

LAGUNA BEACH & NEWPORT COAST

View of Main Beach from Heisler Park

DINING

THREE SEVENTY COMMON

In their fourth year, 370 Common is focused on flavor and craft. Enjoy barrel-aged cocktails featuring gin, tequila and bourbon. The menu is offered in small, medium and large plates. Dishes are unique and delicious. Try the garbanzo beans served green and sautéed with garlic and peppers. Try the bone marrow, rich at the core but peppered with delicate seasoning. The chicken is tender and expertly prepared. It's a local hang out with cool décor — a mix of Spanish rustic and garage-chic.

www.370common.com



Barrel-Aged Manhattan

THE DECK ON LAGUNA

Enjoy delicious food and fun cocktails while you sit at The Deck on the edge of Laguna Beach. They pair classic, upscale, beach dining with beautiful views from every table. The Baja Shrimp Cocktail features Dungeness crab, bay scallops, shrimp and calamari served with tortilla chips. Another frequent favorite at The Deck is the Cheese Board which comes with three amazing cheeses — usually a chèvre, a brie and a Spanish manchego.

www.deckonlaguna.com

LAGUNA BEACH: ARTIST COLONY

Laguna Beach is full of artists. It's a town centered around the appreciation of art from finely crafted objects d'art to exquisitely prepared cuisine. Laguna Beach offers many programs supporting



Sawdust Arts & Craft Festival



Pageant of the Masters

the arts. Every summer in early July visitors from all over the world come to enjoy the **Festival of Arts and Pageant of the Masters**. A year-round artist alcove at the base of Laguna Hills expand to include daily shows by local (Orange County) artists. In the evenings there are performances by theater artists recreating famous paintings live and on stage. This year's festival theme is *The Pursuit of Happiness*, so expect to see Norman Rockwell's family-friendly scenes reinacted in the Pageant of the Masters. It's a wonderful summer evening activity and visitors are encouraged to bring a picnic.

www.foapom.com

Across the street from the Festival of Arts and Pageant of the Masters is the **Sawdust**

Arts & Craft Festival. This is a fantastic opportunity to pick up some local art. The festival features Laguna Beach resident artists. Festival officials will follow artists home to make sure they reside in Laguna in order to participate in this show — very pro-local. The arts and craft show features creations including watercolors, underwater photography, glass art, ceramics and wood and metal sculpture. Throughout the year, **Sawdust Studios** teach art classes, a fun way to interact with art and expand artistic abilities. Learn to blow glass, paint or make ceramics. Sawdust Studios are open year round for visitors to learn a new craft. If you choose a glass blowing class be sure to request Muffin, a retired LPGA golfer who now makes and teaches glass blowing. She's an excellent teacher and students leave with keepsakes of their artistic vision.

www.sawdustartfestival.org

In 1918, artist Edgar Payne opened an art gallery that later became the **Laguna Art Museum**, one of the first art museums in the state. Set on a cliff by the ocean, the museum offers thought provoking, contemporary exhibits. This fall they'll show *David Ligare: California Classicist*. His classic, California-esque still lifes are stunning. As a fairly small establishment, the museum takes under an hour to explore. Count on finding the perfect gift for all ages at the fantastic gift shop. lagunaartmuseum.org



WHERE TO STAY

Perched atop cliffs, the **Laguna Beach House** provides the perfect base for guests seeking a laid-back California surf vibe while taking in the town's culturally rich art scene. Following a \$1.5M renovation, the boutique hotel embodies a fun and funky beach cottage with surf and skate accents.

Highlights include:

- Guest rooms feature surfboards mounted above the beds and G&S skateboards serving as towel racks
- Surf boards are sold on property
- Custom-designed Laguna Beach destination posters hang in each room, reminiscent of vintage travel posters
- Expanded pool deck with casual lounge furniture and a fire pit provides evening relaxation
- Daily surf reports are displayed on a chalkboard in the lobby
- Nightly wine hours



www.thelagunabeachhouse.com

HOW TO GET THERE

FROM MIDWAY: Southwest Airlines has recently launched Midway (MDW) to Orange County, CA (SNA).

FROM O'HARE: American and United Airlines fly direct from O'Hare (ORD) to Orange County, CA (SNA).



ANNUAL FESTIVALS

Laguna Beach, the crown jewel of Orange County, has been known as an artists' colony for more than 100 years. Some of the annual arts festivals include:

Art-A-Fair

June 26-August 30, 2015

www.Art-A-Fair.com

Sawdust Art Festival

June 26-August 30, 2015

www.SawdustArtFestival.org

Festival of Arts

July 5-August 31, 2015

www.LagunaFestivalofArts.org

Pageant of the Masters

July 8-August 31, 2015

www.PageantTickets.com

Laguna Dance Festival

September 10-13, 2015

www.lagunadancefestival.org

17th Annual Laguna Beach Plein Air Painting Invitational

October 17-25, 2015

www.lagunapleinair.com

Art & Nature Conference and Festival

November 5-8, 2015

www.lagunaartmuseum.org

Sawdust Art Festival Winter Fantasy

Weekends: mid-November – mid-December 2015

www.sawdustartfestival.org

Laguna Beach Music Festival

February 11-14, 2016

www.lagunabeachmusicfestival.com

HISTORY OF LAGUNA BEACH

Laguna Beach is a seaside village with a history dating back more than 2,000 years. The area's first known inhabitants were the Ute-Aztecas Indian tribe. "Lagonas" is the Indian word for lakes and describes the fresh-water lagoons in the nearby canyons.

Laguna's reputation as an artists' colony began with the arrival of artist Norman St. Claire in 1903. St. Claire captured Laguna's dramatic surf, sand and picturesque hillsides. After eyeing his work and learning of the comfortable climate, many of his artist friends made the move to Laguna Beach.