

Family Dining on Your Orange County Trip

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California living is the envy of all, and us Phoenixians are known for taking advantage of the beautiful coastal state to our west. It's no secret that throughout the year, many Phoenix residents opt for family road trips to Southern California.

Dana Point is a city located in southern Orange County, California. It has one of the few harbors along the Orange County coast, and with ready access via State Route 1, it is an ultra- popular destination for Phoenix families looking for a luxurious road trip.

As a mom, I know firsthand that a family trip can quickly become unmanageable if not planned properly. And planning properly definitely includes dining. When visiting new places, arranging family dining in advance can often seem difficult.

For those of you planning a family trip to Orange County, we have the best dining spots in Dana Point for your entire family. In fact, we visited them all and can ensure you they are tested and approved!



Brunch: Club 19 at Monarch Beach Resort

Overlooking the [Monarch Beach Golf Link's](#) first tee, Club 19 offers a truly unique view. Flowing seamlessly from the inside dining area and bar to the outdoor patio, both with cozy fireplaces, [Club 19](#) delights with classic American fare, big screen televisions and an unmatched view of the golf course and beyond to the Pacific Ocean.



- Menu favorites: Some breakfast favorites include classic brioche french toast, smoked salmon benedict and club 19 chorizo breakfast burrito. Lunch favorites include marinated eggplant sandwich, lemon ricotta tortellini and the quebec lobster roll.
- Parking: Complimentary valet parking available.
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Dinner: Salt Creek Grille

The upscale yet casual American-themed grille is renowned through New Jersey and California as a place where friends and family can relax and savor a unique dining experience. With a dedication to sourcing responsibly, the menu items at [Salt Creek Grille](#) are crafted with the freshest meats, poultry, fish and produce available, which allows travelers to experience the best local fare. The menu is easily paired with unique wines from boutique vineyards and well-known cellars, catering to both the connoisseur and casual taster in Dana Point. [Salt Creek Grille](#) also sets the standard in hospitality. From the hostesses meet and greet, the serving staff's exceptional attention to detail and the manager's extreme interest in your experience, probably won't encounter a restaurant with better customer service.



With luxurious yet rustic feel, [Salt Creek Grille](#) offers both indoor and outdoor seating. Inside of the restaurant displays deep stone and wood paneling throughout and offers lowlighting. The outdoor seating showcases a lush garden landscape and shows off the effervescent California sky. Guests can also enjoy the stone fire pits on the patio.

- Menu favorites: Some of the most popular items are The Double Center Cut Pork Chop, Coffee Encrusted New York the famous Cheeseburger!
- Special promotions:

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