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Around the World in Orange

Santa Ana, Newport Beach, Irvine, 3 Days

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Guide Description



AUTHOR NOTE: There are many things that can draw you to Orange, the beautiful weather, the ocean, its over 100 art galleries, of just fun. No matter what your reasons you will be sure to find it. Stay in luxurious accommodations at the Hilton Waterfront Beach Resort, browse over 40 art galleries in one day, have fun at Balboa Park. No matter where you go, whether it be to Tangata, or Las Brisas or Kappo Sui, you will find something new and exciting to try with the whole family in Orange County.

Itinerary Overview

things to do
restaurants
hotels
nightlife

Day 1 - Newport Beach

DAY NOTE: Start your day off with a traditional American breakfast at First Cabin Restaurant, or sleep in a little and enjoy their fine brunch specialties. From here head over to the Sawdust Festival a summer tradition of over 40 years. There is so much to discover here, jugglers, glass-blowers. It truly is breathtaking, how many cool things are here, you can and probably should spend all day. Making your way through the festival may work up an appetite and if that is the case stop in at the Laguna Culinary Arts where you will be delighted to both look at and eat these decadent dishes. If you can manage to tear yourselves away from the food join in the fun at First Thursday's Art Walk, this walk showcases around 40 galleries, all for your viewing pleasure. Free shuttles are available and you can do the tour with a guide if you prefer. Off to Mexico for dinner, well not exactly but you may very well think you are. Las Brisas boasts some of the best Mexican food in Southern California. Their menu relies heavily on the seafood from the Pacific Ocean but they have something for everyone. When you are nice and full head back to the Hilton Waterfront Beach Resort for some well deserved sleep.



First Cabin Restaurant
Premier Dining by the Bayside

Day 2 - Santa Ana, Irvine, Newport Beach

DAY NOTE: Everyone should start their day off right with a light breakfast, and today is no exception. When you wake up be sure to take advantage of the complimentary breakfast that the Hilton has for you. When you are ready to begin your day head to Santa Ana to play at the Kidseum. This place is designed for young children but I am sure that you will enjoy yourselves too. While you are here drop by the Bowers Art Museum, and take a quick look, you will be coming back. In this area you will find Tangata a quaint restaurant that serves amazing Californian style dishes. This is a fun spot to visit because it is in a place of art, it is fun. After your meal head to Heritage Park where you can do nearly any activity that you want, basketball, tennis anything, so be sure to pack your running shoes. This is a great way for everyone including yourself to release some pent up energy. When you are ready to return to the indoor world Bowers Museum of Cultural Art is waiting for you, with its collection of artifacts for all over the world, like Southeast Asia, Oceania, and Mexico just to name a few. If you are worried about getting all sweaty at the park then do that after Bowers it is all up to you. For some afternoon fun or night time fun Balboa Fun Zone is the place for you, fun is in the name. Here you can ride Ferris wheels, play games or enjoy any of the yummy food. If you are up to eat again, or just want somewhere and get and drink and some appetizers go to

Anthony's Riverboat Restaurant. It is a fun place to hang out so give it a shot. And really how often do you get to eat on a boat?



Tangata
Artsy food



Florence
Fine Italian dining



Anthony's Riverboat Restaurant
A floating restaurant

Day 3 - Newport Beach, Santa Ana

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Hogue Barmichaels
Music Studio with Burgers



Kappo Sui
Fun pub and restaurant

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www.balboabayclub.com

location:

1221 West Coast Highway
Newport Beach CA 92663

hours:

Daily 7a-3p & 5p-10p

1 First Cabin Restaurant

DESCRIPTION: Balboa Bay Club and Resort's premier dining venue offers fresh seafood delights and refreshing views of the Bay. Intimate dining, business dining or social gatherings will be perfectly organized for you by the **First Cabin Restaurant**. Traditional breakfast and fresh brews are a healthy way to kick start your day. Classic egg and fish varieties are offered for Brunch. Lunch and dinner menus are tempting, complete with elaborate entrées like Lobster Medallions on Young Lettuce Lobster and Bay Shrimp Salad with Avocado or Papaya and Pecan Crusted Salmon. You'll devour much more than your appetite as the sumptuous fare is actually tempting both for the eyes and taste buds. © wcities.com



