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Pack the kids and the boards for a Laguna getaway.

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I mind my P's and Q's when talking about Laguna ... it's pleasant; it's quaint; it's popular; it's quick. Not that any of our local beaches aren't all of the above. But sometimes you need a change of atmosphere. Which makes this easy, agreeable destination the perfect choice for a family weekender.

Like the South Bay, Laguna has a penchant and passion for its surf culture. Wave worshipers will love the vintage surf stylings of Laguna Beach House, a boutique hotel right off PCH in the middle of the action. The lobby and guest rooms feature boards as art, alongside colorful Mexican textiles and coastal treasures. This cool and casual vibe extends to the pool scene, though you might just want to hop the fence and go straight to the ocean just beyond the property. thelagunabeachhouse.com

Just down the street, The Inn at Laguna Beach provides another option on the edge of the sea—this one with a rooftop bar overlooking the Pacific. If you're game for stand-up paddle, be sure to ask the concierge for a special package geared toward SUP adventurers. innatlagunabeach.com

Once you've settled in, it's time to take in the local flavor with several terrific restaurants and bars right outside your door. Laguna is also home to unique shopping, art galleries, hiking, biking and every ocean activity under the sun. Get an up-to-date schedule of local events and happenings at visitlagunabeach.com. ■



ON BOARD

Above: Surf-friendly digs at The Laguna Beach House. Below: Taking in the views from The Inn at Laguna Beach.

