



Oceanside, California – Take A Closer Look Story Ideas 2012

Togethering: Family friendly Oceanside is the highlight of an upcoming episode on a [new PBS travel series called “Getting Away Together.”](#) The show highlights the best places in the U.S. for families- both extended and immediate- to vacation together. Oceanside was chosen for its stellar beach front vacation rentals, coastal location and range of activities for the entire family.

Athletic Tourism: Oceanside not only boasts an impressive list of elite events from Ironman qualifiers to professional surf contests, but is also a sought after training ground for cyclists, runners and swimming enthusiasts.

Vintage Oceanside: From the Mission San Luis Rey and the Top Gun House to the historic 101 Café and Surf Museum’s Vintage Surf Swap Meet, Oceanside is rich in California history both ancient and contemporary.

Luxury – Absolutely – Laid Back Luxury: Though best known for its laid back coastal cool, there’s luxury to be found from beachfront accommodations with gourmet kitchens, hot tubs, putting greens and fire pits, to ocean view dining options and private sailing charters.

Couples Retreat: Couples therapists Gerry and Margo Dye of LIFE Marriage Retreats choose Oceanside as one of only five locations for their couples retreats due to the abundant natural beauty and wide range of activities from captaining a small electric boat and enjoying a romantic cruise for two around Oceanside Harbor to paddling out at sunset for a front row seat to the green flash. www.lifemarriageretreats.com.

When Pigs Fly: Oceanside’s newest gastropub, The Flying Pig, is steadily earning rave reviews for its celebration of everything pig. Favorites include Molasses-braised pork belly, bacon-studded mac n’ cheese and an ice-cream sundae with candied pork belly on top. www.flyingpigpubkitchen.com

Surf Is King: Oceanside lays claim to some of the area’s best and most consistent surf spots. It’s also home to the California Surf Museum, which has debuted two new exhibits that captures the radical changes in surfing and skateboarding during the late 1960’s. Upcoming in 2012 is a new exhibit featuring the works of surf photographer Aaron Chang. www.surfmuseum.org

The Art Scene: Oceanside Museum of Art continues to raise the bar with unique exhibits in 2012 including Contemporary Art Wins a Beachhead: The La Jolla School of Arts, 1960-1964; Quilt National; and an exhibit of underwater photography. www.oma-online.org