# 2018 VISITOPS Guide

TWO HARBORS, CA

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### Welcome To Scenic Two Harbors

#### Where Every Experience Is Unique As You Are



Whether you hike and bike scenic trails that crisscross Catalina's pristine wilderness; paddle secluded coves that define the island's unique shoreline, or snorkel crystal clear waters teeming with colorful sea life, you'll enjoy the natural beauty, rustic charm and friendly vibe that makes Two Harbors a favorite destination of outdoor lovers everywhere.

Two Harbors is also a boater's paradise, with more than 700 moorings in 11 scenic coves that offer safe, comfortable spots to enjoy a relaxing stay on the water. The Harbor Office is open year round, and our friendly, knowledgeable staff is always eager to assist you with a mooring, direct you to ideal dive spots, and offer valuable information to help you make the most of your Two Harbors boating experience.

### **Events** something for everyone

#### FEBRUARY 14 -

#### "SWEETHEART DINNER"

Bring your special someone to the "Island of Romance" for a romantic dinner at Harbor Reef Restaurant. Please call 310.510.4215 for reservations.

#### **APRIL 1 – TWO HARBORS EASTER**

Hop on over to Two Harbors for our annual Easter egg hunt and watch the little ones search for the elusive "Golden Egg." Sponsored by Corsair Yacht Club.

#### JUNE 2 - SUMMER WINE FESTIVAL

Join us for fine wines and live music on the beach at the 17th Annual Summer Wine Festival. Tickets go on sale May 1. VisitCatalinaIsland.com for tickets and more information. This event sells out, so advance purchase is strongly recommended.

#### JULY 6 – CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL AND DINGHY PARADE

Bring your kids to Buffalo Park for a day of activities and crafts at our 32nd Annual Children's Festival. Then dress up your dinghy in a patriotic theme and join the 14th Annual Dinghy Parade through the coves of the West End. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative dinghies.

#### JULY TBD – TWO HARBORS FIREWORK SHOW

Join us for a spectacular Two Harbors tradition, as fireworks are launched on the water over Isthmus Cove. Fireworks begin at dark.

#### SEPTEMBER 1 – JIMMY WALKER "BUFFALO CHIP" TOSS

See how far you can chuck your chip at our 32nd Annual Jimmy Walker Buffalo Chip Toss. Chips will be provided and prizes will be awarded for the furthest throws. Choose your chip wisely.

#### SEPTEMBER 8 - MICROBREW FEST

Enjoy live music and a huge selection of microbrews at the 16th Annual Microbrew Fest on the beach in Two Harbors. Tickets go on sale August 1. VisitCatalinaIsland.com for tickets and more information. This event sells out, so advance purchase is strongly recommended.

#### OCTOBER 4-7 - BUCCANEER DAYS

Don your best pirate attire and set sail for a weekend of treasure hunts, costume contests, great food and drink, live music and a boat load of fun at the 29th Annual Buccaneer's Weekend in Two Harbors. VisitCatalinaIsland.com for tickets and more.

#### NOVEMBER 22 – THANKSGIVING "ISLAND STYLE"

Enjoy a traditional family-style Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings in a unique Island setting. Reservations are required. Please call Harbor Reef Restaurant at 310.510.4215.

#### DECEMBER 31 – TWO HARBORS NEW YEAR

Ring in the New Year at Harbor Reef Restaurant. Enjoy dinner, dancing and a champagne toast at midnight, and leave the driving to the Shoreboat captains. Please call 310.510.4215 for reservations.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please call Two Harbors Events at 310.510.4249, email lboutillier@scico.com or VisitCatalinaIsland.com.

known worldwide for its diverse marine life, Two Harbors is a great place to spot harbor seals playing in the kelp, slow-moving sheephead swimming lazily by, timid lobsters hiding among the rocks below and bright orange garibaldi lighting the way with their iridescent glow.

