

COSTA MESA IS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S **INTERNATIONAL DESTINATION**

COSTA MESA, CA – Welcome to Costa Mesa, Southern California's very own international-style destination. Known as the *City of the Arts*, this cosmopolitan Orange County, California community is nestled near the Pacific Ocean just 35 miles south of Los Angeles.

Costa Mesa beckons to travelers who want the appeal of faraway places without crossing any borders. For example, at internationally acclaimed South Coast Plaza, shoppers are invited to experience a virtual visit to 17 countries represented at this ultimate shopping resort. South Coast Plaza's unsurpassed shopping, including Giorgio Armani, Gucci, Louis Vuitton, Saks Fifth Avenue, Tiffany and Versace, comes with a VIP passport filled with special offers.

A Mecca for lovers of the Arts, Costa Mesa is home to the Orange County Performing Arts Center, the Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall, the Samueli Theatre and dedicated education spaces. Also in Costa Mesa is the expanded Tony Award-winning South Coast Repertory (SCR) Theatre complex. Artists from the four corners of the globe regularly perform on stage in Costa Mesa.

Like other international destinations, Costa Mesa's many sidewalk cafes, bistros and reservations-only hotspots offer an array of dining adventures, featuring cuisine from around the globe. China, Cuba, Greece, France, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, and New Zealand are among the many nations represented here.

Near to Costa Mesa are miles of sparkling beaches, as well as championship-quality golf courses. A mild year round climate allows visitors to enjoy walking tours of local coastal cities, including Costa Mesa, which let them experience the works of Jean Dubuffet, Isamu Noguchi, Henry Moore, Joan Miro and Charles O. Perry, among other world-class artists.

Costa Mesa's luxury hotels include Ayres Hotel & Suites (714.549.0300), Costa Mesa Marriott (714.957.1100), Hilton Costa Mesa (714.540.7000), Holiday Inn Costa Mesa (714.557.3000), Holiday Inn Express Costa Mesa (949.631.6000), Ramada Limited & Suites Costa Mesa (949.645.2221), Residence Inn by Marriott (714.241.8800), The Westin South Coast Plaza (714.540.2500), and the Wyndham Hotel (714.751.5100).

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