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contact:
tel: 7145500906
www.patinagroup.com/tangata

location:
2002 N. main St.
Santa Ana CA 92706

hours:
Tu to Su from 11:00 AM to
03:00 PM

1 Tangata

DESCRIPTION: Located in the beautiful Bowers Art Museum, Tangata provides a fantastic ambience, Spanish style patio and courtyard, bright flowers and a swanky sky-lit inner room with high ceilings. Once you are peacefully nestled in your seat, order from a number of delectable Californian dishes. In true Californian style, tapas and sandwiches are on the menu. These sandwiches have a punch, like the Roasted Butternut Squash and Manchego Cheese with White Truffle Oil. If you want something a bit more substantial, try the Oven slow-roasted Half Chicken instead - it comes with Basque jus and Tangata garlic fries. The restaurant also organizes banquets for special events and what better place to have a private party or a wedding reception surrounded by beauty and art. You can bring your own alcohol but corkage applies. © wcities.com



Tangata

contact:
tel: +1 949 857 8265

location:
14210 Culver Drive, Suite H
Irvine CA 92604

2 Florence

DESCRIPTION: This restaurant serves delicious northern Italian cuisine. Wonderful high ceilings, beautiful arches, Italian columns, and mahogany windows and doors accent the exhibition kitchen. The clientele ranges from couples to large parties up to 200. The excellent Sunday brunch features breakfast, lunch and dinner items in the buffet plus an omelette. The regular menu includes such delicious choices as Pizza de Firenze, Calzone Rustico, Manicotti, Fettucine Al Frutti Di Mare, Lasagna and more. There is a full bar and an extensive and award-winning wine list. © wcities.com

contact:

tel: +1 949 673 3425
http://www.riverboatrestaurant.com/

location:

151 East Coast Highway
Newport Beach CA 92660

hours:

T-Sa 11a-10p, Su 10a-9p

3 Anthony's Riverboat Restaurant

DESCRIPTION: This restaurant is located in Newport Beach on a floating riverboat. It specializes in steaks and seafood and has live entertainment on weekends. It is a great place to have your birthday party or other special occasion. For an appetizer try Anthony's Shrimp Scampi Classico or the Filet Mignon Tidbits. Entrees include Fresh Northern Halibut, Lobster Tail, Roast Prime Rib of Beef, and New York Steak. It has a full bar and a great wine list. © wcities.com



: Anthony's Riverboat Restaurant

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tel: +1 949 261 6270
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location:

3950 Campus Drive
Newport Beach CA 92660

hours:

M-F 11a, Sa noon

1 Hogue Barmichaels

DESCRIPTION: Hogue Barmichaels is a restaurant and bar that caters towards musicians and music lovers. While checking out some of the bands that grace the stage, you can feast on one of their ten burger choices for lunch or dinner. Up and coming bands might particularly want to check out Hogue Barmichaels as they will allow you to record your band for only \$10! They will also supply the bands with equipment such as PA systems, a sound engineer, and drum microphones too. © wcities.com



Photo courtesy of Hogue Barmichaels

contact:

tel: +1 714 429 0141

location:

20070 Santa Ana Avenue
Santa Ana CA 92707

hours:

M-Su 5:30p-11p

2 Kappo Sui

DESCRIPTION: This Japanese pub and restaurant will make you feel like you are in Tokyo. The atmosphere is lively as patrons convene over the fine food, enhanced by the Japanese beer and sake. You're going to want to order something with your sake—that's what the "kappo" are for. Kappo are appetizers that are meant to be eaten while drinking. If you want something more, try the fish entrees or the filet mignon. The menu doesn't have many conventional wines as most people are imbibing beer and sake. © wcities.com