### See & Do | find your island adventure

### **DIVE & RECREATION CENTER**

Your island adventure begins at the Dive & Recreation Center, where you'll find kayaks, SUPs, mountain bikes, SCUBA and snorkel gear, and skiff rentals. Visit us at the foot of the pier, or call 310.510.4272.





#### WORLD-CLASS DIVING AND SNORKELING

Recognized for its clear, nutrient-rich water, Two Harbors is one of the few places in the world where you can swim through a giant kelp forest and spot up to 50 species of fish and invertebrates in visibility that often exceeds 60 feet.



#### **BIKE THE WEST END**

Head out for a two-wheeling adventure into Catalina's beautiful interior. It's a great workout and great way to explore the miles of trails that crisscross the island. The Dive & Recreation Center rents Specialized mountain bikes with front-end suspension for a smooth, comfortable ride. All rentals include interior biking permit, map and helmet.

#### PADDLE AROUND PARADISE

Explore the clear waters of Isthmus Cove, paddle to a remote beach for a picnic or just enjoy a scenic cruise along the coast. The Dive & Recreation Center offers a great selection of kayaks and SUPs to help you find your adventure. Choose from Malibu II, Zest II, Scrambler XT, ScupperPro, Cabo and Prowler 15 kayaks. Call 310.510.4272 for more information or group discounts.



#### CAST OFF AND CAST A LINE

Whether you're looking to catch dinner or just cast off for a cruise along the coast, our outboard skiffs are a great way to enjoy the clear blue water of Catalina's West End. The Dive & Recreation Center rents skiffs and you can get your bait and tackle at the General Store. Call 310.510.4272 for more information.

#### PLAY A ROUND OF DISC GOLF

Get the gang together for a round of disc golf. Just pick up some flying discs and a scorecard, and head to hole #1 at the south end of Buffalo Park and follow the signs. Visit the Dive & Recreation Center for more information.

## Two Harbors Boating | more than 700 moorings in 11 unique coves



#### HARBOR PATROL ASSISTANCE

Contact Harbor Patrol on VHF Channel 9 for assistance in all Two Harbors coves.



#### CATALINA HARBOR, TWO HARBORS

Catalina Harbor is one of only two U.S. Coast Guard "Yearround Safe Harbors" in Southern California. It has 117 moorings and anchorage for over 200. A natural sand spit extends across a portion of the harbor entrance. A public dinghy dock, picnic facilities and free pump out service are available. The village of Two Harbors is a short walk on flat terrain from the dock.



#### **ISTHMUS COVE, TWO HARBORS**

With 257 moorings and anchorages for well over 100 vessels, Isthmus Cove is second only to Avalon Harbor in boat activity on Catalina. Ferries from the mainland dock at the pier, and Two Harbors Harbor Department is based here. Shoreboat rides are available year-round, with 24-hour service in the summer and a more limited schedule in the winter.



#### FOURTH OF JULY COVE

This little jewel is west of Isthmus Cove, with 42 moorings and deep water (100+ feet) anchorages. The Banning brothers, who established Two Harbors in the 1900s, held many Fourth of July celebrations here. Fourth of July Yacht Club leases the onshore facilities, which are popular among boaters.



#### **CHERRY COVE**

Cherry Cove has 99 moorings and deep water (100+ feet) anchorages. There is a Boy Scout Camp on shore. Two stands of endemic trees—the Catalina cherry and the ironwood—are up the canyon behind the cove. Lion's Head, a prominent point of land on the western side of the cove's entrance, protects vessels from the prevailing afternoon winds.



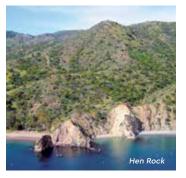
#### HOWLAND'S LANDING

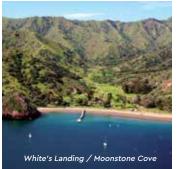
Howland's Landing, the next cove west of Big Geiger, has moorings for 40 boats. Catalina Island Camp is located on shore and Los Angeles Yacht Club has shoreside facilities. The Howland's Landing watershed is the largest on Catalina's West End.



