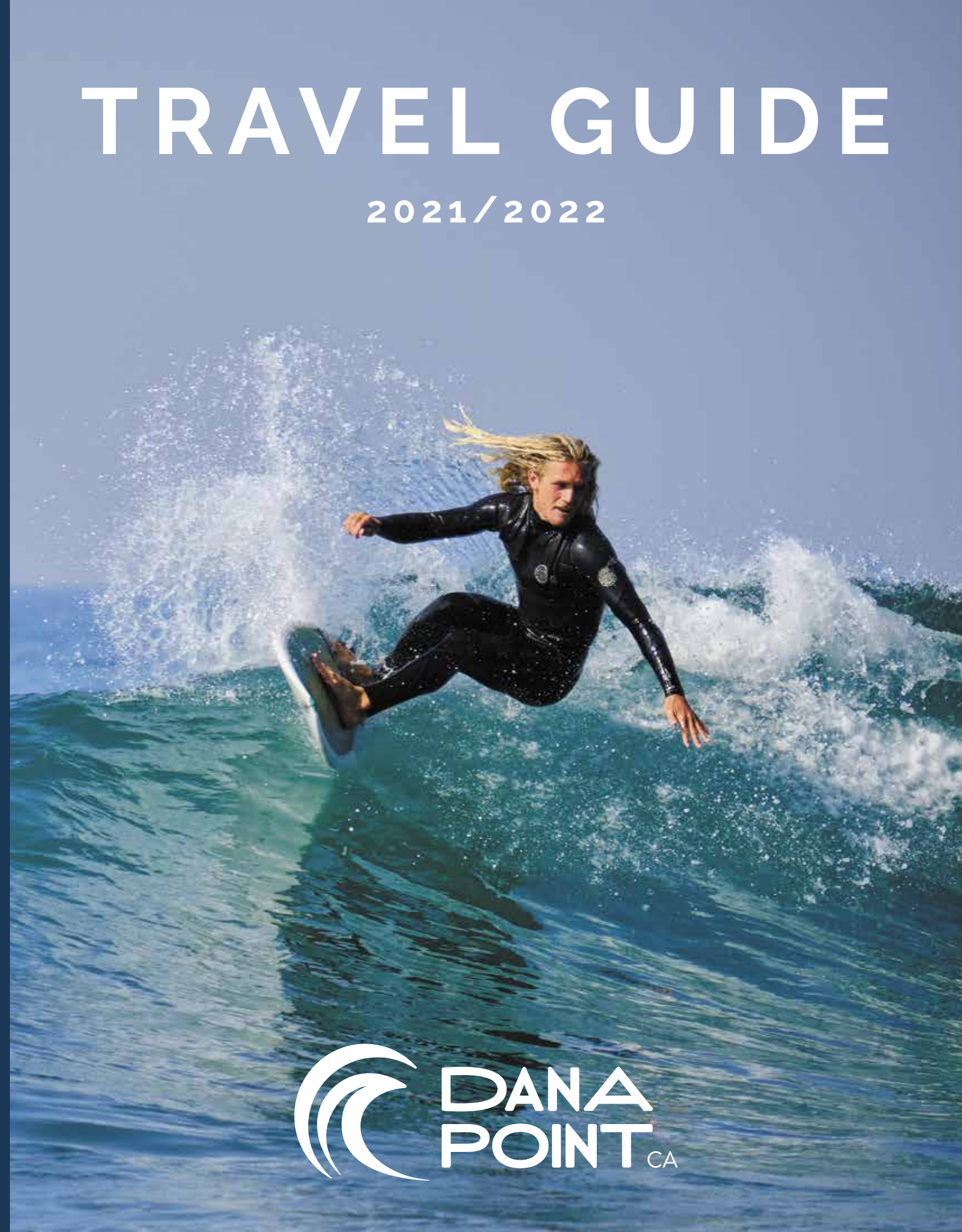


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A full-page background image showing a man and a woman walking barefoot on a paved coastal path. The woman is wearing a red floral dress and the man is wearing a white patterned shirt and black shorts. They are both smiling and looking at each other. The path is bordered by green bushes on the left and right. In the background, there is a sandy beach, the ocean with waves, and a cliff with some buildings and palm trees under a clear blue sky.

# Welcome This Is Where You Belong

In Dana Point, you're one of us. We're welcoming by nature and proud of who we are, where we are. There's a small-town intimacy here and we embrace everyone who wants to experience what makes Dana Point, Dana Point.

The moment you arrive, you'll feel a sense of community and unique connection to the ocean. If you're not on the water, more than likely you have an amazing view of it and we believe that open waters open hearts, minds and possibilities. From our surf culture and variety of beach experiences to our renowned harbor, the ocean brings us together and reminds us to see the positive side of things—there's always another wave coming.

On the following pages, we invite you to see Dana Point through our eyes. We love our place and our way of life and we're happy that you're a part of it. Grab your board and paddle out—Dana Point is where you belong.

All our best,  
Your friends at Visit Dana Point

# WHY VISIT DANA POINT?

Make lifelong memories on a sunset wine cruise, indulge in a luxury spa, or learn to stand-up paddleboard in Dana Point Harbor. With a view of the ocean around every corner, Dana Point offers unparalleled access to the water. Marvel as magnificent blue whales breach — Dana Point is the Dolphin and Whale Watching Capital of the World™ after all — or surf the waves along nearly seven miles of pristine shoreline. In addition to unrivaled outdoor recreation, discover world-class dining, shopping and entertainment.



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# *Coastline* The Six Beaches Of Dana Point

With 6.5 miles of California coastline, Dana Point welcomes all visitors to an adventure on or in the water. Luckily, Dana Point's ocean access couldn't be easier: simply pull onto State Route 1 — also known as the Pacific Coast Highway, or "PCH" by locals — for quick access to six unique beaches and the storied Dana Point Harbor.





MONARCH BEACH

Named for Monarch Bay's legacy as a breeding ground for monarch butterflies, Monarch Beach is the perfect destination for a romantic sunset stroll. Located at the base of the Waldorf Astoria Monarch Beach Resort & Club, the beach is just a short walk from the resort. Visitors can park at Salt Creek Beach Park and head north down the wide sandy beach.



