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Dana Point & Orange County Calendar of Events

A curated guide to fall's best happenings

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A NOTE FROM LEILANI

Your Guide to an Unforgettable September

Orange County eases into fall in September, with art festivals still filling Laguna Beach, Fiestas Patrias celebrations honoring our Hispanic and Latino communities, and the first weekends of Oktoberfest in Huntington Beach. Whether you're a longtime neighbor or just settling in, I hope this calendar helps you make the most of the season.

As always, if you or someone you know is thinking about buying or selling in South Orange County, I'd love to help. Wishing you a wonderful month ahead.

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ALL MONTH LONG

Ongoing & Multi-Day

ORANGE COUNTY

Through Sept. 3

Festival of Arts Fine Art Show

This highly acclaimed juried fine art show features the work of over 100 award-winning Orange County artists.

650 Laguna Canyon Rd., Laguna Beach • 800-487-3378 / www.foapom.com/summer-art-show

Sept. 4

Pageant of the Masters

Classic and contemporary works of art are faithfully re-created with theatrical illusion and real people posing as living pictures.

650 Laguna Canyon Rd., Laguna Beach • 800-487-3378 / www.foapom.com

Through Sept. 6

Sawdust Festival

A place where over 180 Laguna Beach artists are empowered to exhibit and sell their work directly to the public.

935 Laguna Canyon Road, Laguna Beach • 949-494-3030 / www.sawdustartfestival.org

Through Sept. 6

Laguna Art-A-Fair

Award-winning fine artists and artisans from around the world.

777 Laguna Canyon Road, Laguna Beach • 949-494-4514 / www.art-a-fair.com

Sept. 12 – Nov. 8

Huntington Beach Oktoberfest

Wed-Sun. Authentic German Food, German Beers, German Bands, Shot Girls, and other festivities, competitions & games.

Old World Village Festival Hall, Huntington Beach • 714-895-8020 / www.oldworldhb.com

WEEK ONE
Sept. 4 – 7

ORANGE COUNTY

Sept. 4 – 6

Orange International Street Fair

The Street Fair has become known for the variety of food reflecting cuisine from around the world. They provide food, drink, entertainment and crafts to the visitors.

Orange Plaza • www.optevents.org

Sept. 5

La Habra Chamber Patriot Day Car Show

Classic and custom cars, food vendors, car show awards, and photo opportunities.

10am-2pm / 4300 N. Harbor Blvd., Fullerton • 562-697-1704 / www.lahabrachamber.com

Sept. 5 – 6

Huntington Beach Civil War Days

Brings together hundreds of living historians, educators, and expert presenters from across the country for a weekend of immersive history.

Sa 1:30pm, 4:30pm, Su 11am, 2pm / HB Central Park • www.hbhistory.org

Sept. 6 & 27

Wiener Dog Race

Watch adorable dachshunds race to the finish line.

10am-2pm / Old World Village Festival Hall, Huntington Beach • 714-895-8020 / www.oldworldhb.com

Sept. 7

Garden Grove Elks Lodge Labor Day Family Fun Festival

Breakfast, barbeque, games, and entertainment. \$2 donation.

8am-5:30pm / 11551 Trask Ave • www.ggcity.org

Sept. 11 – 13

Fountain Valley Lobster Festival

Fresh Live Maine Lobster. Dance to a variety of popular artists on the dance floor, tasty eats in the food court, complimentary Stella Rosa Wine and Spritzer Sampling, a first-class tequila/whiskey tasting experience, and local artisans.

F 5-11p, Sa 12-11p, Su 12-8p / Fountain Valley Sports Park • 562-495-5959 / www.originallobsterfestival.com

Sept. 11 – 13

Maritime Festival

Local vendors, food trucks, beer gardens, kids' activities, sailor reenactors, local marine life, tall ships, and more!

10am-5pm / Ocean Institute, Dana Point Harbor • 949-496-2274 / www.maritime-fest.org

Sept. 11 – 13

Creep It Real Nostalgic OC EXPO

Shop from over 120 spooky themed vendors. Enjoy LIVE entertainment from spooky themed bands and GJ Vinyl Ghoul. Meet-and-greet with celebrities from that nostalgic era.

Heritage Museum of OC • www.creepitreloc.com

Sept. 12

Pacific Wine & Food Classic

This highly anticipated one-day experience invites you to savor the very best of Orange County's vibrant food and wine scene.

1-5pm / Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort & Marina • www.pacificwineandfood.com

Sept. 12

Heroes Hall Speaker Series

Perspectives from the CIA: A Complete Arc of the Vietnam Conflict. Take a look at America's involvement in Vietnam through the eyes of two CIA operatives.

