# Why Irvine?

### The Top 5 Reasons to Hold Your Meetings in Irvine



#### **Convenient Location**

Located in the center of Orange County, Irvine is just 45 miles south of Los Angeles and 90 miles north of San Diego.

Irvine is serviced by John Wayne/Orange County Airport (SNA), located minutes from the majority of Irvine's hotels. John Wayne/Orange County Airport offers non-stop flights to most of the country's largest metropolitan centers – including Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas/Ft. Worth, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Las Vegas, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Newark, Phoenix, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Seattle, Vancouver, and more.

Irvine is easily accessible by car via Interstates 5 and 405. Once here, getting around is easy, as routes 73 and 55 can take you nearly everywhere in the area.



#### **Hotels for Every Budget**

Irvine boasts 22 hotels ranging from AAA three-diamond to economy with nearly 4,900 sleeping rooms and thousands of square feet of meeting space to accommodate 10 to 1,200 people.



#### **Unique Off-site Venues**

Beyond the more than 190,000 square feet of Irvine meeting space available at hotels, other unique meeting venues include: the Irvine Ranch Outdoor Education Center, Marconi Automotive Museum, Orange County Great Park, Pretend City Children's Museum, Strawberry Farms Golf Course, University of California, Irvine, and more, all encompassing more than one million square feet of space.



#### **Diverse Dining Options**

Irvine's restaurants allow you to plan memorable dinners and banquets at unique locations that range from casual to upscale. Irvine's international community means you can find culinary options of all kinds, from locally-grown organic produce to authentic Asian-inspired cuisine.



#### **Close to Perfect Weather**

Irvine averages 280+ sunny days a year! Temperatures range from highs between the mid 60s to mid 80s and lows from the 40s to 60s, with an annual high temperature of  $72.7^{\circ}$ F.

### How Destination Irvine Can Help

Destination Irvine is a one-stop shop resource offering complimentary services for planning and service support to all groups holding conferences, trade shows, meetings, and public events in Irvine.

- RFP distribution
- Event planning assistance
- Site negotiations
- Site visits

- Contract negotiations
- Familiarization tours
- Off-site venue recommendations and more

 Referrals to area restaurants, shopping, and attractions



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Hotel	Total Rooms	Suites	Indoor Meeting Space Sq. Ft.	Largest Meeting Room Sq. Ft.	No. of Meeting Rooms	Outdoor Meeting Space Sq. Ft.	Total Meeting Space Sq. Ft.
Hotel Irvine	541		32,623	14,600	25	18,805	51,427
Irvine Marriott	496	9	25,225	12,960	29	9,775	35,000
Hilton Irvine Orange County Airport	306		17,825	7,020	14	12,000	29,825
Atrium Hotel Orange County	208	15	14,049	5,000	12	1,000	15,050
Sonesta Irvine Orange County Airport	335	2	10,750	3,710			10,750
Courtyard Irvine Spectrum	210	14	5,500	5,000	4	2,500	8,000
Hilton Garden Inn Irvine Orange County Airport	170	6	1,900	1,600	3	1,500	3,400
Doubletree Irvine Spectrum	252	0	3,130	2,554	5	0	3,130
Embassy Suites Irvine Orange County Airport	293	275	2,200	1,000		350	2,550
Homewood Suites Irvine John Wayne Airport	161	161	1,500	1,500	3	0	1,500
Courtyard Irvine John Wayne Airport	153	14	1,250	625	2		1,250
Residence Inn Irvine John Wayne Airport Orange County	174	174	1,202	968	3	0	1,202
Hampton Inn & Suites	164	164	1,200	1,200			1,200
Hyatt House	149	117	1,000	600	2	0	1,000
AC Hotel	176		788	500	3		788
Springhill Suites Irvine John Wayne Airport Orange County	132	132	400	400		0	400
Staybridge Suites	168	168	900	900			900

## **Ideal Meeting Location**

One of the many reasons Irvine is such a great place to visit is its accessibility. Whether traveling by air, train, bus, or car, visitors can easily reach Irvine without the congestion one might experience in other major metropolitan centers.