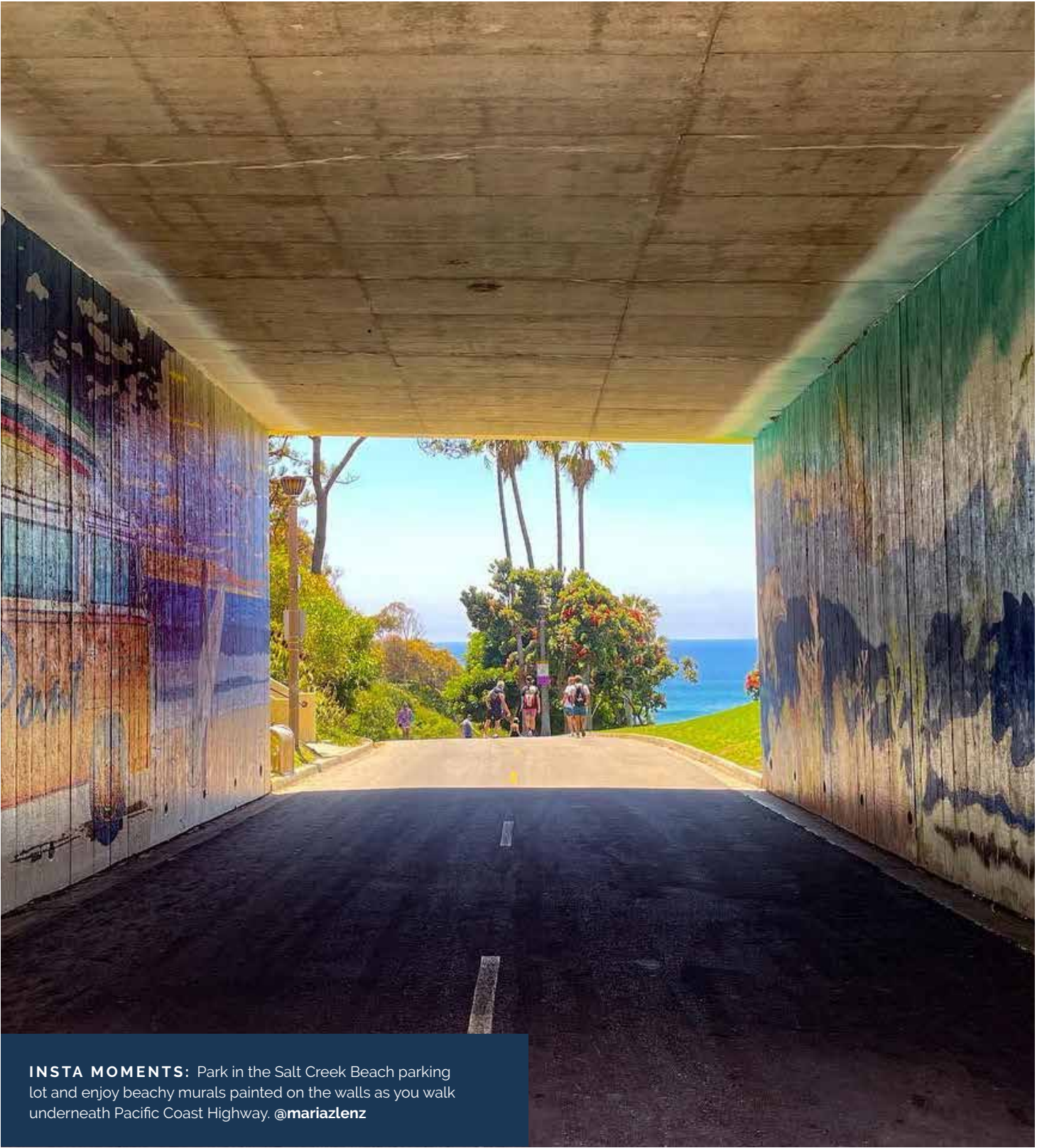
BABY BEACH

True to its name, Baby Beach's calm waters and access to restrooms are ideal for young children and families. Nestled between the Dana Point Harbor and the Ocean Institute, the jetty blocks the waves, while a small roped-off section protects swimmers from run-ins with paddleboarders and kayakers. Those interested in launching their paddleboard and kayak can use the launch zone. Park in the Boneyard lot just off Dana Point Harbor Drive for a quick walk to the beach.



SALT CREEK BEACH

A favorite destination for surfers, Salt Creek Beach offers challenging swells due to the small offshore reef. The park consists of sandy beaches, rocky headlands and sheer cliffs while the water and beach is ideal for swimming, body surfing, sunbathing and tide pool exploration. Salt Creek Beach can be reached via Ritz Carlton Dr. off the Pacific Coast Highway.



**INSTA MOMENTS:** Park in the Salt Creek Beach parking lot and enjoy beachy murals painted on the walls as you walk underneath Pacific Coast Highway. @mariazlenz



STRANDS BEACH

Tucked below The Strands community and majestic seaside cliffs, Strands Beach is open to the public for fun in the sun and waves. Also a marine conservation area, the beach offers incredible tide pool exploration (remember to only take home pictures and memories.) Free parking is available at Strands Vista Park, with the beach accessible by stairs. An accessible incline elevator is available during daytime hours as well as restrooms and showers.

*Local Tip: Don't rush home, stay and catch breathtaking sunset views from Strands Vista Park.*



**INSTA MOMENTS:** Take a rewarding stroll down the stairs to Dana Strand Beach—referred to as “Strands,” by the locals. For a more effortless ride, hop in the funicular located at the north end of the beach. @mydanapoint



DOHENY BEACH

Of all the Dana Point beaches, Doheny State Beach is the most iconic. Featuring mild waves and over a mile of sandy beach, surfers and swimmers have been flocking to Doheny for decades. If a day trip isn't enough, wake up to the smell of salty air at one of the 121 developed family campsites and have your breakfast at your choice of 170 picnic tables and 99 barbecue grills. Parking is on a first-come, first-served basis and gets busy on the weekends. Park entry fees apply for motorized vehicles, which also covers parking.



CAPISTRANO BEACH

Charmingly referred to as "Capo" beach by locals, Capistrano Beach is made for those who like to play. The southernmost Dana Point beach offers extensive facilities including a basketball court, beach volleyball courts, boardwalk and lots of parking for easy access. Just remember to bring some spare change to feed the meters. During the summer months, a concession building offers fishing gear rental and sales, food and beverages and beach supplies in case you forget anything.

A group of four people are taking a selfie on a boat deck. A man in a brown puffer jacket is holding a blue smartphone high in the air, capturing the group. Next to him, a woman in a white top and brown cardigan is sticking her tongue out playfully. To her right, a woman in a bright red dress is smiling, and a man in a pink shirt and sunglasses is making a peace sign. They are all looking towards the camera. The background shows a clear blue sky and the ocean. The sun is shining brightly, creating a lens flare effect.

# *Experience* A Deeper Connection

Visiting Dana Point is more than a vacation, it's an experience. Connect with the culture and community through the town's rich surf history, friendly, laid-back locals and spectacular ocean life.



A HISTORIC WAVE HAVEN

Long before it was incorporated as a town in 1989, Dana Point had an international impact as one of the birthplaces of surf culture. Local surfing enthusiasts in the 1950s flocked to the area to test their luck on the legendary surf break, Killer Dana. Though the construction of Dana Point Harbor in 1966 disbanded Killer Dana’s waves, the town’s surfing heritage lives on through its cultural contributions.

NOTABLE MOMENTS:

- Hobie Alter created the first foam surfboard and opened the world’s first retail surf shop in 1954
- John Severson founded Surfer Magazine in 1962
- Bruce Brown Films produced “The Endless Summer,” often considered the most iconic surf film in 1966

Want more history? Head to Surfing Heritage and Culture Center in nearby San Clemente, which displays the world’s largest collection of surf memorabilia and historic surfboards.



**INSTA MOMENTS:** Catch a shot with Hobie Alter’s bronze replica on the corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Dana Point Harbor Drive. @jpvphoto



**INSTA MOMENTS:** California Sea Lions can be found all around Dana Point Harbor. Hop on a paddleboard or kayak to snap a photo hanging out with the real locals.

MARVEL AT MARINE LIFE

Whale watching in Dana Point is more than spectacular — it’s world class. Beyond the official trademark as The Dolphin & Whale Watching Capital of the World™, Dana Point also earned the distinction of the first Whale Heritage Site in the Americas, as established by the World Cetacean Alliance. Year-round, people flock to Dana Point to spot dolphins and whales— including some rare species— in a sustainable and responsible way. The pristine climate and ideal coastal geology provide rich habitats for marine life, which makes sea life sightings a part of Dana Point life.

FUN FACTS:

- There are more dolphins per square mile off of Dana Point than anywhere else in the world.
- Blue whales, fin whales, gray whales, humpback whales, killer whales, pilot whales, sperm whales, false killer whales, Dall’s porpoise and minke whales can be seen throughout the year.
- Multiple tour operators offer exceptional whale watching excursions out of the Harbor. Book yours at [visitdanapoint.com](http://visitdanapoint.com)



DANA POINT HARBOR: WHERE OCEAN ADVENTURES AWAIT

A beloved hub of Southern California ocean activity, Dana Point Harbor offers immediate access to the water and permanent and guest slips for more than 2,500 boats. Near Dana Cove, learn about marine life at the Ocean Institute and survey the sea creatures’ habitats in nearby tide pools. Within the Harbor, you can hop on the Catalina Express for a day trip to lovely Catalina Island, or build sandcastles on kid-friendly Baby Beach. From the East or West Basin, join whale watching or deep-sea fishing expeditions, sail on a yacht, or relax on a sunset wine cruise. For a workout, try stand up paddleboarding (SUP), diving or kayaking. Equipment rental is available near the water. If you’re hungry or need retail therapy, enjoy over 30 dining and shopping options on the waterfront. The possibilities are endless.



**INSTA MOMENTS:** Beyond tall ships and tide pools, capture the feeling at the “DPH Love Wall,” painted by local OC artist, Mikala Taylor. @thecaregirl

ARTS & CULTURE

An artist colony for over a century, Laguna Beach is home to the world-famous Pageant of the Masters and multiple festivals showcasing California visual and performing arts throughout the year. (8 miles)

Visit Mission San Juan Capistrano to see the oldest standing building in California — a still active stone church — and over 240 years worth of artifacts that tell the story of the mission system and California's establishment as a state. The Mission's world-famous migrating swallows and gorgeous gardens augment the historical treasures. (4.6 miles)

Dubbed a "Smithsonian" of surf memorabilia by visitors, the Surfing Heritage and Culture Center has the world's largest collection of all things related to California's official state sport: history, art, media and cool vintage surfboards from the sport's inception. (7.3 miles)

Dana Point's Lantern District in the town's center houses a growing number of shops, galleries and restaurants. If you're curious about the street names — Street of the Violet Lantern, Golden Lantern, etc. — they're inspired by the merchant ships that used colored lanterns to advertise their wares in the town's early days.



