

Sunset

Dreaming of the Coast? These Classic Destinations Deliver Seaside Bliss

Head to these spots for rest and relaxation.



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The Ranch at Laguna Beach in California



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Spread over 87 acres where canyon meets sea in the heart of Orange County, California, The Ranch at Laguna Beach is a boutique coastal resort steeped in history since its origins as an 1800s homestead. The property features 97 guest rooms and suites, a half-acre biodynamic farm, the only golf course in Laguna Beach, a 3,000-square-foot indoor/outdoor spa, and versatile meeting and event spaces. The Ranch embodies the spirit of Laguna Beach's iconic artistic community. Its dining program includes farm-to-fork California cuisine at Harvest, casual fare at The Porch, and locally sourced offerings at Lost Pier Cafe, along with Young's Beach Shack at nearby Salt Creek Beach. Guests can enjoy on-site experiences like yoga, stargazing, and outdoor exploration, as well as off-site adventures including dolphin safaris and whale watching. A founding member of Beyond Green, the resort prioritizes sustainability across all operations.