

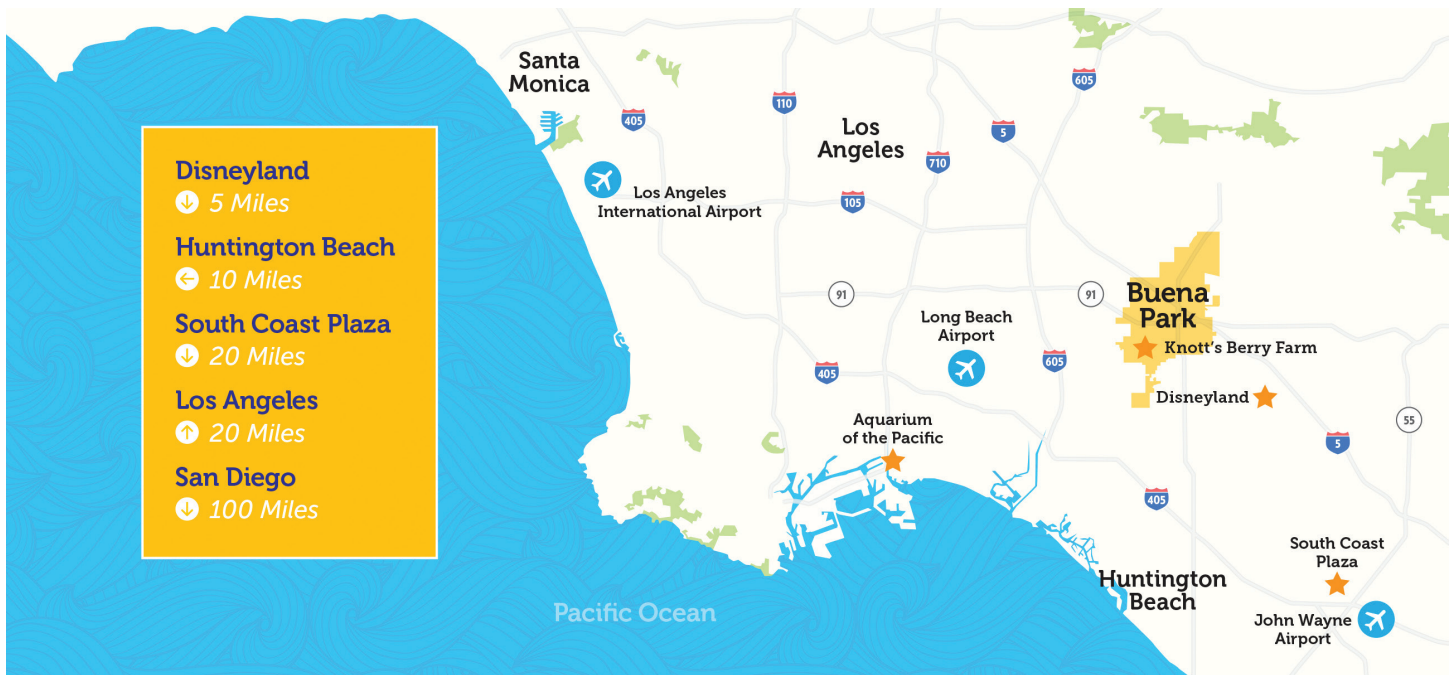


Buena Park

# BUENA PARK PRESS KIT

# WHERE IS BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA?

Nestled between Los Angeles and San Diego, the City of Buena Park is a beacon for fun-loving travelers and the perfect base camp for a Southern California vacation. Comprised of approximately 10 square miles, this small town packs a big punch — boasting some of the world's most well-known attractions.