**INSTA MOMENTS:** Spot "Mystery Surfboards" painted with uplifting messages to the community and placed all over Dana Point. anonymously, during the height of the pandemic—the artist is still unknown. @delaplanning



**FUN FACT:** Art can be found in unexpected places throughout Dana Point. Find the vibrant elephants, elegant sculptures, playful mosaics and gorgeous utility boxes all around town.

SHOPPING

From upscale labels to casual beach chic, Orange County features some of the best shopping in the country. South Coast Plaza in Costa Mesa is the largest shopping center on the West Coast and Orange County's hub for luxury shopping and top-tier designer brands. It's impossible not to find something at the mall's 250+ boutiques and 30 restaurants. (26 miles)

An upscale outdoor mall, Fashion Island in Newport Beach features dozens of specialty boutiques and restaurants in the trendy Newport Center neighborhood. (15.4 miles)

Enjoy ocean views while browsing 65 discounted designer brands at the Outlets at San Clemente, Orange County's only coastal outlet shopping destination. (5 miles)

For a variety of independently owned boutiques, galleries and restaurants that embody California Cool, head to Laguna Beach's HIP District (Historic and Interesting Places), which stretches for seven blocks along the Pacific Coast Highway. (7 miles)

EDUCATIONAL

Ocean Institute--Journey to sea with Ocean Institute scientists as they introduce you to the local marine wildlife and ecosystem. Explore a wide range of experiences from squid dissections and sounds of the sea, to a horn shark touch tank, inter-tidal touch tank and artifact discovery.



**INSTA MOMENTS:** Witness the most vibrantly painted skies above the Pacific Ocean as the sun sets over Catalina Island. @skietbeachbum



OUTDOORS BEYOND THE OCEAN

While water sports remain the gold standard of outdoor adventure in Dana Point, there's more to recreation here than the famous coastline.

**Hike the Headlands**  
A 60-acre marine nature preserve, the Headlands contains three miles of public access trails that meander through beaches, tide pools and panoramic cliff views of the ocean and Harbor. Also an alternative whale watching spot, it's possible to see the animals in the waters beyond the Harbor on a clear day. The Dana Point Nature Interpretive Center offers parking and more information on the area.

**Adventure in Laguna Coast Wilderness Park**  
This Orange County-owned wilderness area features forty miles of trails through woodlands, coastal canyon and expansive ridgeline views. Visitors can independently hike, mountain bike and horseback ride from dawn to dusk and a variety of guided activities are offered by OC Parks. Visit ocparks.com for more information. (13 miles)

EXPLORE MORE PARKS & TRAILS

- Dana Point Headlands Trail System
- Bluff Top Trail
- Salt Creek Park
- Heritage Park
- Lantern Bay Park
- Pines Park

Explore more trails at [visitdanapoint.com/things-to-do/parks-trails](https://visitdanapoint.com/things-to-do/parks-trails)

# Golf Tee Off at Monarch Beach Golf Links

With commanding and sweeping views of the Pacific Ocean and beyond, golf experiences in Dana Point are spectacular and unforgettable at Monarch Beach Golf Links.



MONARCH BEACH GOLF LINKS

Monarch Beach Golf Links is an upscale, par-70 championship, golf course with a fun and casual vibe. Designed by master golf architect, Robert Trent Jones Jr., Monarch Beach Golf Links is a one-of-a-kind course that perfectly blends stunning natural beauty with a variety of challenges and unique amenities. Whether you're there to play a challenging and fair course, or snap photos of the ocean from every hole, you'll love the personalized service and special experience you receive from this incredible Dana Point gem.



WATERMAN CADDIES

Discover one of the finest and most unique Caddie programs in the world at Monarch Beach Golf Links. Consider your Waterman Caddie as your personal golf concierge and surf buddy. Each Waterman has received extensive training, learning the nuances of this beautifully crafted oceanfront course along with all things Salt Creek Beach and Monarch Bay. Waterman Caddies provide the guidance, expertise and assistance of a professional caddie, while ensuring your Dana Point experience beyond the course is just as spectacular.



GOLF BOARDS & PHAT SCOOTERS

Make your experience even cooler by renting a Golf Board or Phat Scooter to surf the earth between swings.

# Cuisine

# Savor Local Flavor

The city's restaurants show off that flavor through award-winning dishes and drinks that continually impress food critics. While fresh-caught seafood and coastal cuisine are a given, the town has a long history of diverse dining options. From fine dining to family-friendly, Dana Point is home to many local favorites that have served the community for decades. Newer restaurants are equally impressive, preparing the finest ingredients in uniquely designed settings and historic buildings.

# EXPERIENCE FINE DINING FROM CELEBRITY CHEFS



## BOURBON STEAK

With a concept by Michelin star-awarded chef Michael Mina, Bourbon Steak features prime cuts of organic meats and spectacular presentations within its location at the Waldorf Astoria Monarch Beach Resort & Club. Recognized as the #2 restaurant in the county in 2019 by the Orange County Register.

## RAYA

Showcasing Pan-Latin coastal cuisine from globally acclaimed chef Richard Sandoval, Raya's highlights include lobster tacos and stunning views of Salt Creek Beach. Ranked as one of the most romantic restaurants in Orange County by CBS Los Angeles, Raya is located at The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel.



OUTER REEF

Boasting seafood straight from the Pacific, the highly-anticipated Outer Reef is under the leadership of “Top Chef” contestant John Tesar. Dishes to look forward to include updated seafood creations, along with Chef Tesar’s specialty dry-aged prime cuts. Located at the Laguna Cliffs Marriott Resort & Spa.



**HUNGRY YET?**  
Explore a full list of Dana Point’s palate-pleasing restaurants at [visitdanapoint.com/restaurants](https://visitdanapoint.com/restaurants)

A large humpback whale is captured in the middle of a breach, its massive head and pectoral fin arched high out of the deep blue ocean. The whale's skin is dark with characteristic white markings on its pectoral fin. The ocean surface is choppy with small waves, and the sky above is a pale, hazy blue.

# *Entertainment* Year-Round Happenings

Immerse yourself in Dana Point's local culture with year-round activities. Signature annual events range from multi-day music festivals with top performers to creative surfing competitions. There's always something going on in the ocean, on the beach and under the sun.



**FESTIVAL OF WHALES / MAR**

See why Dana Point is the Dolphin and Whale Watching Capital of the World.™ This 50-year tradition features a parade, street fair and of course, whale-watching excursions. The timing in March correlates with peak gray whale migration..

**DOHENY BLUES FESTIVAL / MAY**

For more than two decades, this intimate rock, soul and blues festival has drawn 15,000 visitors to Dana Point. Blues legends Etta James, Gregg Allman and B.B. King have all graced the stages.

**CALIFORNIA WINE FESTIVAL / AUG**

Sip rare and reserve varietals at the breathtaking Laguna Cliffs Marriott Resort & Spa. The elegant and exclusive event is for true wine connoisseurs offering tastings of hard-to-find bottles. The sunset affair sells out quickly each year.

**OHANA FESTIVAL / SEPT**

One of the top music festivals in the U.S., Ohana features three days of mind-blowing music and unforgettable ocean views, courtesy of its location on Doheny State Beach. Past headliners include Eddie Vedder, Pearl Jam, Brandi Carlisle and Beck.

**MARITIME FESTIVAL / SEPT**

In celebration of California’s rich maritime history, the Ocean Institute annually hosts a fleet of historic tall ships that sail into Dana Point Harbor. Expect cannon battles, pirate adventures, ship tours and a sunset parade in the Harbor.

