

- 53.** Catch a wave (not really, just learn about the history of the cultural phenomenon of surfing) at the California Surf Museum, 223 N. Coast Highway: 760-721-6876.
- 54.** Visit North San Diego's only gallery specializing in photographic art the OPT Underground Gallery, 918B Mission Avenue: 800-483-6287
- 55.** Try your hand at painting or sketching one of Oceanside's many beautiful scenics -- an ocean sunset, a charming building downtown, a lovely park setting -- you name it.
- 56.** What's goes better with a breakfast burrito & chocolate mocha than some fabulous local art. Visit Hill Street Café and Gallery: 760-966-0985.

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Hold on to your sweetie (no matter how little they may be) and count the stars at the beach.



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- 58.** Enjoy our region's rich history at Heritage Park: 760-433-8297.
- 59.** Can't figure out what to do with that blank wall in the guest bedroom? Check out the Capa Art Show where regional artists sell their original art and crafts. Saturdays & Sundays by the lighthouse from Memorial Day-Labor Day.
- 60.** Visit the historic Pioneer Cemetery off Rancho Del Oro Drive between Mission Avenue and State Route 78.
- 61.** Chugga chugga, choo choo! Get your train on at the Oceanside Train Museum.
- 62.** View a diverse range of contemporary exhibitions at the Kruglak Art Museum at Mira Costa College, One Bernard Dr.: 760-757-5368
- 63.** Enjoy a live theater or dance performance at Mira Costa College.
- 64.** Wine Tasting at Vine to Glass, 210-A N. Coast Hwy.: 760-757-1037.
- 65.** Visit Oceanside's unique architectural landmarks that include: The Civic Center and Fire Station designed by Irving Gill and the Star Theater, a classic example of "Googie" architecture.
- 66.** Re-live Oceanside's Spanish heritage at the Rancho Guajome Adobe: 760-724-4082.
- 67.** Enjoy Arts Alive, the street banner program done by MainStreet Oceanside: 760-754-4512.

- 68.** The Community Amphitheater hosts live music acts, community plays and holiday events -- and the view, outrageous! If that doesn't get you, than see if you can recognize it from the popular Hollywood film "Bring it On". Special Events Office: 760-435-5540.
- 69.** The Oceanside Cultural Arts Foundation (www.ocaf.info) presents Days of art, the third weekend in April.
- 70.** Enjoy a beautiful spring day strolling Antique's On Mission, downtown the 2nd Sunday of May and September.
- 71.** Celebrate Dia de los Muertos, downtown in November.
- 72.** Do a prayer walk at the Prince of Peace Abbey Monastery, 650 Benet Hill Road: 760-967-4200.
- 73.** Attend the Candle Walk for Human Rights on the Oceanside pier in honor of those who have suffered human rights violations.
- 74.** Walk the 55 acres at the Mission San Luis Rey and see where bull-fighting took place, a popular sport of the early Californians.
- 75.** Feel the serenity in the award-winning rose garden and visit the oldest pepper tree in California.
- 76.** Attend the Mission San Luis Rey's annual Heritage Ball in August. 4050 Mission Ave.: 760-757-3651.
- 77.** And you thought you had good taste. Try "Taste of the Mission" in December. 4050 Mission Ave.: 760-757-3651.
- 78.** Visit the Rosicrucian Fellowship, 2222 Mission Ave.: 760-757-6600.
- 79.** Take the Polar Plunge to benefit Special Olympics Southern California in February. Call Teresa: 619-283-6100.
- 80.** Live music and fresh air at Concerts in the Park throughout June. 760-435-5041.
- 81.** Visit "The Top Gun House" near the pier and see where Tom hung out when he was Maverick.

Other Pursuits

- 82.** Enjoy the fresh air, view, food, entertainment, flowers, etc... at Sunset Market (Thursday Evenings): 760-754-4512.
- 83.** Ride the Oceanside Harbor Shuttle.
- 84.** In the mood for "Two chicks on a raft, wreck 'em, shingle with a shimmy and a shake in the alley." Or you could have scrambled eggs & toast at the Historic 101 Café: 760-722-5220
- 85.** Watch planes fly in and out of Oceanside Municipal Airport: 760-435-5189
- 86.** Got your rabbit's foot handy? Try your luck at Ocean's Eleven Casino: 760-439-6988
- 87.** Enjoy some authentic Cuban cuisine and music at Azafran restaurant: 760-435-0005.
- 88.** Tour of the Marine Corps Base at Camp Pendleton: 760-725-5569.
- 89.** Eat authentic Mexican Cuisine at any number of fabulous Mexican restaurants around town.
- 90.** Learn to sail, attend a regatta or watch a sailboat race. Contact the Oceanside Yacht Club: 760-385-4921.