## BUENA PARK AND ORANGE COUNTY AT-A-GLANCE

### CLIMATE

- Average Temperature - 70°F

### ACCOMMODATIONS

- 22 hotels, 2575 rooms

### CLAIMS TO FAME

- California's First Theme Park
- Largest Waterpark in the OC
- Birthplace of the Boysenberry
- Named one of the 'Most Fun' Small Towns in America

### BUENA PARK ATTRACTIONS

- Knott's Berry Farm
- Knott's Soak City Water Park
- Pirates Dinner Adventure
- Beach Boulevard Club
- Medieval Times
- John's Incredible Pizza
- Olympic Golf Zone
- Buena Park Koreatown

### ANAHEIM CONVENTION CENTER

- 8 Miles Away

### NEARBY SPORTS TEAMS

- Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim
- Anaheim Ducks

### OC ENTERTAINMENT VENUES

- House of Blues
- Honda Center
- Segerstrom Center for the Arts
- The Grove of Anaheim
- OC Fair & Event Center

### BUENA PARK & OC MUSEUMS

- Knott's Independence Hall
- Nutrilite Experience Center
- Richard Nixon Library & Museum
- Discovery Cube Science Center
- Mission San Juan Capistrano
- Bowers Museum

### BUENA PARK HAS BEEN FEATURED ON...

- Jay Leno's Garage
- CONAN
- Hell's Kitchen
- Master Chef
- Entertainment Tonight
- America's Next Top Model
- Bay Area Life
- The Morning Blend Las Vegas
- Good Day Marketplace Chicago
- Colorado & Company
- Good Morning Arizona
- Yolo TX
- The Bold and the Beautiful
- The Cable Guy
- Bert the Conqueror
- Criminal Minds
- Storage Wars
- Seattle Refined
- The Bachelor



# FACTS ABOUT BUENA PARK

## DINING

Foodies flock to Buena Park to check out Yelp's #1 rated restaurant, Porto's Bakery and Café. Grab a Chicago-style dog at Portillo's or some finger-licking comfort food at Mrs. Knott's Chicken Dinner. Rock out at Rock & Brews, serving American classics and over 60 craft brews. Sample award-winning restaurants such as Miss Shabu, one of Yelp's Top 100 Places to Eat in America, The Cauldron Spirits and Brews or SUP Noodle Bar! For tonkotsu ramen and tsukemen noodles from a MICHELIN Guide Bib Gourmand, visit Ramen & Tsukemen TAO. Discover over 90 diverse and delicious restaurants, from trendy KBBQ to traditional gimbap, at Buena Park's Koreatown. The vibrant neighborhood is a foodie lover's paradise spanning over 2.5 miles.

## ENTERTAINMENT

Home to 5 of the 7 major attractions in Orange County, Buena Park's world-class entertainment includes Knott's Berry Farm Theme Park, Knott's Soak City Water Park, Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament, Pirates Dinner Adventure, Beach Boulevard Club, Big Air Buena Park, John's Incredible Pizza and Ralph B. Clark Regional Park. Most attractions are within walking distance from each other along the one mile stretch of the Beach Boulevard Entertainment Corridor.

## EVENTS

Every visit is a new experience with seasonal celebrations all year long. Indulge in over 100 delicious treats during Knott's Boysenberry Festival, catch Snoopy and the Peanuts Gang in a Christmas ice skating show during Knott's Merry Farm or catch a free outdoor performance during the Summer Concert Series. During October, Buena Park is transformed into the Halloween



Capital of the World with over 1,000 menacing monsters at the largest Halloween event in the country, Knott's Scary Farm; family fun at the interactive dinner show, Vampirates; bewitching brews at the witch-themed bar, The Cauldron Spirits & Brews; and trick-or-treating with your favorite Peanuts characters at Knott's Spooky Farm. During November and December, Buena Park honors military personnel with exclusive offers and discounted admission to Knott's.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

Buena Park hotels offer more than just comfortable accommodations, visitors can enjoy unique experiences at Knott's Hotel, luxurious and modern touches at the Hilton Buena Park, large family suites at the Fairfield Inn & Suites and Hampton Inn, relax with a glass of wine by the outdoor fire pit at the Courtyard by Marriott and splash around in the massive outdoor pool at the beautifully renovated DoubleTree by Hilton. Guests can choose from dozens of affordable Buena Park hotels offering amenities like free breakfast, parking and shuttles to major attractions, including Disneyland® and Knott's.



