

### Find Holiday Warmth at OC's Seasonal Events

Cherish the warmth of the holiday season as OC combines beautiful Southern California weather with traditional holiday décor. Play in the snow under the warm California sun at Knott's Merry Farm or experience a magical snowfall moment during the Disneyland Resort's nightly fireworks spectacular. Cheer for the stars of the Stanley Cup Champion Anaheim Ducks or party like it's 2008 at the OC New Year's Eve Orange Drop. For a complete listing of events, please visit our online events calendar at [anaheimoc.org](http://anaheimoc.org).

### Special Events

**Knott's Berry Farm Christmas Crafts Village**, November – December, Knott's Berry Farm, Buena Park, 714-220-5200, [www.knotts.com](http://www.knotts.com). Ghost Town becomes an enchanted Victorian village brimming with strolling carolers, community choirs, brass bands and more than 100 artisans selling one-of-a-kind wares.

**Festival of Lights**, November – January 2008, Mission Inn, Riverside, 800-344-4225, [www.missioninn.com](http://www.missioninn.com). Enlighten the holiday season at this festive event. See more than 200,000 lights illuminate the Mission Inn as carolers and musicians stroll through the historical hotel.

**Irvine Spectrum Center Holiday Ice Rink**, November 1 – January 21, 2008, 949-753-5180, [www.skatespectrum.com](http://www.skatespectrum.com). Irvine Spectrum Center will be transformed into a Winter Wonderland for the annual Holiday Ice Rink, open daily in Giant Wheel Court at Irvine Spectrum Center.

**Holidays at the Disneyland Resort**, November 16 – January 6, 2008, 714-781-7290, [www.disneyland.com](http://www.disneyland.com). Celebrate the holidays at the Disneyland Resort with themed entertainment, sparkling decorations, tasty treats and the annual holiday transformations of "it's a small world" and the Haunted Mansion.

**Sawdust Winter Fantasy**, November 17-18, 23-25, December 1-2, 8-9, Laguna Canyon, 949-494-3030, [www.sawdustartfestival.com](http://www.sawdustartfestival.com). This annual arts and crafts fair features works by a variety of Laguna Beach artists. Holiday entertainment and activities are also included.

**Knott's Merry Farm**, December, Knott's Berry Farm, Buena Park, 714-220-5200, [www.knotts.com](http://www.knotts.com). Knott's Berry Farm's traditional in-park holiday celebration includes real snow-sledding on Beagle Hill, the Peanuts® Gang in holiday attire, strolling carolers and a variety of performances and activities.

**Menorah Lighting Ceremony**, December, Fashion Island, Newport Beach, 949-721-2000, [www.shopfashionisland.com](http://www.shopfashionisland.com). Join Rabbi Tennenbaum in the celebration of Chanukah. Evening festivities include a special celebrity guest to light the giant Menorah, live music, dancing and dreidels for children.

**Holiday Dinner Cruises**, December 5-23 & 31, Hornblower Cruises, Newport Beach, 949-646-0155, [www.hornblower.com](http://www.hornblower.com). Your Holiday Dinner Cruise includes a boarding glass of champagne, a delicious three-course seated meal, and DJ entertainment.

**Nutcracker Holiday Festival**, December 6-7, Downtown Anaheim, 714-765-5274, [www.downtownanaheim.com](http://www.downtownanaheim.com). Anaheim welcomes a traditional celebration and holiday street fair with a tree-lighting, live entertainment, plenty of trimmings and festivities for all ages.

**99th Annual Christmas Boat Parade**, December 12-16, Newport Harbor, 949-729-4400, [www.christmasboatparade.com](http://www.christmasboatparade.com). Join over a million viewers as you watch a parade of more than 200 beautifully decorated yachts, boats, kayaks and canoes sail and sparkle along the Newport Harbor.

**45th Annual Cruise of Lights**, December 13-23, Huntington Harbour, 714-840-7542, [www.cruiseoflights.org](http://www.cruiseoflights.org). Climb aboard a narrated cruise through the waterways of exclusive Huntington Harbour to see the magnificent displays of homes decorated with thousands of holiday lights and Christmas characters.

## New Year's Eve Events

**New Year's Eve Celebration**, December 31, Island Hotel, Newport Beach, 949-760-4920, [www.theislandhotel.com](http://www.theislandhotel.com). A five-piece band will play jazz, rock and pop tunes for revelers. Admission includes small plates, party favors and a champagne toast and balloon drop.