- 91.** In the mood for a more intellectual pursuit? Visit the Oceanside Public Library: 760-435-5600
- 92.** Create a holiday tradition. The Holiday Boat Parade of Lights takes place in December at the Harbor.
- 93.** Got a bit of the wanderer in you. The train terminal (the busiest transit center in California) can take you just about anywhere you'd like to go.
- 94.** Fancy a pint? Visit Oceanside Ale Works (Fridays and Saturdays for tasting events): 760-758-2064
- 95.** Why walk when you can roll? Skateboard or rollerblade along the boardwalk. Asylum Skate: 760-722-7675
- 96.** You'll definitely want to save-the-date for Oceanside's annual Harbor Days in September. It's not possible to have much more fun in the sun. 760-722-1534.
- 97.** Senior Center- stop by for some good food and good company. Join a Senior for lunch: 760-435-5250
- 98.** Have a romantic dinner in the historic well house of the Mission San Luis Rey: 760-757-5368.
- 99.** Oh, say, can you see a 4th of July parade & fireworks? Of course you can! Enjoy Oceanside's annual Freedom Days celebration!
- 100.** One of the world's most popular sports gets a So. Cal twist. Don't miss the Southern California Beach Soccer Tournament in May.
- 101.** Get down and dirty at the annual 10K Mud Run at Camp Pendleton benefitting the Armed Services YMCA. It's almost as much fun to watch as it is to participate: 760-725-6836.

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Set ladybugs free in the garden at North County's Earth Day Celebration, March 30 at the Mission San Luis Rey, 4050 Mission Ave.: 760-757-3651.



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102 THINGS TO DO



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Seaside

1. Take a long walk on a long pier -- the Oceanside Pier -- known as longest wooden pier on the Pacific Coast.
2. Explore your inner "Happy Days" at Ruby's Diner at the end of the pier. It may not be as thrilling as "Blueberry Hill" but the shakes are out of this world! --760-433-7829.

- 3** Visit the Oceanside Harbor and Village, a charming Cape Cod-style village where guests enjoy many shops, restaurants and unlimited boating activities. 760-435-4000



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4. Explore 3 1/2 miles of Oceanside's wide, sandy beaches, each unique with their own character.
 - Harbor Beach • Breakwater Way
 - Pier View North • Pier View South
 - Tyson Street • Wisconsin Street
 - Buccaneer Beach
5. Hang Ten - it's a lifestyle, baby. See what all the fuss is about first-hand with private or group surf lessons from SoCal Surf: 760-889-8984 or Surf'n Fire: 760-473-2281.
6. Witness professional surfers exhibit the art of surfing, popular surf contest in Oceanside are held year-round. Visit www.ci.oceanside.ca.us.
7. Annual Labor Day Pier Swim - an Oceanside tradition since 1929. 760-435-1031.
8. Sail the Ocean Blue. Sail for a day from Oceanside's charming Harbor via Pacific Coast Charters (760) 212-2963 or BajaSail.net
9. Cruise the seas in a private rental from All American Boat Rentals. Choose between romantic electric boats, kayaks, speed boats, jet skis & more: 760-722-0028.
10. Enjoy the tranquility of Whale Watching.
11. Boogie board (Don't worry, you don't have to be a good dancer -- you just need to know how to have fun!)
12. Tell tall tales about "the one that got away" when you went Sportfishing in Oceanside. Or you just might catch yourself a delicious dinner! Sea Star Charters: (760) 966-0111.
13. Hike barefoot on the beach.
14. Beach Yoga - Namasté.
15. Take a dip in the deep blue sea.
16. Take a harbor boat tour. Helgrens: 760-722-2133.
17. Skim board at the sea shore -- but beware, it can be very addictive.