#### **EMERALD BAY**

The next cove west of Howland's Landing is Emerald Bay, with 102 moorings and anchorage for five to ten boats. This cove offers a long strip of natural sandy beach that boaters can access. Corsair Yacht Club and Boy Scout Camp have private onshore facilities here which are not open to the public.





#### **HEN ROCK**

Located just south of Long Point is Hen Rock, featuring 25 moorings and anchorage for 40. With abundant sea life and several fun reefs to explore, Hen Rock is one of the best snorkeling and dive sites on Catalina Island. The onshore facilities are leased to Balboa Yacht Club.

### WHITE'S LANDING & MOONSTONE COVE

These coves are located past Long Point, east of Two Harbors. They have a combined 58 moorings and anchorage for 50. White's Landing offers one of the nicest and most expansive sandy beaches on the island. Newport Harbor Yacht Club leases facilities at Moonstone.



#### **BUTTONSHELL COVE**

Situated seven miles east of Isthmus Cove, Buttonshell Cove is fairly small, with only seven moorings and anchorage for ten. Catalina Island Marine Institute Camp Fox, a YMCA summer camp, leases the land side facilities.

### Eat & Drink | enjoy the flavors of Two Harbors



### Experience Harbor Sands

**Soft sand and swaying palms** lend South Pacific charm to this beautiful oasis on the shore of Isthmus Cove. Get together with friends in a furnished beachside palapa, offering refreshing amenities and seating for up to eight, or spend a relaxing day by the shore in an oceanfront lounge chair.

For the ultimate in beachfront dining, Reef Point Dining Deck at the foot of the pier serves signature food and drinks with spectacular ocean views. Food and beverage service is available from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm daily during spring, summer and fall. For palapa and lounge chair reservations, call 310.510.4215.

Harbors Sands Palms Group Venue is ideal for parties, corporate events and family gatherings, with picnic table seating for up to 250, shade sails, three large BBQs and complete catering and bar services. For group reservations, call 310.510.4249 or email lboutillier@scico.com.

### HARBOR REEF RESTAURANT

Friendly service, casual island atmosphere and a large harbor view patio make Harbor Reef Restaurant a Two Harbors institution and favorite gathering place for campers, boaters and locals alike.

Choose from a hearty selection of appetizers, salads, burgers, steaks, ribs, chicken and seasonal specials like locally harpooned swordfish during the summer months. If the swordfish flag is flying on the pier, the swordfish filets are cooking in the kitchen.

Harbor Reef's dining room is open year-round for dinner. The patio is open for lunch during the summer. For reservations and information, call 310.510.4215.



#### HARBOR REEF SALOON

Enjoy a great selection of beer, wine and signature cocktails, like the world famous Buffalo Milk. Harbor Reef Saloon also serves appetizers, salads and sandwiches. Join us for live music on the Harbor Reef Patio on Saturday and Sunday during the day, and dance to DJs on Friday and Saturday nights, from July 4th through Labor Day.

#### WEST END GALLEY

This Two Harbors "quick stop" is open daily and offers a wide variety of breakfast and lunch items, including fresh baked cinnamon rolls, cappuccinos, lattes, coffee, breakfast burritos, and a generous selection of burgers, specialty salads and wraps that you can enjoy on the deck overlooking the harbor.

#### TWO HARBORS GENERAL STORE

Find almost anything you need at The General Store, including grocery items, specialty cheeses, breads, domestic beers and micro brews, wines and spirits, beach accessories, and fishing and camping gear. You'll also find a great selection of specialty gifts, apparel and island memorabilia. Shipping is available. Open 365 days a year. 310.510.4217. **Pre-order and save time.** Order your groceries and supplies in advance, and we'll have everything ready for you to pick up when you arrive. We can also deliver directly to your campsite. For more information, call 310.510.4217 or email generalstore@scico.com. You can also download an order form at VisitCatalinalsland.com.



