



WHAT'S NEW ON CATALINA ISLAND Summer 2024

[Explore El Rancho Escondido tour](#)

Recently launched

Venture into Catalina's picturesque interior to view the beautiful, recently renovated "hidden ranch" known as "El Rancho Escondido." Experience the Arabian Horse Ranch built by Philip Wrigley in 1930, which today serves as a home for the family's horses and is used to grow grapes for Rusack Vineyards. Visitors will enjoy a horse exhibition, view a selection of one-of-a-kind saddles, trophies and Western memorabilia, and see "The Bishop's Chapel" with its awe-inspiring views. Learn the history of 'JORY's Bell,' the 130-year-old Baptismal Font and the original stained-glass windows of the chapel.

[Drink al fresco at Flx Biergarten](#)

Opening this summer

Prepare yourself for a unique and memorable experience on Catalina Island at Flx Biergarten, the island's first and only biergarten located in Avalon! Paying homage to the island's rich history, Flx takes its name from the iconic '50s Flxible buses that carried curious tourists on the streets of Avalon and along the island's interior. With an open-air atmosphere that includes charming string lights and cozy firepits, Flx Biergarten is the perfect place to enjoy a cold beer, wine, seltzer or kombucha with friends. Plus, beer lovers can sample a variety of styles with tasty beer flights. Be sure to visit for an unforgettable experience on Catalina Island.

[37th Annual Silent Film Showcase at the Catalina Museum](#)

May 17, 2024 - May 18, 2024

This Opening Night screening of Alfred Hitchcock's final silent film, "Blackmail," marks one of the world's longest-running celebrations of silent cinema. Hosted by the Catalina Museum for Art & History, the film screening will take place under the stars in the museum's Ackerman Family Amphitheater and feature live musical accompaniment by composer Michael Mortilla and presentation by silent film expert Randy Haberkamp. Light appetizers are included, and specialty refreshments will be available for purchase. Tickets are \$20 for museum members and \$25 for non-yet-members. Visit the website for [tickets](#) and more [info](#).

[Art Deco Society Avalon Ball](#)

May 18, 2024

This magical night features an evening of dancing to music from the 1920s and 30s performed by Dean Mora & the Avalon Ball Dance Orchestra. Guests will immerse themselves in glorious Deco opulence, gliding across the 10,000-square-foot dance floor surrounded by ocean views. Now in its 21st year, the Avalon Ball features a completely restored space with a ballroom that retains its original romantic style with Tiffany chandeliers, an elevated stage and a vintage, full-service bar. Visit the [website](#) for more info.

[18th Annual Taste Around of Avalon](#)

May 30, 2024

As the official kick-off to [Avalon Restaurant Week](#), the Taste Around has become a popular annual event for visitors to enjoy the most scrumptious tastes of delectable food and beverages at some of Avalon's finest dining establishments. Participants will vote for their favorite "Tastes" of food, drink and dessert. Visit the [website](#) for more info.

[Catalina Wine Mixer](#)

May 31, 2024 - June 1, 2024

The 9th Annual Catalina Wine Mixer is a weekend of live entertainment, wine tastings, live music, special VIP programming and an exclusive wine pairing lunch! Located at the beautiful Descanso Beach Club, this event is one of SoCal's most unique and entertaining wine and music events. Join for an unforgettable weekend and save with [lodging packages](#). Visit the website for [tickets](#) and more [info](#).

[11th Annual Avalon Restaurant Week](#)

May 31, 2024 - June 6, 2024

Now in its 11th year, some of Avalon's most popular restaurants are ready to dish up mouth-watering food during Avalon Restaurant Week. Join for a multi-day foodie celebration and indulge in a variety of specially created dishes and menus. Visit the [website](#) for more info.

[REI Catalina Island Multisport Adventure](#)

June, July and August - check online for specific dates

Known for its sweeping vistas of the Pacific Ocean, rugged terrain and endemic species, Catalina Island is the perfect destination for an epic journey. Join REI on a fully supported [Catalina Island Multisport](#) adventure. This 3-day trip will take you hiking, kayaking, snorkeling, and biking through this beautiful and diverse island paradise! Hike from sea to crest, bike along scenic roads to secluded beaches, kayak the pristine Pacific waters along the coast, and snorkel in the calm bays and coves, exploring the colorful marine life. End the days with beautiful sunsets and stargazing around a warm campfire.

[Catalina Pride Celebration](#)

June 15, 2024

Catalina Island invites the LGBTQ+ community and allies throughout Southern California to join in celebrating the annual Catalina Pride being held Saturday June 15, 2024. The main event will take place at Wrigley Stage in the center of Avalon and will include live entertainment as well as a pride march in support of the LGBTQ+ community. After parties on Avalon will begin around sunset.

[Two Harbors Wine Fest](#)

June 22, 2024

Taking place on the beach in beautiful Two Harbors, Catalina Island, the Two Harbors Wine Fest has become one of Two Harbors most popular events. Complete with a silent auction, live music, complimentary appetizers, and tastings of all our participating wineries, this is a festival you won't want to miss.

[Annual 4th of July Celebration, Parade & Fireworks](#)

July 4, 2024

Celebrate Independence Day Island-Style on beautiful Catalina Island. With a golf Car Parade at 1pm meeting up along Casino Way, followed by a Dinghy Parade and then the Fireworks show starts around 9pm. There will also be a home and business decorating contest.

[Catalina Classic Paddleboard Race](#)

August 25, 2024

The event is organized and conducted by the Catalina Classic Paddleboard Association, Inc., a volunteer 501c4 non-profit organization. The Association promotes a traditional and original paddleboard race from Catalina Island to the pier of Manhattan Beach, California. Established in 1955, the Catalina Classic is the oldest and most celebrated endurance paddleboard race in the world. This historic 32-mile marathon, which starts at Catalina's Isthmus cove and ends at the Manhattan Beach Pier, attracts paddlers from all over the world and is known as the "Grand-Daddy of all paddleboard races." This is a race by paddlers for paddlers.

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About Love Catalina Island Tourism Authority:

With 230 members, the non-profit organization Love Catalina Island Tourism Authority is the champion of the island's business community. The organization fosters a successful economy through the promotion of the island as an attractive destination for travel with a focus on sustainability. For more information, please visit www.lovecatalina.com. Travelers can also join the conversation on Facebook (www.facebook.com/lovecatalinaisland) Instagram ([@LoveCatalinaIsland](https://www.instagram.com/LoveCatalinaIsland)) and Twitter ([@LoveCatalina](https://twitter.com/LoveCatalina)).

About Catalina Island:

A picture-perfect island paradise just 22 miles off the coast of Southern California, Catalina is a beautiful, dynamic, eclectic destination with a rich history, wide open spaces, and fresh ocean breezes. Catalina offers 25 lodging properties and 300 vacation rentals, including bed and breakfast inns, seaside condominiums, charming bungalows and hotels. The Island boasts 33 palate-pleasing restaurants, lively seaside bars, and an abundance of on- and off-water activities and amenities. Also, home to eight marine sanctuaries and the Catalina Island Conservancy (with 48,000 acres of pristine protected wilderness), these island treasures offer endless year-round outdoor recreation possibilities. Catalina is the perfect getaway all visitors will love. For more information, please visit www.LoveCatalina.com.

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