Barrett-Jackson Orange County Travel Guide

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As you may know, our famous Scottsdale-based Barrett-Jackson, "The World's Greatest Collector Car Auction," will make its way to beautiful Orange County June 25-27. For those of you who have made plans or will make plans to head for the coast to see the auction, we would like to share some recommendations for one of *AFM*'s favorite California destinations!

***For more details on the auction, click here.

Where to Gala

As part of Barrett-Jackson's series of events, **The Orange County Drive the Dream Gala for ChildHelp** invites ladies and gents to dress in total OC-style and in their evening-wear on Wednesday, June 23. The event is set to feature a cocktail reception, exquisite fare, dancing, entertainment and a live auction! The gala will take place at the Orange County Fairgrounds and Event Center at 88 Faire Drive, Costa Mesa.

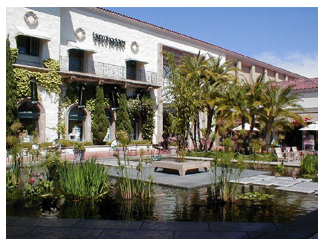www.childhelpdrivethedream.org/OC

Where to Stay

For pure luxury and jaw-dropping ocean vistas, we recommend **The Resort at Pelican Hill** in Newport Beach. As part of *Robb Report's* "Best of the Best" 2009, Pelican Hill Resort's accommodations are top-notch with beautifully inspired architecture from Northern Italy. The Resort offers Bungalow guestrooms and Villas, world-class restaurants in classic alfresco settings, a luxurious spa and 36 holes of golf designed by Tom Fazio. The Resort's location is unbeatable as it is located between the exclusive communities of Laguna Beach and Newport Beach with just a 15 minute drive from Orange County's John Wayne airport, a 30 minute drive from Long Beach Airport and a 45 minute drive from Los Angeles International Airport.

www.pelicanhill.com

Where to Shop

Fashion Island in Newport Beach may not be the largest mall in Orange County, but its location and glamorous outdoor ambiance makes it a SoCal favorite. Peruse the boutiques like Trina Turk or The Closet or head into Bloomingdale's for the top names in fashion design. If you took our advice and are planning to stay at the gorgeous Pelican Hill, Fashion Island is less than five miles away!

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www.shopfashionisland.com

Where to Spa

If you are making the visit to Orange County, you must get a glimpse of Laguna Beach. And better yet, you must visit the incredible Montage resort and take in a massage or facial! One of Laguna Beach's most premiere resort destinations, the Montage is situated at the edge of a beachfront cliff allowing for stunning views of the Pacific. So where better to enjoy peace and serenity? Spa Montage draws from the ocean and "combines [its] therapists' extensive knowledge with the ocean's many beneficial properties and a wealth of soothing indigenous botanicals to inspire positive and powerful change inside and out." The spa features its own special and signature treatments along with massage bodywork, water and bath therapies, facials, wraps and scrubs.

www.spamontage.com

Where to Dine

You may very well know Mastro's of Arizona, but if you have never been to Mastro's Ocean Club Newport Beach you are in for a real treat. The always impressive restaurant is located on Pacific Coast Highway just across the street from the coast. Its location inspires the menu as it features succulent seafood dishes, including Seared Ahi Tuna, Ocean Club Crab Cakes, Twin Lobster Tails, Vanilla Battered Sole, Pacific Swordfish and more. Make your reservations!

www.mastrosrestaurants.com

Where to Get a Car Service

Arrive in Style! For your transportation needs, choose "Arrive in Style" luxury car and limousine services for upscale driving. See the sites of Orange County and make your way to the big car auction with luxury vehicles determined to meet your every request. Call 949.364.6898 for a quote or visit www.orangecounty-limousine-services.com for more information.