**HOLIDAY LIGHTS IN THE HARBOR / NOV-DEC**

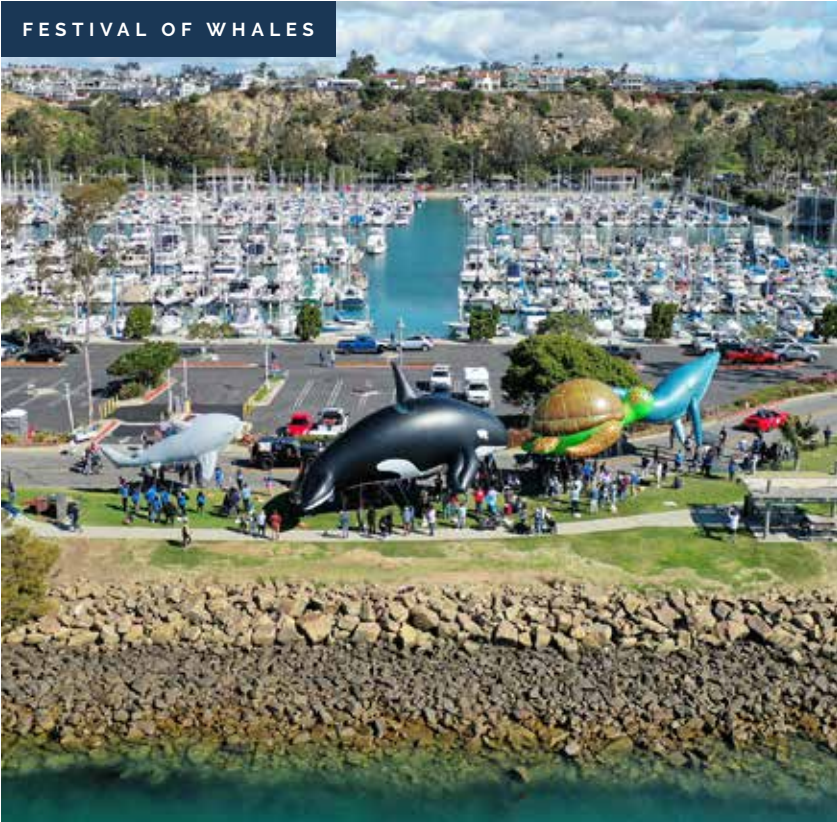
Enjoy the beautifully illuminated Dana Point Harbor, nightly, beginning late-November and continuing throughout the holiday season. Themed exhibits include Candy Cane Lane, a “Merry Kiss Me” arch, lighted trees and more. Holiday festivities also include boat rides with Santa, holiday carolers, live music and Santa Paws pet photos.

**SURFING SANTA / NOV**

Get into the spirit in this two-day surf and stand-up paddleboard (SUP) contest where contestants dress like Santa or other holiday-inspired characters. The event benefits local nonprofit Surfers Healing and is organized by The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel.

**YAPPY HOUR / MAY-DEC**

Where else can you have cocktails with your dog on an ocean overlook? Canines and their owners enjoy outdoor barbecue and libations at The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel lawn, and event proceeds support a local nonprofit.



# Hotels & Resorts

# Laid-Back

# Luxury

Dana Point's iconic hotels and resorts offer travelers the opportunity to immerse themselves in the luxury, relaxation and hospitality of the Southern California coast. Dana Point hotels and resorts are in excellent proximity to pristine beaches, local attractions, shops and restaurants. These properties offer unique, inviting atmospheres, stunning seascapes, easy beach access and a variety of amenities for you to enjoy. While taking in stunning views of the Pacific Ocean and sounds of the waves crashing along the shores of Dana Point, you will find no better place to call home base.



THE RITZ-CARLTON

LAGUNA NIGUEL

One Ritz Carlton Drive  
Dana Point, CA 92629  
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ritzcarlton.com/lagunaniguel



AMENITIES

- 396 rooms, including 29 suites
- 6 onsite dining options
- 24-hour fitness center with ocean views
- Outdoor yoga and pilates classes
- Business Center
- Two outdoor heated pools and whirlpools
- Eco-Adventure Center
- The Ritz-Carlton Spa
- Complimentary Beach Butler service
- Children's playground
- Pet-friendly



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You'll truly have a room with a view at The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel. Perched atop a seaside bluff with panoramic vistas of the Pacific Ocean and Salt Creek Beach, the resort pairs spectacular scenery with relaxed luxury.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Enjoy newly renovated guestrooms and suites with soothing aqua and beige hues that evoke the waves and sand. All rooms feature balconies with ocean or garden views, and suite options include spacious living areas and patios with fireplaces.

DINING

Indulge at six onsite dining options, including two with ocean views: award-winning Pan-Latin restaurant Raya (be sure to get a seat by the 11-foot-high windows), and outdoor cocktail lounge 18oblū. Boutique steakhouse enoSTEAK offers local organic ingredients and grass-fed meats in an intimate space. Enjoy a healthy take on fast-casual dining at The Market Place.

MEETINGS

Host the perfect event with extensive indoor and outdoor meeting spaces, including courtyards, terraces and ocean front lawns. All meeting spaces feature state-of-the-art audio-visual equipment, and most have terraces with ocean views.

RECREATION

Relax with easy beach access: take the resort's shuttle or walk to the shoreline, while Beach Butlers provide for every need. The resort's Eco-Adventure Center offers whale watching tours, surfing lessons and a variety of outdoor activities, while the luxury spa utilizes ocean-inspired treatments.

GUEST FAVORITE

At sunset, sip a cocktail at rooftop outdoor lounge 18oblū (named for its 180-degree panoramic view of the coastline), or make s'mores at one of four communal fire pits.



# THE RITZ-CARLTON, LAGUNA NIGUEL SPACE OVERVIEW

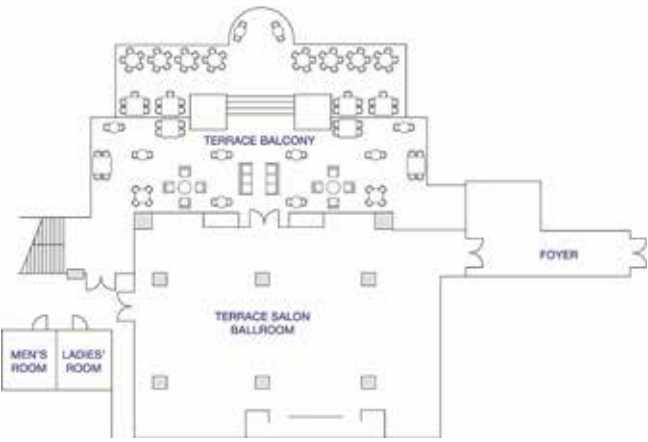
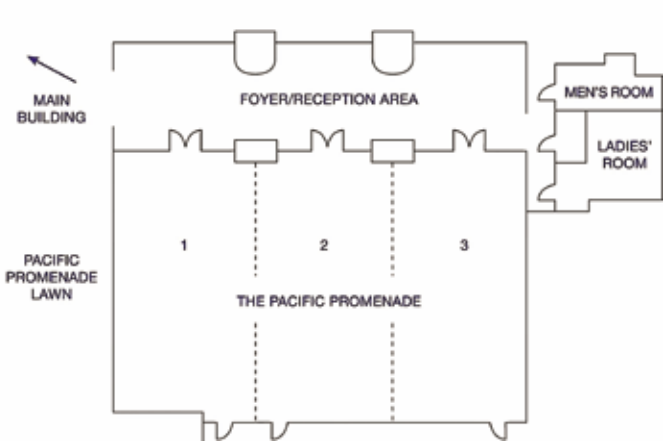
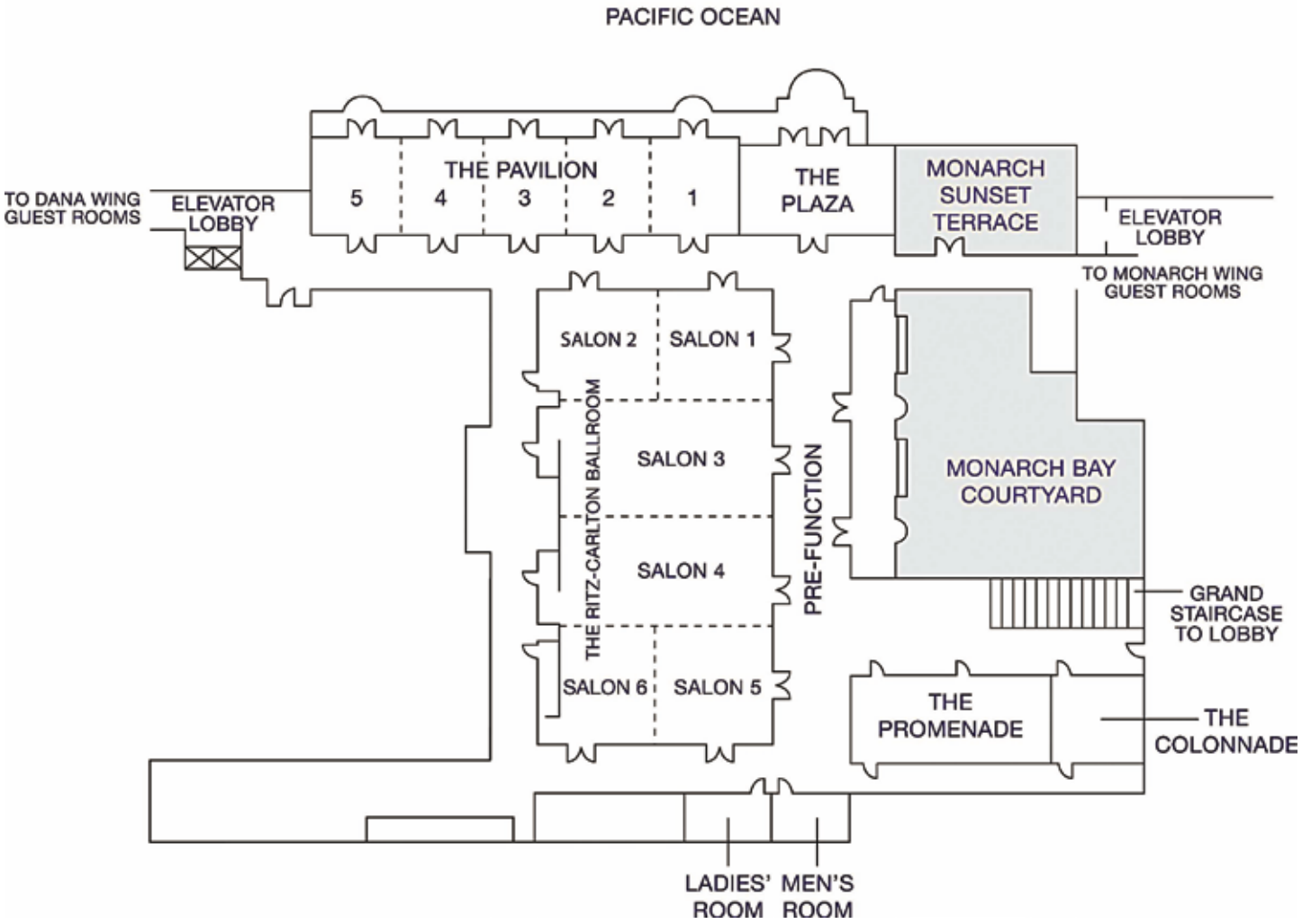
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LARGEST SQ.FT. ROOM.