# HISTORY OF BUENA PARK

The story of Buena Park dates back to 1783 when California belonged to Spain, and Pedro Fages was the Governor of this part of the country. He was given permission from the King of Spain to make land grants in California, and gave one such piece of land to Manuel Nieto, ex-corporal of the "Leather Jacket" guards of the Portola Expedition. This piece of land extended from the San Gabriel River to the Santa Ana River, and from the ocean to the road, from San Gabriel Mission. In 1834 Manuel Nieto's land was divided into five ranchos. One of the five ranchos was named Rancho Los Coyotes and totaled 48,806 acres. Buena Park is located near the center of this rancho.

Rancho Los Coyotes is a center of California and American history, for it was here in January 1847, that Commodore Robert S. Stockton and his band of Americans rested in preparation for the battle of the San Gabriel River. The battle was won and the outcome of the Mexican War (1846-48) was settled in this area. The exact location of Stockton's encampment is historically marked near the Los Coyotes Country Club in the Bellehurst area of Buena Park.

In 1885, James A. Whitaker, a wholesale grocer from Chicago, bought 690 acres of the Stearns Rancho, part of what was once the sprawling Rancho Los Coyotes. Whitaker intended to create a cattle ranch, but Santa Fe Railway officials convinced him to use the land for a new town. Whitaker filed his township papers in 1887 in Los Angeles County - Orange County had not been formed - to create the town of Buena Park. The City was not incorporated until 1953. Buena Park first became known as a dairy center and both the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific railroads built depots. The Lily Creamery started operations in Buena Park in 1889. With the exception of a few wineries, the creamery was the first industry in the city.

Over the years Buena Park has made great strides in creating a diverse entertainment area which offers a wide selection of hotels, restaurants, and themed attractions. The City of Buena Park has its own local history park located on Beach Boulevard. Travel back in time by touring the city's Historic District featuring several preserved buildings: The Whitaker-Jaynes House serves as the city's local history museum; the Bacon House is one of the oldest surviving structures in the area; the Tice House, a charming cottage and the Stage Stop Hotel, is currently home to the Tourism Bureau for the City of Buena Park. At the Whitaker-Jaynes House, visitors can tour an extensive museum displays including items from the Lynx Women's Softball Team from the 1940's, a wedding dress display, a pictorial history of Buena Park's entertainment venues as well as the Dreger Clock and various photos of the famous clock throughout history.



# HISTORY OF KNOTT'S BERRY FARM

In 1920 Walter and Cordelia Knott moved to their 20 acre property located near Highway 39 in Buena Park, California. The young family, along with their four kids, were determined to be successful farmers and soon enough their crop of rhubarb, asparagus and berries were delicious enough to sell at a roadside stand. Business was booming and Cordelia soon opened a tea room where folks came from miles around to buy her fresh jams and jelly. Their good luck continued when a family friend, Rudolph Boysen and Walter Knott created the boysenberry—a cross between a raspberry, loganberry and blackberry. Highlighting their signature new berry, Cordelia expanded her tea room and began making homemade biscuits, fried chicken dinners and boysenberry pies. As the restaurant grew in popularity, so did the long wait times, which led to the creation of Knott's Berry Farm's first attraction - Ghost Town. Since 1934, over 20,000,000 guests have eaten at Mrs. Knott's Chicken Dinner Restaurant and it continues to serve the same famous menu - chicken, biscuits, and boysenberry pie. Over the years, the Knott family continued to develop Knott's Berry Farm into the one of the most popular amusement parks in America. In December of 1997, after 78 years of ownership by the Knott family, Knott's Berry Farm was acquired by Cedar Fair, L.P., owners and operators of family-oriented entertainment park brands coast to coast.





