


travel
itinerary

PLAYTIME ON THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COAST

A 10-day outdoor adventure traveling south from **Los Angeles** to **San Diego** and featuring stops in **Santa Monica**, **Long Beach**, **Catalina Island**, **The OC** and **Oceanside**.

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California

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- Day 1: **Santa Monica, Malibu & Venice Beach**
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Itinerary overview

Tap into the sun-soaked, Southern California lifestyle on this action-packed journey featuring classic must-stops and lesser-known gems for off-the-beaten-path discoveries. Bookended by urban stays in Los Angeles and San Diego, this itinerary

features quintessential beach towns such as Huntington, Newport and Oceanside and ventures off the mainland for a stint on Catalina Island. Active pursuits on land and at sea are complemented by abundant doses of Californian culture and fresh cuisine.



● Day 1: Santa Monica, Malibu & Venice Beach

- Check into your **Santa Monica** hotel and then hit the PCH north for a scenic drive.
- Splash in the surf at Point Dume's Westward Beach, walk the **Malibu Pier**, watch the surfers and have lunch at **Malibu Farm**.
- Back in Santa Monica, cruise the bike path to **Venice Beach** and have a wander on **Abbot Kinney Boulevard**.
- Enjoy dinner with a spectacular Santa Monica ocean view at **The Penthouse**, **Elephante** or **Water Grill**.
- Hit the iconic **Santa Monica Pier** and ride the **Pacific Park Ferris Wheel**.
- Overnight in Santa Monica.

● Day 2: Los Angeles & Pasadena

- Start the day with a guided hike to the Hollywood Sign in Griffith Park led by **Hikes & Bikes LA**.
- Take in the sweeping LA city views from the **Griffith Observatory**.
- Spend the afternoon wandering through the botanical gardens at **The Huntington** in Pasadena.
- Attend an LA Dodgers baseball game at **Dodgers Stadium**.
- Overnight in **Downtown Los Angeles**.



● Day 3: Long Beach

- Graze through **Grand Central Market** for a true Angeleno-style breakfast.
- Drive to Long Beach (26 mi/42 km via I-710 S).
- Explore the **Aquarium of the Pacific**.
- Stroll through **Shoreline Village** and take flight with **Long Beach Parasail**.
- Overnight in **Long Beach**.

● Day 3: Catalina Island

- Board the **Catalina Express** ferry to **Catalina Island** (approx. 1 hour crossing).
- Journey through Catalina's pristine wilderness aboard an open-air biofuel Hummer with **Ridgetop Eco Adventure**.
- Relax and dine in a private cabana at the **Descanso Beach Club**.
- Overnight on **Catalina Island**.

● Day 4: Catalina Island

- Catch the sunrise on a morning **hike** along the Country Club Loop or Horse Trail Path Loop.
- See incredible marine life on a **Guided Snorkel Eco Tour** or take a **Glass Bottom Boat Voyage**.
- Join a guided two-hour bike tour with **Catalina E-Bike Rentals**.
- Savor local seafood at standouts like **Bluewater Avalon** or **NMK Fish House**.
- Overnight on **Catalina Island**.



● Day 5: Huntington Beach

- Take the first morning **Catalina Express** ferry back to Long Beach.
- Drive to **Huntington Beach** (15 mi/24 km).
- Learn to ride waves in “Surf City USA” with private or group **surf lessons**.
- Dive further into surf culture at the **Huntington Beach International Surfing Museum**.
- Stroll along the **Huntington Beach Pier** and dig into oysters and fresh catch at **Broad Street Oyster Co.**
- Experience a California-style **beach bonfire** at one of the hundreds of fire pits dotting the public beaches.
- Overnight in **Huntington Beach**.

● Day 6: Newport Beach

- Head to the **Balboa Peninsula** (6 mi/9 km via CA-1) to watch the bodysurfers at **The Wedge**.
- Walk the **Balboa Pier**, hit the **Balboa Fun Zone** for arcade games and ride the Ferris Wheel for a birds’ eye view of the **Newport Harbor**.
- Rent an electric **Duffy Boat** to explore the west coast’s largest recreational harbor, or simply cross the charming **Balboa Island Ferry**.
- Browse the curated boutiques of **Lido Marina Village**, home to many uniquely Californian lifestyle brands.
- Overnight in **Newport Beach**.



● Day 7: Laguna Beach & Oceanside

- Start with day with a beach walk at **Crystal Cove State Park** in **Laguna Beach**.
- Stroll along coastal **Heisler Park**, watch the skim boarders at **Aliso Beach** or **Victoria Beach** and browse the shops and galleries of the artistic-spirited downtown village.
- Savor a luxurious seaside lunch at Montage Laguna Beach resort's **The Loft** restaurant.
- Hit the highway south for authentic, low-key surf town vibes in **Oceanside** (42 mi/67 km via I-5), the gateway to **San Diego County**.
- Check into one of the contemporary waterfront sister hotels, **Mission Pacific** or **The Seabird**.
- Order a High Pie sweet treat from the **Top Gun House**, walk the **Oceanside Pier** and watch the surfers.
- Overnight in **Oceanside**.

● Day 8: La Jolla

- Continue down the coast to the low-key posh and lovely San Diego enclave, **La Jolla** (30 mi/48 km via I-5 S).
- Get a bird's eye view of the coast on a tandem paraglide flight at **Torrey Pines Gliderport** or play a round of golf at the famed **Torrey Pines Golf Course**.
- Walk along the bluffs at **La Jolla Cove**, watch the sea lions basking in the sun below and spot snorkelers and divers exploring the coves and caves.
- Browse the shops in **La Jolla's Village** and have a bite to eat at an open-air café.
- Overnight in **La Jolla**.



Day 9: San Diego

- Take a morning walk and check out the tidepools around the **Cabrillo National Monument** in Point Loma.
- Head to **Balboa Park** to walk through the gardens, visit the museums and tour **San Diego Zoo**.
- Peruse the independent spirited neighborhoods of **North Park and South Park**, known for craft breweries and cool boutiques, eateries, art galleries and music venues.
- Check into a hotel in the dynamic **Downtown** district, explore on foot and catch the sunset from a **rooftop bar**.
- Overnight in **Downtown San Diego**.

Day 10: San Diego

- Wander around the Embarcadero and grab a late breakfast at **The Headquarters at Seaport** marketplace.
- Spend the afternoon on **Coronado Island**, relaxing on the broad sandy beach and biking around the charming military town.
- Have a cocktail at the iconic **Hotel Del Coronado**.
- Overnight in **Downtown San Diego** or on **Coronado Island**.