### By Air

John Wayne Airport (SNA), owned and operated by the County of Orange, is minutes from the majority of Irvine's hotels and is served by seven commercial and commuter airlines, including Alaska, American, Delta, Frontier, Southwest, United, and WestJet, offering over 20 nonstop flights. Many of the local hotels offer complimentary airport shuttle service. www.ocair.com

Several other airports in Southern California are also within easy driving distance of Irvine: Long Beach Airport (LGB): www.lgb.org – 23 miles. Los Angeles International Airport (LAX): www.lawa.org – 43 miles. Ontario International Airport (ONT): www.flyontario.com – 39 miles. San Diego International Airport (SAN): www.san.org – 84 miles.









### By Car

Once in Irvine, getting around is easy because of the city's master-planned Orange County transportation street system, which minimizes congestion. Nearby Interstates 5 and 405, as well as Routes 73 and 55, can take you nearly everywhere in the area.

### By Train

The Irvine Station offers Amtrak and Metrolink service and Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) bus service. Amtrak's Pacific Surfliner offers great service, style, and amenities as it travels the Southern California coast between San Luis Obispo and San Diego. A regional commuter train system, Metrolink trains run from Orange County to the Inland Empire, North San Diego, and Los Angeles.

The Irvine Station, located in the Irvine Spectrum Center area, offers a complimentary parking structure, restrooms, pay phones, ATM machines, food services, bike lockers, vending machines, information kiosks, newspaper stands, and ticket machines.

#### **Irvine Station**

15215 Barranca Parkway 949.724.7777 www.cityofirvine.org/cityhall/pw/Irvine\_station.asp

Amtrak: amtrak.com

Metrolink: metrolinktrains.com

**OCTA**: octa.net

## **Group Dining**









## Andrei's Conscious Cuisine & Cocktails

2607 Main St., Irvine 949.387.8750 andreisrestaurant.com

10' drop-down projection screen (projector in-ceiling), two large screen TVs, wireless microphone, 800 sq. ft. outdoor patio.

Capacity: 6,000 sq. ft.

#### Bistango

19100 Von Karman Ave., Irvine 949.752.5222 bistango.com

Galleria seats up to 76 people or 120 reception. Atrium Courtyard seats 400 people and up to 900 reception. Corporate Breakfast Meeting Space seats 20 people. In addition, there is a patio, a semi-private studio room and a main dining room.

Capacity: 900 ppl.

#### **Brio Tuscan Grille**

618 Spectrum Center Drive, Irvine 888.452.7286 brioitalian.com

Private event packages are hand selected by chefs with a variety of Italian favorites from which to choose. Two outdoor terraces available.

Capacity: 40 ppl.

#### **Cucina Enoteca**

618 Spectrum Center Drive, Irvine 949.341.0376

cucinaenoteca.com

Private and semi-private dining options in wine shop, outdoor patios, and restaurant. Wine specialists will design meal pairings, personalized printed menus, table decorations, specialty togo gifts, and more.

Capacity: 390 ppl.

#### **Daily Grill**

2636 Dupont Drive, Irvine 949.474.2223 dailygrill.com

Three semi-private rooms for six people each. Enclosed patio perfect for business lunches and rehearsal dinners.

Capacity: 50 ppl.

#### Dave & Buster's

71 Fortune Drive, #960, Irvine 949.727.0555

daveandbusters.com

Venue allows for standout corporate events that mix business, team-building, and fun! Conference rooms include free use of A/V equipment, free Wi-Fi, and MP3 plug-in capability.

Capacity: 2,200 ppl.

#### Fogo de Chão

623 Spectrum Center Drive, Irvine 949.398.1500

fogodechao.com

Ideal place for groups of all sizes.
Offering a range of customizable menus, package options, private and semi-private dining spaces.

Capacity: 250 ppl.

#### Hornblower Cruises & Events

3101 & 2431 W. Coast Hwy., Newport Beach 949.650.2412

hornblower.com

Six yachts in the Newport Beach Harbor and the ability to bring in a seventh.

Capacity: 450 ppl.

#### **II Fornaio**

18051 Von Karman Ave., Irvine 949.261.1444 ilfornaio.com

Authentic Italian restaurant with a monthly regional menu, modern Italian architecture, patios, happy hour, and bocce ball courts.

Capacity: 23,000 sq. ft.