**New Year's Eve Black Tie Gala**, December 31, Balboa Bay Club & Resort, Newport Beach, 949-630-4145, [www.balboabayclub.com](http://www.balboabayclub.com). Ring in the New Year with the Black Tie Gala, including champagne, dinner, music, dancing and more.

**OC New Years Eve**, December 31, The Oaks Blenheim Event Center, San Juan Capistrano, 714-740-2000, [www.ocnye.com](http://www.ocnye.com). The OCNYE will ring in 2008 with a bang, so don't miss out on the biggest New Year's Party on the West Coast and an Orange County tradition in the making.

**Swing in the New Year**, December 31, OC Pavilion, Santa Ana, 714-550-0550, [www.ocpavilion.com](http://www.ocpavilion.com). Enjoy an endless party on two levels with Royal Crown Revue on the main stage, the Vault VIP Lounge Casino, Vault VIP Casino Bank Roll, party favors, dancing, swing dance lessons by OC Swing, Cognac Lounge, hors d'oeuvres and a midnight champagne toast.

**First Night Fullerton**, December 31, Downtown Fullerton, 714-738-6545, [www.ci.fullerton.ca.us](http://www.ci.fullerton.ca.us). An alcohol-free, family-oriented evening of music, art, culture, exhibits, dining and a fireworks show to ring in the year 2008.

## Family Fun

**Santa's Train & Photos**, November 16 – December 24, South Coast Plaza, Costa Mesa, 714-435-2000, [www.southcoastplaza.com](http://www.southcoastplaza.com). Santa is ready to hear about that special something you're wishing for. Capture the moment with photos in both Carousel Court and the Macy's Home Store Wing, and be sure to take a ride on Santa's Train (free with photo purchase).

**Fashion Island's Photos with Santa**, November 17 – December 24, Fashion Island, Newport Beach, 949-721-2000, [www.shopfashionisland.com](http://www.shopfashionisland.com). Young visitors can meet with Santa to share holiday wishes and take photos in his custom-designed house on Atrium Lawn.

**The Science of Gingerbread**, November 19 – January 6, 2008, Discovery Science Center, Santa Ana, 714-542-2823, [www.discoverycube.org](http://www.discoverycube.org). The annual event features hands-on kitchen science activities, decorating demonstrations and award-winning gingerbread houses on display.

**Christmas At The Mission**, December 1, Mission San Juan Capistrano, 949-234-1300, [www.missionsjc.com](http://www.missionsjc.com). The holiday event includes music and stage performances, crafts for kids, a nativity in the Great Stone Church and hot chocolate and cookies.

**Holiday Treats For The Animals Festival**, December 1-2, Aquarium of the Pacific, Long Beach, 562-590-3100, [www.aquariumofpacific.org](http://www.aquariumofpacific.org). Guests can see Scuba Santa dive with sharks and watch the Aquarium's animals receive their special treats and enrichment gifts.

**Santa Boat Rides**, December 1-2, Dana Wharf, Dana Point, 949-923-2255, [www.danapointharbor.com](http://www.danapointharbor.com). Join Santa and his helpers as they cruise around Dana Point Harbor hearing your Christmas wishes and taking your photo.

**Holiday Block Party**, December 22-31, LEGOLAND, Carlsbad, 760-918-LEGO, [www.legoland.com](http://www.legoland.com). Come build Holiday memories with decked out with twinklin' lights, jolly music, a 30-foot LEGO Christmas tree and a nightly fireworks spectacular about holidays around the world.

## Sports and Recreation

**Anaheim Ducks NHL Hockey**, through April 2008, Honda Center (formerly the Arrowhead Pond of Anaheim), 714-704-2500, [www.mightyducks.com](http://www.mightyducks.com). Experience the excitement of Southern California hockey as the 2007 Stanley Cup Champion Anaheim Ducks take flight on the ice.

**Anaheim Arsenal Basketball**, November – April 2008, The Arena at Anaheim Convention Center, 714-635-2255, [www.anaheimarsenal.com](http://www.anaheimarsenal.com). Come see the future stars of the NBA as Anaheim's home team takes the court in exciting NBA Development League action.

**John R. Wooden Classic**, December 8, Honda Center, Anaheim, 714-704-2400, [www.woodenclassic.com](http://www.woodenclassic.com). The 14th annual John Wooden Classic will feature San Diego State and Saint Mary's in Game One while UCLA and Davidson take the court in Game Two.