One Monarch Beach Resort  
Dana Point, CA 92629  
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AMENITIES

- 400 rooms, including 75 suites
- 9 onsite dining options
- 24-hour Athletic Club
- 40 complimentary wellness/fitness classes per week
- Business Center
- Three pools, including family splash pad and adult-only spa pool
- 18-hole oceanfront golf course
- Award-winning spa
- Private access to the beachfront Monarch Bay Beach Club
- Beach host service with towels, chairs and umbrellas
- Kids Club
- Pet-friendly



Best O.C. Resort  
— Orange County Register 2019

Waldorf Astoria Monarch Beach Resort & Club is a coastal retreat that has everything on its grounds: a private beach club, oceanfront golf course, spa, award-winning restaurants and more.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Retreat to the comfort of recently renovated guestrooms, where a palette of blues and greens perfectly parallels this Southern California destination. With custom-designed furnishings and restful lounge seating to spa-inspired bathrooms with deep soaking bathtubs and rainfall showers, unwinding is easy.

DINING

Six ocean-view restaurants cater to every mood and palate. The standouts: organic meats and an extensive wine list at chef Michael Mina's Bourbon Steak — consistently lauded as one of the region's top restaurants, creative coastal cuisine at the new Monarch Bay Beach Club and al fresco Mediterranean at AVEO Table + Bar.

MEETINGS

High-tech indoor venues are intelligently arranged for large gatherings and breakout sessions, with two ballrooms. Outdoor spaces include a lush botanical garden, gazebos, spacious lawns and ocean-view terraces.

RECREATION

The exclusive Monarch Bay Beach Club offers ocean adventures like stand up paddle boarding and surf lessons. Monarch Beach Golf Links — an award-winning oceanfront golf course adjacent to the resort — boasts inclusive play for all levels and stunning views. The renowned Waldorf Astoria Spa provides personalized treatments along with an array of daily fitness classes. The resort also offers multiple options for memorable experiences, from whale watching cruises to wine tasting and mixology classes.

GUEST FAVORITE

Ride the resort's complimentary Woodie-style tram for access to Salt Creek Beach and the Monarch Bay Beach Club. Make sure to take in gorgeous views of the golf course along the way.



# WALDORF ASTORIA MONARCH BEACH RESORT & CLUB

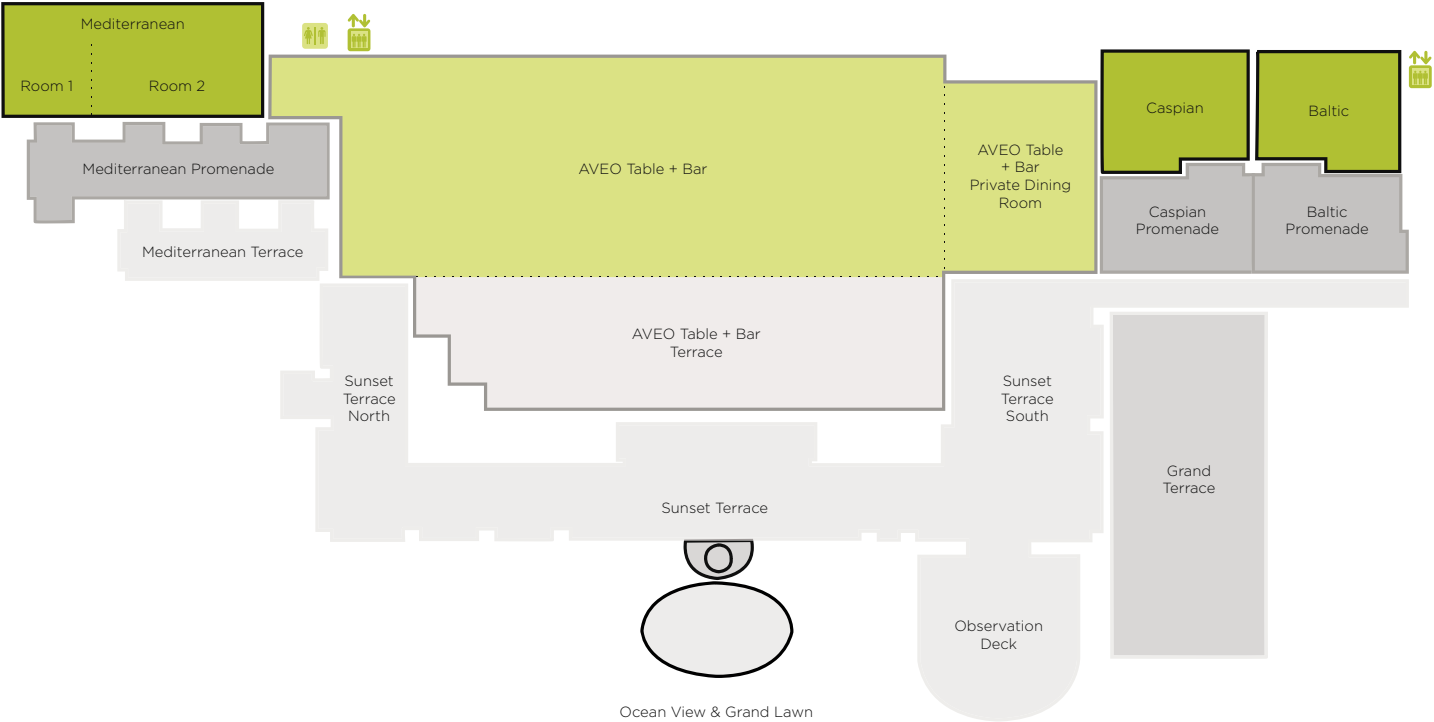
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AMENITIES

378 rooms, including 17 suites

3 onsite dining options

Full-service 24-hour fitness center

Yoga classes

Full-service 24-hour Business Center

Two outdoor pools and whirlpools, featuring Kid's Splash Zone

The Spa at Laguna Cliffs

Recreation options, including bicycle, surfboard and boogie board rentals as well as putting green, bocce ball court and ping pong table

Kahuna Laguna Kid's Club (seasonal)

Hospitality Suite (seasonal)

Resort and Boutique Shop

#1 in Guest Service Satisfaction for all Marriott Hotels Worldwide

Situated on a pristine bluff overlooking the historic Doheny Beach and Dana Point Harbor, the Laguna Cliffs Marriott Resort & Spa is your relaxing retreat in a top-tier location. You'll enjoy a serene escape while having quick access to the beach, Harbor and Lantern District.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Fresh from a \$25 million renovation, the resort's rooms are designed in a contemporary "coastal chic" style with soothing seaside colors, luxurious wood floors, deluxe bed linens and plush bathrobes. All rooms also have balconies and bay windows to enjoy the ocean breeze.