## AND THE AWARD GOES TO... BUENA PARK

The awards season isn't just for the Grammys or the Oscars. Here in Buena Park, we've got our own award-winning experiences, and you don't even have to wear a tux or gown to attend!

The lively city of Buena Park is a popular tourist destination that offers year-round mild climate and premier proximity to Disneyland, shopping and beaches. In fact, Buena Park's award-winning attractions, restaurants and hotels have earned it the distinction as one of the **'Most Fun Small Towns'** in America by Rand McNally.

One of the city's largest attractions, Knott's Berry Farm, was honored with the prestigious **Linsberg Applause Award**. The accolade is bestowed to the best amusement parks in the world and it's easy to see why Knott's won with its first-class entertainment, storied past and thrilling rides - including one of the world's longest and tallest wooden roller coasters, Ghost Rider which won the Golden Ticket Award for the Best Wooden Roller Coaster. Seasonally, you can experience the THEA Award-Winning 'Ghost Town Alive'. Step back in time where gunslingers and outlaws ruled the West! Join in on the fun of unlocking bank robberies, jail breaks or dance at the good 'ol fashioned hoedown, all with period placed characters of the Wild West!

Six time winner of **Tripadvisor's Certificate of Excellence Award** and ranking amongst the most popular dinner shows in the country is Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament. Their popular venue offers jousting, sword fighting and a four course meal fit for a king. If looting and pillaging is more your style, Pirates Dinner Adventure welcomes landlubbers to partake in the World's Most Interactive Dinner Show. Voted **OC Weekly's "Best Tourist Attraction in Orange County,"** visitors are dazzled by the swashbuckling swordplay, aerial artistry and special effects.





## Taste<sup>2025</sup> of Buena Park FOOD AWARDS

# DISHING OUT EXCELLENCE: BUENA PARK FOOD AWARD WINNERS

This esteemed list showcases the top ten restaurants that have captivated the taste buds of locals and visitors alike, solidifying Buena Park as a true foodie destination. The Food Awards are a celebration of a diverse culinary scene and recognizes hidden gems, beloved favorites, and innovative newcomers that make Buena Park a food lover's paradise.

### 1 RAMEN & TSUKEMEN TAO (10488 VALLEY VIEW) \$

This hole-in-the-wall Japanese spot has been granted the honor of the MICHELIN® Guide distinction of Bib Gourmand for their flavorful miso ramen and tsukemen dipping noodles.

### 2 PORTO'S BAKERY & CAFE (7640 BEACH BOULEVARD) \$

A local favorite serving up award-winning Cuban family recipes like empanadas, cheese rolls, tres leches cake, and croquetas.

### 3 JIN COOK (8890 VALLEY VIEW) \$\$

This family-owned gem serves Korean soul food, showcasing all your favorites from bulgogi to pork katsu and spicy braised short ribs.

### 4 MYUNGJIN DUMPLINGS (6771 BEACH BLVD) \$

A humble shop celebrated for its dumplings earned the Anthony Bourdain seal of approval, thanks to its mouthwatering handmade creations that pack a punch of authentic flavor and tradition.

### 5 NOLZA (6291 HOMEWOOD AVE) \$\$

A vibrant Korean pocha known for its lively nightlife atmosphere, this eatery offers family-style dishes crafted with fresh ingredients sourced from local farmers' markets.

### 6 IL FIORA (6980 BEACH BLVD) \$\$

Serving Italian food with a twist, this trendy trattoria is well known for its ooey gooey gorgonzola pizza and house-made bread service.

### 7 KINGCHANG (5350 BEACH BLVD) \$\$\$

This KBBQ restaurant, adored by Korean celebrities who have left their signatures on the walls, offers a distinct dining experience where staff expertly cook your meal for you at your tabletop grill.

### 8 DZERT (5238 BEACH BLVD IN KOREATOWN BUENA PARK) \$

A casual dessert spot with oversized snow creations featuring ultra-fine shaved ice that's light and fluffy, churning out fan-favorites like banana splits and bing su.