2-3:30pm / OC Fair & Event Center • www.ocfair.com

Sept. 12

Rossmoor Family Festival – Featuring The Trip

Top food trucks, craft vendors, and kids carnival.

3-8pm / Rush Park • www.rossmoor-csd.org

Sept. 12

Celebrate Los Al

Carnival and activities celebrating Los Alamitos. Street Fair & Carnival, Concerts, Beverage Garden, Serve Los Al, Public Safety Fair, and Los Al Glow Run.

562-430-1073 / www.cityoflosalamitos.org

Sept. 12 – 13

Maker Faire OC

From tech enthusiasts and artists to crafters and DIY hobbyists, it's a place where curiosity flourishes and hands-on experiences invite everyone to explore, learn, and innovate.

Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm / OC Fair & Event Center • oc.makerfaire.com

Sept. 12 – 13

Fiestas Patrias Festival and Parade

Celebrate Orange County's vibrant Hispanic and Latino communities with a family-friendly celebration.

Sat 12-11pm, Sun 12-10pm / Downtown Santa Ana • 714-647-5400 / www.santa-ana.org/fiesta-patrias

Sept. 12 & 26

Mission Viejo Movies in the Park

Refreshments and food available for purchase, with free games, bounce house, & music. 9/12 Little Giants. 9/26 Zootopia 2.

5-9pm / 9/12 Cordova Park, 9/26 Pavilion Park • 949-859-4348 opt. 2 / www.missionviejo.gov

Sept. 13

Fiesta Latina en Irvine

Enjoy lively lotería games, colorful calavera makeup demonstrations, music, art, and delicious food celebrating the traditions and contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans.

11am / Great Park • www.cityofirvine.gov

Sept. 13

Surf City Day

This community event features a fun-filled day of activities geared toward celebrating the Huntington Beach lifestyle!

8am-3pm / Downtown Business Improvement District, Huntington Beach • www.hbdowntown.com

Sept. 13

Blessing of the Waves

An event for everyone, all ages and all faiths. Join community leaders as they come together in environmental solidarity.

5:30pm / Huntington Beach Pier Plaza • www.ghbic.org

Sept. 16**Taste of Lantern Village**

Enjoy food samples from up to 20 local restaurants, live music, and opportunity drawings.

5-8pm / La Plaza Park, Dana Point • www.danapoint.org

Sept. 16**San Juan Summer Nites**

Live music, business expo vendors, and activities for the kids.

6-8pm / Historic Town Center Park • 949-493-1171 / www.sanjuancapistrano.org

Sept. 16**“Tee Off For The Heart” Precious Life Golf Tournament**

Enjoy a day of golf, community, and impact supporting mothers and babies in need.

9:30am-7pm / El Dorado Park Golf Course, Long Beach • 562-430-7309 / www.preciouslifeshelter.org

Sept. 17**Heroes Appreciation Luncheon**

Honoring our brave men and women in uniform.

11:15am-1:15pm / Rush Park Auditorium • 562-598-6659 / www.losalchamber.org

Sept. 18**Stanton Family Resource Center Open House**

Learn more about the incredible services the FRC has to offer to the community. Stop by for some yummy food and drinks.

5-7pm / 11822 Santa Paula St. • 714-379-0129 / www.stantonca.gov

Sept. 18 – 20**Sand Sports Super Show**

The biggest and most exciting dune and dirt sports EXPO in the world. Get up close to the latest Sand Rails, UTVs, ATVs, Side x Sides, accessories, apparel and more.

F 4-10p, Sa 9a-7p, Su 9a-4p / OC Fair & Event Center • www.sandsportssupershow.com

Sept. 19**Anaheim Craft and Vintage Fair**

More than 30 unique vendors. Vintage Sellers. No entrance fee for shoppers. Great food including Eastern European favorites. Bake sale, with homemade jam and jelly.

