Reach-Hopping from Dana Point to Laguna: A Coastal Day Trip Guide

Your Ultimate Scenic Route to Sun, Surf, and Southern California Charm

Start Your Morning in Dana Point

Begin your journey early at Dana Point Harbor, where calm waters and a laid-back vibe set the tone. Grab coffee at Coffee Importers—perfect for harbor views and fresh pastries.

Top Picks:

Baby Beach: Great for families wanting calm, swimmable waters Optional: Try a 1-hour kayak rental or a quick whale-watching tour

* Next Stop: Salt Creek Beach

Just 5 minutes north, Salt Creek Beach is a local favorite. Walk down the beach trail for sweeping views.

Why It's Special:

Clean waves, grassy picnic areas, and tidepooling Panoramic views from the walking path

Arrive in Laguna Beach: Choose Your Sand

Explore one (or more) of these stunning beaches:

Victoria Beach – Famous Pirate Tower and picturesque sands Treasure Island Beach – Peaceful and great for snorkeling Main Beach – Central, lively, and close to shops and cafes

Make it an overnight trip with one of these top picks:

Montage Laguna Beach – Cliffside luxury with spa & views Casa Laguna Hotel & Spa – Romantic boutique hideaway Pacific Edge Hotel – Mid-range charm steps from the beach