### 9 TACOS MAGGIE (7711 - 7703 COMMONWEALTH AVE) \$

A beloved Mexican food truck among locals, serving perfectly marinated meats, warm tortillas, and mouthwatering salsas that pack a punch of authentic flavors.

### 10 ROCK & BREWS (7777 BEACH BLVD) \$\$

The brainchild of KISS's Gene Simmons and Paul Stanley, this rock & roll-themed diner boasts over 50 craft beers and a menu full of American comfort food, from hot wings to cheeseburgers.



# NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN BUENA PARK

## CAMP SNOOPY

Step into the newly reimagined Camp Snoopy at Knott's Berry Farm and join Snoopy and the PEANUTS Gang for the camp's annual jamboree, featuring a week of engaging competitions and activities. The area includes an off-road adventure, a new family roller coaster, a giant swing, and the playful spirit of summer camp. Drawing inspiration from the California High Sierras, Camp Snoopy invites visitors of all ages to become Beagle Scouts and enjoy new rides, character experiences, entertainment, a new dining hall, camp store, and expanded seating and ambiance.

## KNOTT'S HOTEL

Knott's Hotel has completed a multi-million-dollar renovation that pays homage to Walter and Cordelia Knott's humble beginnings and their contributions to the City of Buena Park through an immersive storyline. Every inch of the hotel has been touched by the remodel, from a brand-new lobby to a revamped outdoor event space. Guests can also enjoy Thirty Acres Kitchen, the hotel's on-site restaurant that serves American comfort food with a Knott's twist.

## BUENA PARK KOREATOWN

Discover over 90 diverse and delicious restaurants, from trendy KBBQ to traditional gimbap, each offering a unique culinary journey through Korean cuisine. The vibrant neighborhood is a foodie lover's paradise spanning over 2.5 miles, starting from Rosecrans Avenue on Beach Boulevard, all the way up to Orangethorpe Avenue. The end of Koreatown perfectly places you at The Source OC, a 3-story mall filled with Korean and international boutique dining, entertainment and retail shops.

## BEACH BOULEVARD CLUB

Buena Park's newest hot spot presented by Pirates Dinner Adventure is Beach Boulevard Club featuring dueling pianos, elegant cocktails and delicious dining options. Step through the entrance of this classy cocktail lounge and get transported to the prohibition days of the

1920s. Beach Boulevard Club also offers a full-service cash bar that includes a variety of wines, beers, liquors and specialty cocktails for your night on the town. Enjoy a variety of appetizers and meals at Buena Park's newest speakeasy.

## GUDETAMA CAFE

Discover a unique dining experience at Gudetama Cafe, featuring the beloved lazy egg character Gudetama, known worldwide for his playful and laid-back demeanor. As the first cafe of its kind in the United States, it offers Gudetama-themed decor and an egg-inspired menu with sandwiches, drinks, and desserts. Enjoy the whimsical ambiance and be among the first to visit this Sanrio-inspired cafe in the region.

## HILTON AT THE SOURCE OC

The new Hilton Buena Park offers modern guest rooms, a rooftop pool, and an exceptional on-site restaurant. Connected to The Source OC, the hotel provides easy access to innovative dining and entertainment experiences. Guests can enjoy The Rosemary Room, which features a chef-curated menu blending Mediterranean, French, Japanese, and American flavors, along with craft cocktails. Entertainment options at The Source OC include CGV Cinemas with state-of-the-art 4DX and luxury cinema, and Olympic Golf Zone, featuring cutting-edge screen golf.

## HOME2SUITES BUENA PARK

Designed for leisure and business guests and their pets, this 140-room, 6-story extended-stay hotel will include stylish, flexible suites with separate living and dining areas, multifunctional community spaces, and home-like amenities, such as a pool, fitness center, business center, market pantry and on-site laundry facilities. The hotel is set to start construction Summer 2025.