DINING

Enjoy inventive entrees and handcrafted cocktails all day at the indoor/outdoor OverVue Lounge, which features a panoramic vista of the Pacific Ocean and Harbor. "Top Chef" contestant John Tesar's seafood restaurant, Outer Reef, showcases sea-to-table creations along with Chef Tesar's specialty dry-aged prime cuts.

MEETINGS

With 50,000 sq. ft. total of indoor and outdoor event space, the resort's meeting venues are endlessly versatile. Outdoor expansive lawns and terraces offer striking ocean views, as well.

RECREATION

The resort is ideally located for outdoor adventures: ocean activities at Dana Point Harbor, surfing at Doheny Beach and hiking at the Headlands are all within walking distance. Even more activities can be enjoyed around the lush resort grounds, including extensive trails, bocce ball in Lantern Bay Park, a putting green, pickleball courts, mountain bikes and ocean view yoga classes. For ultimate relaxation, unwind at the Spa at Laguna Cliffs with personalized treatments and a Vichy shower "rain bar."

GUEST FAVORITE

Take advantage of the resort's numerous amenities, including mountain bikes and surfboards or hike along the expansive coast, then take in a panoramic view of the sunset at the OverVue Lounge.



# LAGUNA CLIFFS MARRIOTT RESORT & SPA SPACE OVERVIEW

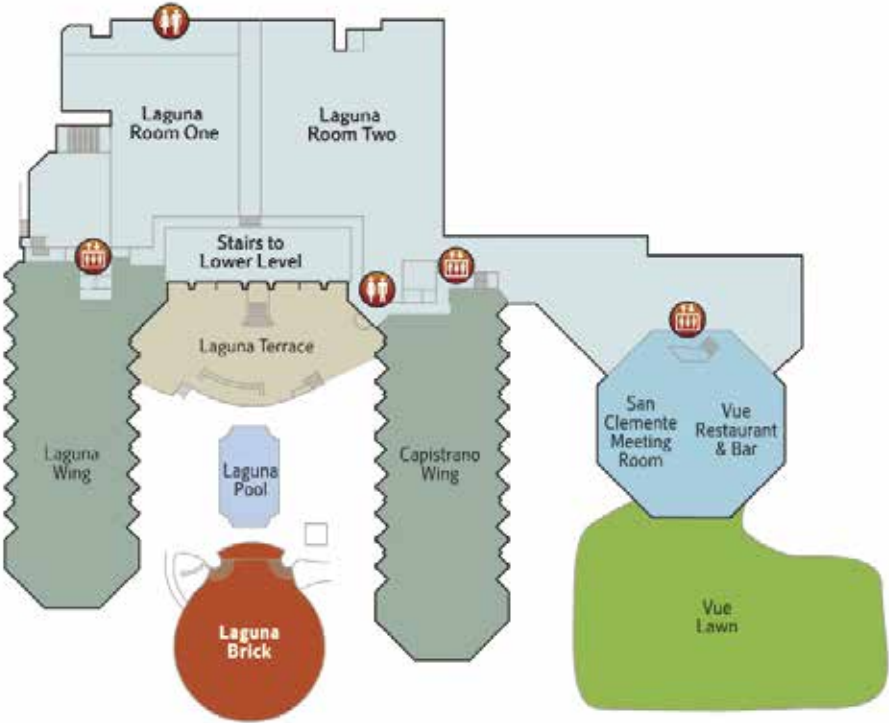
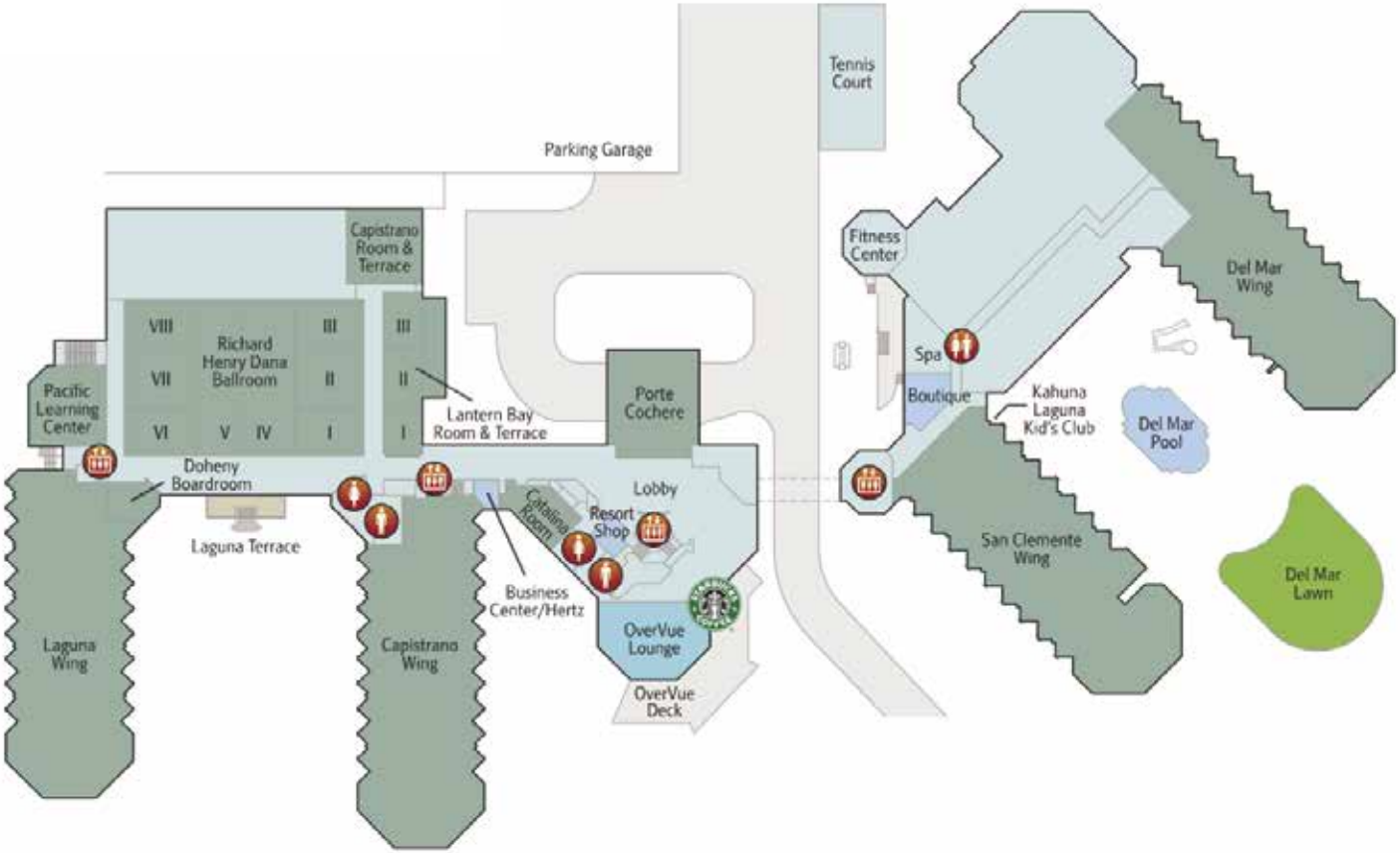
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AMENITIES

196 suites, including 13 premium suites with two rooms

Sofa bed with every room

Complimentary Doubletree cookie upon arrival

Onsite dining options

24-hour fitness center

24-hour Business Center

Outdoor pool

Bike rentals

Pet-friendly

Valet or self parking



A perfect getaway for a relaxed and affordable beach house experience. Located on the Pacific Coast Highway and directly across from Doheny State Beach, you'll enjoy premier access to the coastline when staying comfortably at the DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Doheny Beach.

ACCOMMODATIONS

As the name suggests, every room is a spacious suite, with separate living areas bathed in natural light and some with walk-out balconies. One third of the rooms overlook the ocean, and 13 premium suites have cozy fireplaces and luxury bathrooms.

DINING

Enjoy a contemporary Californian breakfast at the Doheny Surf restaurant. Later, grab a snack and refreshing beverage at the Front Desk to enjoy as you savor the sunset and views of Doheny Beach from the Longboard Rooftop Patio.

