea in Newport Beach’ ” 2023
- **Bronze Telly Award** for Regional TV – Travel/Tourism Category – “ ‘Holiday Campaign: ‘Let it Glow’ ” 2023
- **Bronze Telly Award** for Social Video – Travel & Tourism Category– “ ‘Winter Campaign: ‘Choose Tan Lines Over Lift Lines’ ” 2023
- **Bronze Telly Award** for Social Video – Travel & Tourism Category– “ ‘Celebrate The 114th Newport Beach Christmas Boat Parade’ ” 2023
- LUXlife’s Resorts & Retreats award for Best Destination Marketing Organization Orange County - 2023
- **Platinum Hermes Creative Award** for Electronic Media – Video Category – “ ‘Food x Film Event’ ” 2023
- **Platinum Hermes Creative Award** for Social Media Category – “ ‘Sleigh this Season in Newport Beach’ ” 2023
- **Platinum Hermes Creative Award** for Social Media Category – “ ‘A New Year’s Soiree’ ” 2023
- **Platinum Hermes Creative Award** for Social Media Category – “ ‘Pop the Bubbly’ ” 2023
- **Platinum Hermes Creative Award** for Animated Print Media Category – “ ‘Photography Around Newport Beach’ ” 2023
- **Gold Hermes Creative Award** for Media Relations – TV Placement Category – “ ‘ABC15 Arizona Holiday Segments’ ” 2023
- **Gold Hermes Creative Award** for Strategic Campaign Category – “ ‘Let’s Dream by The Sea’ ” 2023
- **Gold Hermes Creative Award** for Strategic Campaign Category – “ ‘Holiday Campaign: ‘Let it Glow’ ” 2023
- **Gold Hermes Creative Award** for Print Media Category – “ ‘Visit California Advertisement’ ” 2023
- **Platinum Hermes Creative Award** for Animated Display Ads Category – “ ‘Spring Campaign: ‘Float with Us’ ” 2022
- **Platinum Hermes Creative Award** for Social Media Video Category – “ ‘Spring Campaign: ‘Float with Us’ ” 2022
- **Gold Hermes Creative Award** for TV Commercial/Ad Category – “ ‘Spring Campaign: ‘Float with Us’ ” 2022
- **Honorable Mention at Hermes Creative Awards** for Media Relations – TV Placement Category – “ ‘ABC7 Helicopter Live Stream of Newport Beach Christmas Boat Parade’ ” 2022
- **Silver Telly Award** for General/Regional TV Category – “ ‘94th Oscars® Commercial’ ” 2022
- **Silver Telly Award** for Social Video Category – “ ‘Stay & Play in Newport Beach’ ” 2022
- **Gold MarCom Award** for Visit Newport Beach Summer Campaign: ‘Let’s Dream by the Sea’ 2022
- **Platinum Viddy Award** for Social Media Videos/Social Video Campaign Category – “ ‘Stay & Play in Newport Beach’ ” 2022
- **Gold Viddy Award** for Commercial/Broadcast Category – “ ‘94th Oscars® Commercial’ ” 2022
- **Gold Viddy Award** for Commercial/Broadcast Category– “ ‘Float with Us’ in Newport Beach’ ” 2022
- **Silver Telly Award** for Travel/Tourism Category– “ ‘The Creation of Lido House Hotel’ ” 2020
- **Bronze Telly Award** for Food & Beverage Category– “ ‘Culinary Journey’s with Moulin’ ” 2020
- **Bronze Telly Award** for Live Events Category– “ ‘111th Newport Beach Christmas Boat Parade’ ” 2020