



Newport Beach, CA



Newport Beach, California, had many early settlers, including the Tongva and the Acjachemem native peoples, Spanish and Mexican explorers and landowners, and American entrepreneurs, who gave the area its name. After serving as a commercial and shipping center in the late 19th century, Newport Beach was reimagined as a resort and recreation area. The growth of the tourist industry was aided by the establishment of the Pacific Electric Railroad that connected Newport Beach to Los Angeles in 1905. Many movies and television shows have been filmed here.

Museums in Newport Beach include the ExplorOcean/Newport Harbor Nautical Museum, which focuses on the past, present, and future of nautical exploration. The Newport Sports Museum has a collection of more than 10,000 items of authentic sports memorabilia, including items from baseball, hockey, basketball, football, golf, soccer, and surfing icons. The Orange County Museum of Art features various cultural activities and media.

Performing arts programs are held at the Newport Theatre Arts Center, which produces community theater programs. Bonita Canyon Sports Park is the site for the Shakespeare by the Sea summer performances. The Baroque Music Festival is held during June. The city also hosts several annual summer concert series.

NEIGHBORHOODS

Newport Beach is comprised of several villages that have distinct character and appearance, many of which with ocean or bay views. One such village is the city's downtown area of Newport Center, which contains high- and mid-rise office and residential buildings, hotels, and Fashion Island, an upscale shopping center.

Balboa Island is another village in Newport Beach and consists of three man-made islands: the main island, the little island, and Collins Island, which has only eight houses. The main island has approximately 1,450 homes, most of which were constructed primarily in the early part of the 20th century. The main island is connected to the mainland by a bridge and is also served by a ferry.

The off-shore village of Lido Isle was developed as a Mediterranean-themed residential area, with streets named for Italian, French, and Greek cities. Many of the homes in this village have yacht slips. Lido Isle is also connected to the mainland by a bridge.

Corona del Mar is comprised of many neighborhoods that were built in the early 1970s. This village consists of condominiums and single-family residences. Balboa Peninsula is another village in Newport Beach that features condominium and single-family homes, many of which are located on the bayfront and the oceanfront.

Newport Beach has many gated communities of various sizes, styles, and ages. One gated community is Bay Island, a pedestrian island that consists of 23 private residences. No automobiles are permitted on the island, so residents use golf carts to transport themselves. Other examples include the condominium communities of Bayside Cove, Villa Balboa, and Versailles, the latter two located near Hoag Hospital. The Belcourt community features single-family homes built in the 1980s. Big Canyon and Granville communities have their own country clubs. The Castaways community features 119 homes built in the late 1990s in the Cape Cod style. Harbor Ridge Custom Estates is known for the varied architectural styles of its homes, which include contemporary design, English Tudor, traditional-style, and French Chateau-inspired design.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Newport Beach has 58 parks that have athletic fields; baseball diamonds; bounce houses; gymnasiums; playgrounds; and tennis,

volleyball, handball, and basketball courts. Some parks have bay and/or ocean views and others, bay views.

Corona del Mar State Beach is popular with swimmers, surfers, divers, volleyball players, and sunbathers and was featured in movie and television productions. In 1928, Corona del Mar held the Pacific Coast Surf Riding Championships, the first major surf competition in mainland America.

Crystal Cove State Park and Beach is known for its rustic setting. Located at the edge of the park, El Moro is a 2,200-acre chaparral canyon with 18 miles of hiking, biking, and horse trails. Three beach areas are below the bluffs and a 1,140 acre underwater park for snorkelers and scuba divers is located offshore.

Surfers, swimmers, and sunbathers enjoy Newport Beach year-round. The city also has a lengthy bike trail that extends around most of the peninsula.

Plants at the Sherman Library & Gardens range from desert to tropical. Specialized gardens include rose, Japanese, and herb gardens.

The Peter & Mary Muth Interpretive Center is the starting point for a visit to the Upper Newport Bay Ecological Reserve and Nature Preserve.

EDUCATION

The Newport-Mesa Unified School District educates 21,800 students in 22 elementary schools, four intermediate schools, and four comprehensive high schools. In addition, the district has three alternative high schools that offer either assistance programs to struggling students, independent study programs, or an early college program that provides a college-based environment beginning in the ninth grade. One elementary school serves as a science, math, and technology magnet school.

The Interior Design Institute offers training and degrees at the associate's, bachelor's, and master's levels in various fields of interior design. The University of California, Irvine, which has a school of medicine, Orange Coast College, and Coastline Community College are located in neighboring towns.

HEALTH CARE

Hoag Hospital Newport Beach is an acute care hospital with 499 licensed beds. Additional acute care hospitals are located in neighboring towns. The city is also served by a psychiatric hospital.

CITY STATS

2010

City Population	85,186
County Population	3,017,598
Per Capita Personal Income, Orange County	\$49,863