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18. Wanna yak? Try kayak surfing & fishing. OEX Kayaking Co.: 760-721-6195.
19. Swim with the fishes -- not like they do on "The Sopranos," of course. Scuba & snorkeling (USA) Underwater: 760-722-7826.
20. Roast wieners and make s'mores around a fire pit at the beach.
21. You thought Route 66 was a kick? Just wait 'til you take a drive on the historical 101.
22. Pier Fishing. No license is required to fish from the pier.
23. Don't blink or you might miss the Green Flash -- no it's not a superhero, but it's no myth, either.

Shopping

25. It's quaint, it's charming, it's so much fun, it's the Shops & Restaurants at the Oceanside Harbor.
26. Go Antiquing (isn't that a great verb?) Highway 101 offers a great selection of Antique shops to peruse.
27. Check out the shops on MainStreet Oceanside: 760-754-4512.
28. Are you a bargain-hunter by nature? You'll love the Oceanside Swap Meet: 760-757-5286.

- 24** Build sand castles & and have a seashell collecting contest.



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Are you getting fresh? Well you should! Check out the weekly Farmer's Markets twice on Thursdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Coast Hwy & Pier View Way and Sunset Market from 5 p.m.-9 p.m. at Pier View Way and Tremont St.: 754-4512.



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29. Need help planning your trip or finding the perfect gift? Visit the California Welcome Center: 760-721-1101.

Sports & Recreation

31. Shoot some of our beautiful native birds -- with a camera of course! For info on bird watching contact the Rancho Buena Vista Audubon Society: 760-439-2473.
32. Channel Lance Armstrong (or your seven-year-old self, whomever you prefer) and bike the San Luis Rey River Biking Trail (from Coast to College Blvd.) or the Coastal Rail. Get a "Smart Card" at the Parks and Recreation Department at city hall, 300 N. Coast Highway, for a free Dasani Bike Rental.
33. FORE! Oceanside offers a beautiful array of golf courses.
 - Arrowood Golf Course (new): 760-967-8400
 - Oceanside Municipal Golf Course: 760-433-1360
 - Emerald Isle Golf Course: 760-721-4700
 - Ocean Hills Country Club: 760-842-5096
 - Oceanside Center City Golf Course: 760-433-8590
 - Pendleton Marine Golf Course: 760-725-4390
34. Go green the old fashioned way - with a picnic in the park. Oceanside City Parks: 760-435-4500
35. Even though it's kinda hard to say, Guajome Lake is a beautiful place to visit. Hike, fish, picnic, enjoy!
36. Oh, why don't you just go Fly a kite!
37. Want to take a cool dip without getting sand in your shoes? Try Brooks Street Pool: 760-435-5225.

38. Bowling - need we say more? Surf Bowl is an Oceanside landmark, 1402 S. Coast Highway: 760-722-1371.
39. Play laser tag at Surf Bowl or Laser Storm: 760-721-3907.
40. Remember how much fun you had at camp? Try enrolling in a Park & Recreation camp or class: 760-435-5041.

41. Tennis anyone? Choose from a number of great courts in Oceanside. 760-435-5041.
42. Take your four-legged friend to a dog park for some needed R & R (Running & Retrieving). 760-757-4357.
43. Pamper yourself at a day spa - you know you deserve it.
44. Take in a matinee (don't forget the popcorn & Junior Mints) at one of Oceanside's stadium movie theaters.
45. The weather's fine (as usual) take a scenic walk.
46. Burn off some of that Butterball® (& stuffing & cranberry sauce & potatoes & greenbean casserole at Oceanside's annual Turkey Trot: 760-434-7706.
47. Bust a crookie monster or switch flip back noseblunt at one of our gnar skateboard parks. Full gear required.

Libby Lake Park, 424 Calle Montecito or John Landes Skate Park, 2855 Cedar Road. Parks & Recreation: 760-435-5041.

Arts & Culture

48. Want a great date night? See a play at the Sunshine Brooks Theater, 217 N. Coast Highway: 714-401-0324
49. Enjoy some thought-provoking art at Oceanside's newest gem, the Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way: 760-721-2787.
50. Learn more about our charming city by the sea at the Historical Society Museum, 305 N. Nevada St.: 760-722-4786
51. See newly conserved artwork in the museum by artist Leon Trousset at the Mission San Luis Rey, 4050 Mission Ave.: 760-757-3651.



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If you haven't seen the Tall Ship Festival in the Oceanside Harbor, then you are in for a spectacular treat!