### Stay come ashore and explore

#### TWO HARBORS CAMPGROUND

On a bluff overlooking the ocean, these sites are a short walk from the village of Two Harbors. Amenities include showers, restrooms, picnic tables, fire pits, BBQs, sunshades and gear haul from the pier.

#### LITTLE HARBOR

Hike, bike or take the shuttle to what Sunset Magazine rated "One of the Best Campgrounds in the West." Amenities include picnic tables, fire rings, BBQs, chemical toilets, rinse-off showers, fresh water and sunshades.

#### **BLACK JACK**

More than 1,600 feet above the sea, this campground offers 11 sites in a secluded, tranquil setting with sweeping ocean and canyon views. Amenities include picnic tables and chemical toilets.

#### PARSON'S LANDING

Accessible by foot or kayak, this secluded beachfront campground offers BBQs, fire rings, picnic tables and chemical toilets. No shade structures. Water and firewood can be pre-ordered and delivered to your site.

#### **BRISA DEL MAR**

Located on the beach with accommodations for up to 30, this site is ideal for those who enjoy fishing, kayaking and snorkeling. Amenities include charcoal grills, flush toilets and a large A-Frame shade structure.

#### **BAHIA AZUL**

This secluded site accommodates up to 30, with all the amenities for an unforgettable camping experience, including a semi-private beach, large fire pit, Weber gas grill, flush toilets and amazing ocean views.

Villa Santa Ros

#### TWO HARBORS CAMPING CABINS

Located in the village, these 2-person cabins have a refrigerator, heater and closet. Guests share rest rooms, showers and a kitchen with gas cook top, barbecues, a sink with running water and plenty of counter space. Available November through March.

For reservations and more information, call 310.510.4205 or VisitCatalinaIsland.com.



**BANNING HOUSE LODGE** is a charming bed & breakfast overlooking Two Harbors, with 12 en suite guest rooms decorated in the character of an early 20th century lodge. Relax with a book by the fire in the Common Lodge or Sun Room, and enjoy sweeping vistas from the beautifully-trellised courtyard.



VILLA SANTA CRUZ is a beautiful vacation rental that's ideal for families and small groups who want to get away without giving up all the comforts of home. Three bedrooms, two baths and a spacious loft accommodate up to eight guests. A fully-equipped kitchen, expansive harbor-view windows and a relaxing solarium add to the island ambiance.

> VILLA SANTA ROSA accommodates up to eight guests in two master suites and two guest rooms with a third bath. An open living area with massive stone fireplace and huge windows is a great spot to gather and enjoy the island scenery. The large kitchen and harbor-view dining deck make meals a breeze.

Guests at Banning House Lodge & Villas enjoy complimentary shuttle service to the village upon arrival and departure. Guests also enjoy a daily complimentary continental breakfast and evening wine and cheese receptions in the Banning House Lodge Dining Room. For accommodation reservations, call 877.778.8322 or VisitCatalinalsland.com.

#### **VISITOR SERVICES**

Stop by the foot of the pier for:

- Catalina Express boat tickets
- Safari Bus reservations and tickets
- Camping check-ins and information
- Bicycle and hiking permits
- Special events and activities
- General info and email access

#### **ASSISTANCE & INFORMATION**

Two Harbors Harbor Dept. | 310.510.4253 Cat Harbor Pump-out Service | 310.510.4253 Two Harbors Outboard Shop | 310.510.4212 U.S. Coast Guard | 310.521.3815 LA County Lifeguard/Paramedics | 310.510.0341 LA County Sheriff | 310.510.0174 LA County Fire | 310.510.0424 Avalon Harbor Department | 310.510.0535 Catalina Express | 800.481.3470 IEX Helicopters | 310.510.2525 Visitor Services/Camping | 310.510.4205 Dive & Recreation Center | 310.510.4272 Banning House Reservations | 800.322.3434 Harbor Reef Reservations | 310.510.4215 Parts and Supply Warehouse | 310.510.4221 Catering Sales | 310.510.4249 General Store | 310.510.4217 Vessel Assist | 310.510.1675