## On Display

**Mummies: Death and the Afterlife in Ancient Egypt**, through December 31, Bowers Museum of Cultural Art, Santa Ana, 714-567-3600, [www.bowers.org](http://www.bowers.org). The exhibition features 140 objects, including 14 mummies and/or coffins. It is the largest exhibition of its kind to be shown outside of Britain by the British Museum.

**Women: A Celebration**, through March 2, 2008, The Queen Mary, Long Beach, 562-435-3511, [www.queenmary.com](http://www.queenmary.com). A fine art photography exhibit celebrating women of every age, culture and personality, presented by Peter Fetterman.

**Thursday Art Walk**, December 6, Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, 949-494-8971, [www.firstthursdaysartwalk.com](http://www.firstthursdaysartwalk.com). Gallery events include artist demonstrations, lectures, appetizers and refreshments.

## Now Performing

**Pirates Christmas Dinner Adventure**, November 19 – January 6, Buena Park, 866-439-2469, [www.piratesdinneradventure.com](http://www.piratesdinneradventure.com). Guests are transported back to Christmas in the 1800s with a bounty of action-packed heroics, cannon blasts, pyrotechnics and a dose of wit and wizardry. The show includes a Christmas Port of Call Feast, including a bountiful serving of appetizers, salads and savory dinners.

**Glory of Christmas**, November 23 – December 30, Crystal Cathedral, Garden Grove, 714-971-4000, [www.crystalcathedral.org](http://www.crystalcathedral.org). A special holiday performance for the entire family features a creative blend of Christmas carols, live animals, flying angels, special effects and a living nativity.

**Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament**, November 23 – December 30, Buena Park, 888-935-6878, [www.medievaltimes.com](http://www.medievaltimes.com). Celebrate this holiday season like royalty at Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament. Feast on a fabulous four-course meal while cheering brave knights on horseback as they compete in daring tournament games, authentic jousting matches and dangerous sword fights.

**A Christmas Carol**, November 25 – December 24, South Coast Repertory, Costa Mesa, 714-708-5555, [www.scr.org](http://www.scr.org). Attend this memorable production of the Charles Dickens classic in its 28th season.

**Tales and Scales: The Pied Piper**, December 1- 2, Orange County Performing Artscenter, Costa Mesa, 714-556-2787, [www.ocpac.org](http://www.ocpac.org). Flutes fly, trombones tango and drums dance as Tales and Scales puts music and story into motion. The Pied Piper comes alive to instrumental music and creative movement that helps audiences of all ages discover the true power of music.

**La Posada Magica**, December 7-23, South Coast Repertory, Costa Mesa, 714-708-5555, [www.scr.org](http://www.scr.org). A candlelight procession depicts Mary and Joseph's journey for shelter in this special holiday presentation.

## *In Concert*

### **Honda Center**

714/740-2400, [www.hondacenter.com](http://www.hondacenter.com)  
Andrea Bocelli, December 4 & 15  
Van Halen, December 18 & 20

### **House of Blues Anaheim, 714/778-BLUE** [www.hob.com](http://www.hob.com)

The Lemonheads, December 2  
MTVU Presents Motion City Soundtrack, December 3  
Deborah Harry Necessary Evil Tour, December 4  
Social Distortion, December 11-12, 14-16, 21-23  
Sugarcult, December 20  
Reverend Horton Heat, December 28

### **Orange County Performing Arts Center, Costa Mesa,** 714/556-2121, [www.ocpac.org](http://www.ocpac.org)

Beethoven's Seventh Revealed, December 2  
Christmas with the Von Trapp Family Children,  
December 13-15  
Handel's Messiah, December 16  
Fiesta Navidad, December 20  
Joey DeFrancesco and Bobby Hutcherson,  
December 21-22  
'Tis the Season, December 22-23

### **The Grove of Anaheim, 714/712-2700** [www.thegroveofanaheim.com](http://www.thegroveofanaheim.com)

Unlimited Sunshine Festival,  
Tori Amos, December 15  
Brian Culbertson, December 16  
Reverend Horton Heat, December 28

### **OC Pavilion, Santa Ana, 714/550-0880** [www.ocpavilion.com](http://www.ocpavilion.com)

Royal Crown Revue, December 31