9am-4pm / Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church • 714-533-6292 / www.annunciationbyzantine.org

Sept. 19

Buena Park Culture Fest

Explore different cultures around the world through amazing performances, delicious food, community booths & activities.
4-8pm / Boisseranc Park • www.buenapark.com

Sept. 19

Toast to the Casa: An Evening in Paradise

An evening of tropical glamour to raise critical funds for Casa Romantica's cultural programs and historic preservation. Enjoy 20+ food and beverage vendors, auctions, and games.
5-9:30pm / Casa Romantica Cultural Center and Gardens • 949-498-2139 / www.casaromantica.org

Sept. 19

Yorba Linda Movie in the Park

Bring a blanket or lawn chair for seating and some snacks!
Dusk / Hurless Barton Park • 714-961-7100 / www.yorbalindaca.gov

Sept. 19

Tunnel to Towers 5K Run/Walk

Honor the heroic life and death of Stephen Siller, a New York City firefighter (FDNY) who lost his life on September 11, 2001 after strapping on his gear and running through the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel to the Twin Towers.
8am-12pm / Huntington City Beach • 949-279-4056 / runwalkhuntingtonbeach.t2t.org

Sept. 19

Sunset Beach Woman's Club Chili Cookoff

Chili tastings, live classic rock, beer and wine sales, food vendors, a classic VW bus display, HB Marine Safety activities, and plenty of beach-town fun.
11am-5pm / 18355 Gum Tree Lane, Huntington Beach • 714-981-0061 / www.sunsetbeachwomansclub.com

Sept. 20

San Clemente Annual Car Show

Gorgeous cars, music, food, slot cars, unique shopping, and family fun!
Spectators are free and sweet pups are welcomed.
10am-3pm / Avenida Del Mar • www.sccarshow.com

Sept. 20

Irvine Police Department Open House

Meet Irvine Police Officers and professional staff and experience exciting K-9 and motorcycle demonstrations, and get an up-close look at police vehicles.
10:30am-2:30pm / Irvine Civic Center • www.cityofirvine.gov

Sept. 20

Orange County Children's Book Festival

Meet authors, explore books, and enjoy stories, entertainment, and family fun.
10am-3pm / Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa • www.kidsbookfestival.com

Sept. 21

Golf For A Cure Fundraiser

Grab your clubs and golfing buddies for a day filled with fun, food, drinks, prizes and, of course, great golf!

11am-8pm / Alta Vista Country Club, Placentia • 714-528-1873 /
www.golfforeacure.com

Sept. 25

Irvine Healthy Living Expo

This free event, geared toward adults 50 and older, will include community resources, flu shots, health screenings, fitness demos, educational presentations, and a variety of exhibitors.

9am-12pm / Lakeview Senior Center • www.cityofirvine.gov

Sept. 25

Irvine Mid-Autumn Festival

An evening of vibrant performances, cultural displays, hands-on crafts, delicious food, and more.

5-9:30pm / Great Park • www.cityofirvine.gov

Sept. 25

Foods of Garden Grove Live 2026

The tasting event returns to Downtown Garden Grove.

5:30-9pm / Village Green Park • www.ggcity.org

Sept. 25 – 26

Redo Market

A curated collection of vintage finds and authentic assortment of makers, including home, clothing, surfboards and jewelry.

Fri 4-10pm, Sat 9am-4pm / OC Fair & Event Center • www.redomarket.com

Sept. 26

J.F. Shea Therapeutic Riding Center BBQ/Family Faire

Featuring heartwarming activities such as client riding demonstrations, barn tours to meet our therapy horses, nostalgic carnival games, and a petting zoo for kids.

4-10pm / Shea Therapeutic Riding Center, SJC • 949-240-8441 /
www.sheacenter.org

Sept. 26

Cypress Festival

Join us by welcoming the classic car show back. We are setting new records, with room for 100 cars. We will be revamping our Chili & Salsa contest. The Kids Area will be free this year.

12-7pm / Oak Knoll Park • www.cypressfestival.com

Sept. 26

Hyundai Hope on Wheels 5K & Color Fun Run

Make every step count in the fight against pediatric cancer while supporting incredible local non-profits.

8am / Fountain Valley Sports Park • www.fountainvalley.gov

Sept. 26

Ladera Pride Community Celebration

Come enjoy music, delicious food, family-friendly activities, and explore community resources while gathering with friends, neighbors, and allies who celebrate love and diversity.

3-7pm / Covenant Hills Village Clubhouse • www.laderalife.com

Sept. 26 – 27

San Juan Capistrano Greek Festival

Authentic Greek food and pastries, Greek music and dancing, shopping at the Greek bazaar, kid friendly activities and exhibits featuring Byzantine icons and traditional Greek costumes.

Sat 11am-10pm, Sun 11am-9pm / SJC Community Center • 949-542-3445 / www.sjcgreekfest.org

Sept. 27

California Bridal & Wedding Expo

An amazing selection of wedding professionals.

11am-5pm / OC Fair & Event Center • cabridalshows-of.com

ENJOY LIFE!

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about how many people I help."*

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