MEETINGS

Events are easy to plan, with over 12,000 sq. ft. of flexible indoor and outdoor meeting space and state of the art audio-visual equipment. The fourth floor terrace includes ocean and sunset views.

RECREATION

With the ocean across the street, it's no wonder the hotel is popular with the surf crowd. Swim, surf or rent a bike to explore Doheny State Beach. Dana Point Harbor and the Lantern District are also a short drive or bike ride away.

GUEST FAVORITE

Find a cozy spot at the resort's Longboard Rooftop Patio to watch waves roll in along the shores of Doheny State Beach as the sun goes down and colors fill the sky.



# DOUBLETREE SUITES DOHENY BEACH

## SPACE OVERVIEW

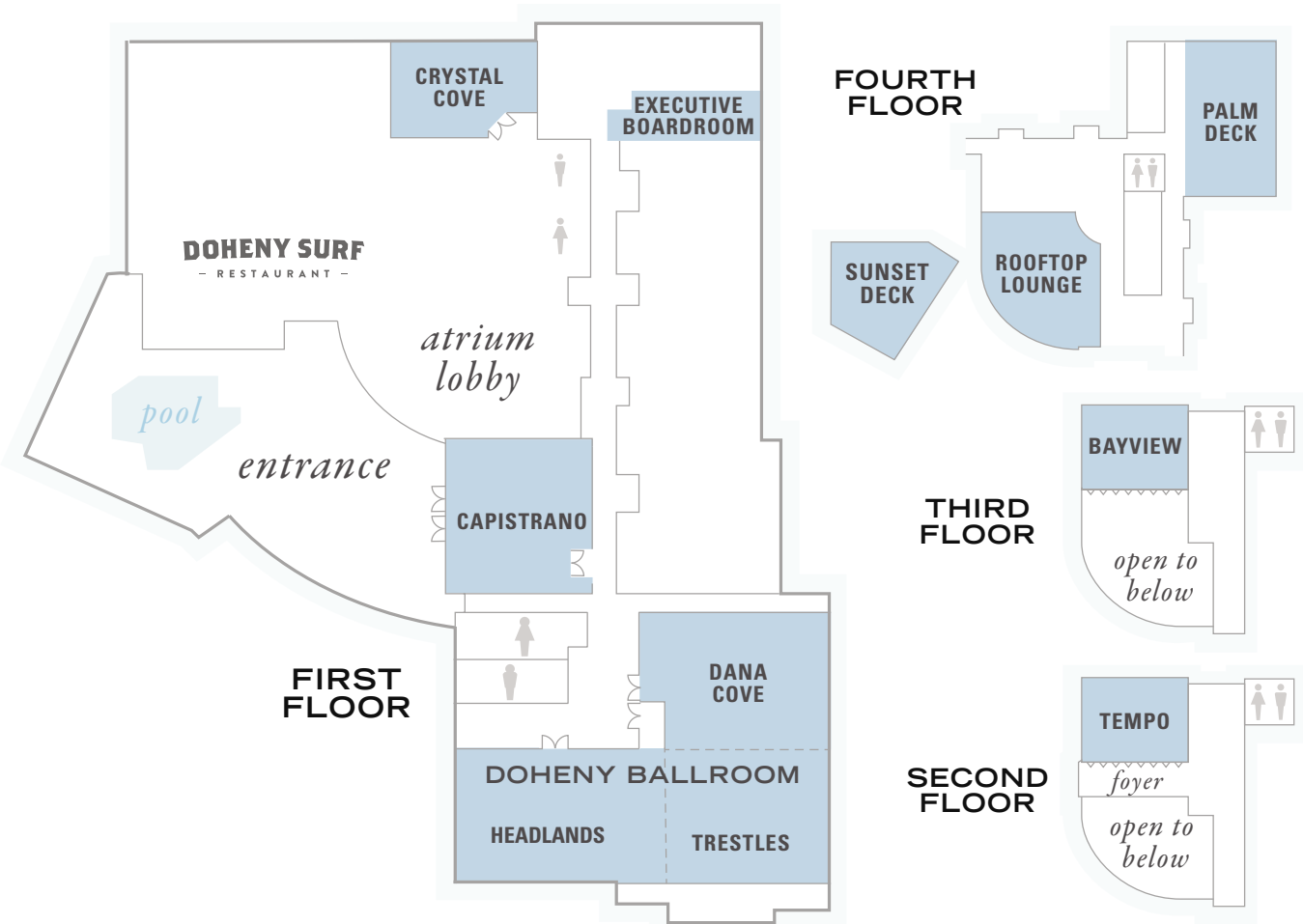
196  
TOTAL GUESTROOMS

11  
TOTAL MEETING ROOMS

7,490  
INDOOR MEETING SQ.FT.

4,281  
OUTDOOR MEETING SQ.FT.

4,281  
LARGEST SQ.FT. ROOM.





BLUE LANTERN INN  
FOUR SISTERS COLLECTION

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AMENITIES

29 guestrooms

Complimentary signature breakfast  
and mini-picnic for 2 guests, daily

Complimentary onsite parking

Complimentary WiFi

Complimentary soft drinks

Onsite spa services

Bike rentals

Fitness room

Beach chairs, towels and umbrellas to borrow

Books and games to borrow

One pet-friendly guestroom



With spectacular views of the ocean, Dana Point Harbor and the serene Headlands Conservation Area, Blue Lantern Inn is your perfect home base for relaxation and exploration of this charming coastal haven.

ACCOMMODATIONS

This boutique property features 29 comfortable guestrooms each featuring a fireplace, sitting area, oversized bathroom with a jetted spa tub and a refrigerator with complimentary soft drinks. The property's deluxe rooms – Tower Guestrooms and Pacific Edge Rooms – offer a private patio or balcony with ocean views.

RECREATION

Perfectly situated in the Lantern District, this hotel is just steps away from local shops and beloved Dana Point restaurants. The property is also a short 10-minute walk to the Dana Point Headlands where you can explore walking trails through a protected area surrounded by the Pacific Ocean. Borrow bikes for an enjoyable ride to Dana Point Harbor and nearby beaches.

MEETINGS

Offering ideal settings for small meetings, Blue Lantern Inn has affordable and complete packages including a variety of beverages, morning and afternoon treats, notepads and pens and more.

Meeting spaces include:

The Library, located off the main lobby and ideal for a relaxed, less formal meeting, is 575 square feet and can accommodate banquets of up to 40 people and meetings of up to 26 people.

The Conference Room, located on the lower level, is a comfortable atmosphere for meetings of up to 12 people.

GUEST FAVORITE

Take your complimentary mini-picnic, complete with wine, bite-sized cheeses, crackers and freshly baked cookies, on your day's adventure or toast to the good life from the balcony of your guestroom.





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AMENITIES

- 136 guestrooms and unique suites
- Prime location in Dana Point Harbor
- Complimentary continental breakfast daily
- Complimentary WiFi
- Heated outdoor pool and hot tub
- Fitness center featuring a Peloton bike
- Complimentary on-site parking
- Pet-friendly rooms
- Easy access to SUP, surfboard and bike rentals

Enjoy your immersive Dana Point experience in an exclusive setting with exquisite views when you stay at the Dana Point Marina Inn, the only hotel located directly on Dana Point Harbor.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Experience a laid-back marina-front ambiance with guestrooms offering private balconies, many with exceptional waterfront views. The one-bedroom suite offers additional living space and amenities, featuring a separate bedroom and living area, fireplace, kitchen, two private balconies and two flat-screen televisions. The Honeymoon Suite features an in-room spa tub, elevated bed, sofa and partial view of Dana Point Harbor.

RECREATION

You'll have the most convenient access to an array of exciting adventures, including surfing, whale watching, fishing, kayaking, sailing, jet skiing, biking and swimming from this hotel. Discover numerous restaurants with various styles of cuisine and unique shops to browse in Dana Point Harbor, just moments away from your guestroom. Baby Beach, the renowned Ocean Institute, and the Catalina Express are only minutes from the hotel, too.

MEETINGS

Dana Point Marina Inn offers a one-of-a-kind setting for meetings and special events. The laid-back ambiance, sweeping harbor views and personalized service come together to create an inviting waterfront setting for collaborating with colleagues or celebrating with family and friends.

Meeting spaces, featuring high-definition televisions and projectors, include:

The Boardroom, an intimate 300-square-foot room, comfortably accommodates up to eight guests and includes a full kitchen.