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## **Group Dining**









#### **Improv Comedy Club**

71 Fortune Drive, #841, Irvine 949.854.5455 irvine.improv.com

A unique and functional all-inclusive event venue.

Capacity: 13,000 sq. ft.

#### **Javier's Cantina & Grill**

670 Spectrum Center Drive, Irvine 949.872.2101

javiers-cantina.com

A variety of options for banquets and private parties, including the Marcos and Chocolate rooms, patio, and cabana.

Capacity: 70 ppl.

### Left Coast Brewing Company

6652 Irvine Center Drive, Irvine 949.387.5170

leftcoastbrewing.com

Irvine's only brewery, distillery, and smokehouse, featuring house-made spirits, beers, and delicious menu offerings. Private patio and room available.

**Capacity:** 5,300 sq. ft. + 600 sq. ft. patio

#### **North Italia**

2957 Michelson Drive, Irvine 949.629.7060

Offers three spaces for hosting events: a private dining room, an outdoor patio, and the main restaurant dining room.

Capacity: 225 ppl.

#### Paul Martin's American Grill

31 Fortune Drive., #302, Irvine 949.453.1144

paulmartinsamericangrill.com

Semi-private wine cellar table seats up to 14 guests. Heated patio seats 30 guests, cocktail lounge seats up to 35, and combined seats up to 90 guests. In addition, private dining room features a 60" flat screen monitor and seats up to 65 guests. Full restaurant rental is also available.

Capacity: 90 ppl.

#### **Ruth's Chris Steak House**

2961 Michelson Drive, Irvine 949.252.8848 ruthschris.com

The New Orleans inspired cuisine features the finest USDA Prime steaks and fresh seafood. Available for private lunches.

Capacity: 1,050 sq. ft.

#### **Taps Fish House & Brewery**

13390 Jamboree Road, Irvine 714.619.0404 tapsfishhouse.com

Private dining room accommodates up to 130 guests and features state-of-the-art AV equipment.

Capacity: 130 ppl.

## Twenty Eight Restaurant & Lounge

19530 Jamboree Road, Irvine 949.852.2828

twentyeightoc.com

An intimate, stylish, and approachable setting. Main dining room for up to 175 guests; two private patios up to 32 guests each and the Atrium up to 150 guests and covered with 1,200 sq. of skylight surrounded by olive trees.

Capacity: 250 ppl.

## 25 Things to Do in Irvine









- Take a spin on the Irvine Spectrum Center iconic 108-foot tall Giant Wheel.
- 2 Catch a professional soccer game as the Orange County Soccer Club takes on opponents.
- 3 Rise 400 feet above ground aboard the Great Park Balloon.
- Visit the Irvine Museum, the only museum in the state dedicated to California Impressionism.
- 5 Laugh at the Improv Comedy Club.
- 6 Celebrate 50 cultures at the Irvine Global Village Festival.
- 7 Hear Grammy awardwinning artists at FivePoint Amphitheatre.
- 8 Pay your respects at the Northwood Gratitude and Honor Memorial.

- Experience Korea's beautiful traditions at the annual Irvine Korean Cultural Festival.
- Cheer on the University of California, Irvine athletes as the Anteaters take on collegiate opponents.
- Take a wagon tour, and pick fresh fruits and vegetables at organic Tanaka Farms.
- Let kids play grown-up at Pretend City Children's Museum.
- 13 Take your dog on a hike at distinctive Quail Hill preserve.
- 14 Ice skate at OC Chill rink.
- Experience one of Irvine's farmers markets.
- View artwork and meet artists at the Irvine Fine Arts Center.
- 17 Please your palate with global cuisine at Diamond Jamboree.

- Enjoy dance, music, theater, and family events at the Irvine Barclay Theatre.
- 19 Trek the outstanding trails of Bommer Canyon.
- Explore the Irvine Historical Museum and the Irvine Ranch Historic Park.
- 21 Discover 100 species of birds at the San Joaquin Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Go round and round on one of Irvine's two carousels.
- 23 Shop at one of Irvine's retail and lifestyle centers.
- **24** Enjoy California's unique flora at the UCI Arboretum.
- Golf at one of Irvine's picturesque courses.