The San Clemente Room features various floor plans for versatile needs. This 900-square-foot option can accommodate up to 60 guests in a theater setting; 56 guests in a banquet setting; 30 guests in a classroom setting; and 24 guests in a U-shaped conference setup.

The Dana Point Room, the property's largest meeting room at 1200-square-feet, accommodates up to 60 guests in a theater setting; 56 guests in a banquet setting; 30 guests in a classroom setting; and 24 guests in a U-shaped conference setup.

GUEST FAVORITE

Admire the festively illuminated Dana Point Harbor and Marina during the holidays from your guestroom balcony at the Dana Point Marina Inn.





## Capistrano SurfSide Inn

Located directly across from Doheny State Beach and only minutes away from Dana Point Harbor, the 37-room Capistrano SurfSide Inn offers approachable, comfortable and convenient accommodations.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Perfect for extended stays, each spacious guestroom is equipped with a full kitchen and a private balcony with barbecue grill.

### RECREATION

As a guest of the Capistrano SurfSide Inn, you can enjoy an array of amenities, including: outdoor pool and hot tub, fitness center, on-site parking, bike rentals, boogie board rentals, laundry facilities, pool table and movie rentals. Walk across the pedestrian bridge, located next to the hotel, for easy beach access.



## The Beachfront Inn & Suites at Dana Point

Nestled between San Clemente and Dana Point, just steps from Capistrano Beach, Beachfront Inn & Suites is one of the most welcoming, relaxing and affordable hotels.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

The Beachfront Inn & Suites offers 33 spacious rooms, with suites ranging from 600-800 square feet that include a living room and separate bedroom as well as a sofa bed, microwave, refrigerator and large work desk. Enjoy ocean views from your private patio, laundry facilities on-site, hot tub and complimentary breakfast.

### RECREATION

When staying at the Beachfront Inn & Suites, you will be just a short walk away from Capistrano Beach. The property is also less than one mile from Doheny State Beach, 35 minutes to Disneyland and only 25 minutes to John Wayne Airport. Some of the best surf spots in Southern California – Trestles, San Onofre and Salt Creek Beach – are also nearby.



## Best Western Plus Marina Shores Hotel

Located one block from Doheny State Beach and the entrance to the Dana Point Harbor, Best Western Plus Marina Shores Hotel is also convenient to specialty shops, restaurants and art galleries. The 87-room property is centrally located with easy access to Laguna Beach, San Juan Capistrano and San Clemente.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

87 guestrooms; 34 of those rooms are two-room suites featuring a separate living room and bedroom, with an oversized whirlpool bathtub. The property also has the Doheny Suite consisting of three connecting rooms to accommodate up to eight guests.

### RECREATION

Stay at the Best Western Plus Marina Shores for a great place to enjoy the destination on foot. The hotel is walking distance to local hot spots, restaurants and art installations, such as Watermen's Plaza. When you're not out exploring Dana Point, take advantage of the on-site fitness center and heated, outdoor pool.



## Best Western Plus Dana Point Inn-by-the-Sea

Located on the southern end of Dana Point, Riviera Beach & Shores Resort offers endless ocean views and relaxing accommodations, creating the perfect destination for your next beach vacation.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Resort features spacious suites, many complete with living rooms, dining areas, full or partial kitchens, private bedrooms, and laundry facilities so you can leave behind the stresses of home without sacrificing convenience.

### RECREATION

Conveniently head into town to discover charming shops, marine activities, and local eateries. Retreat back to the hotel and enjoy a sauna, fitness center and two pools overlooking the shores of Capistrano Beach.



## Riviera Beach & Shores Resort

Get away from it all without getting too far off the grid by staying at the Riviera Beach & Shores Resort, where private getaways and romantic escapes are easy.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Newly renovated, spacious accommodations with unique features like electric fireplaces, jetted bathtubs and ocean views. Many rooms include microwaves and refrigerators.

### RECREATION

You'll quickly discover why Doheny State Beach and Dana Point Harbor provide the perfect atmosphere for an intimate getaway. This ocean view hotel is just a quick float away from Catalina Island where you'll be happy to get "lost at sea" in such decadent surroundings. The Riviera Beach & Shores Resort also offers many recreation opportunities, such as stand-up paddling, surfing, kayaking, jet skiing, fishing, sunbathing, whale watching and more.



# Venues Unique Settings

In addition to its stellar resorts, Dana Point is home to gorgeous locales ideal for hosting special events, from corporate conferences to weddings. Dana Point offers a spectacular backdrop with extensive indoor and outdoor meeting space. Whether planning the wedding of your dreams or getting down to business, you can pair beach vibes with fine wines and create the perfect event.

**MONARCH BEACH  
GOLF LINKS**

When you're looking for an outdoor venue with a view to host your catered-only event, the professionals at Monarch Beach Golf Links specialize in customizing events for 4 to 200+ guests. Venue spaces are outdoor – either on our 1st tee boxes, Monarch Café, or behind our 18th green.



**CASA ROMANTICA  
CULTURAL CENTER  
AND GARDENS**

A former estate now registered historical landmark, Casa Romantica's blufftop location and lush gardens have enchanted visitors since 1927. Four event spaces within the property can accommodate up to 150 seated guests.



**MISSION SAN JUAN  
CAPISTRANO**

The seventh of 21 Spanish missions established in 18th century California, the Mission's historic adobe buildings and courtyards can accommodate up to 800 seated guests or 1,000 standing. Colorful gardens, koi fountains and the famous migrating swallows contribute to the Mission's timeless appeal.



**OCEAN INSTITUTE**

Voted the town's best wedding venue by the Dana Point Times, the Institute is a nautical dream of a facility right on the water in Dana Point Harbor. Each of the Institute's three indoor-outdoor spaces feature expansive vistas of either the Harbor or the Pacific ocean, with a capacity of 20-200 people seated.

**LOCAL PARKS  
AND BEACHES**

Take advantage of Dana Point's year-round sunshine by reserving a Dana Point park that overlooks the Pacific Ocean, or get married on the beach—no shoes required. These outdoor venues are perfect for intimate gatherings.



**SURFING HERITAGE  
AND CULTURE CENTER**

Vintage surfboards line the walls at the Center's event space, evoking Southern California's extensive surfing history and relaxed beach culture. The Center can fit 120 seated guests and 250 standing indoors, with the option of expanding outside.



NEARBY CITIES  
AND LANDMARKS

Laguna Beach	7 miles
Newport Beach	19 miles
Huntington Beach	29 miles
Carlsbad/Legoland	35 miles
Anaheim/Disneyland	39 miles
Long Beach	39 miles
San Diego Wild Animal Park	58 miles
Los Angeles	65 miles
Universal Studios	68 miles
San Diego Zoo	68 miles
Rodeo Drive/Beverly Hills	70 miles
Palm Springs	105 miles

NEARBY AIRPORTS

John Wayne Airport Orange County (SNA)	22 miles
Long Beach Airport (LGB)	43 miles
LA/Ontario International Airport (ONT)	60 miles
Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)	63 miles
San Diego International Airport (SAN)	65 miles
Palm Springs International Airport (PSP)	109 miles

Dana Point is your ideal home base for effortlessly exploring all of Southern California. Nestled between Southern California's gateway cities - Los Angeles and San Diego - Dana Point is easily accessible by car, plane, train or bus.

BY PLANE

John Wayne Airport, Orange County (SNA) is the closest airport to Dana Point at only 22 miles away, and where you'll likely have the best experience due to the airport's clean, easy to navigate terminals and friendly staff. Flights are offered by most major airlines with numerous domestic routes as well as international flights to and from Mexico and Canada. Four other major airports reside within 65 miles of Dana Point.

BY TRAIN

Take the Amtrak Pacific Surfliner or Metrolink to the charming San Juan Capistrano train station — the closest to Dana Point. This is one of Amtrak's most unique depots, as passenger areas are housed in vintage boxcars. It's also convenient to get off the train in San Clemente; both stations are just minutes from Dana Point. From there, you can take a taxi, Uber, Lyft or trolley right down to the beach.

BY CAR

Easily accessed from the north, south and east via the Interstate 5 (I-5) Freeway or the Pacific Coast Highway, driving directions to Dana Point couldn't be simpler. From Los Angeles: Take the I-5 South to exit 79/CA-1. From San Diego: Take the I-5 North to exit 79/CA-1, towards the Pacific Coast Highway.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Once you arrive in Dana Point, be sure to try the town's favorite mode of transportation during the summer: the free Dana Point Summer Trolley Service that runs through Labor Day. You can also ride the Metrolink commuter train or hop on an Orange County Bus through the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA).

