

Santa Monica Beach

Distance: 43 Miles

Directions: 5 North to 10 West

Highlights: The Third Street Promenade shopping mall is located near the beach. Santa Monica pier features carnival rides inc. a wooden carousel, roller coaster and a Ferris wheel. Santa Monica is located near Venice Beach, also not far from Hollywood.

Venice Beach

Distance: 45 Miles

Directions: 5 North to 10 West, exit 4th St./5th St., turn LEFT at 4th St., turn RIGHT onto Pico Blvd., turn LEFT onto Neilson Way, continue on Pacific Ave.

Highlights: Venice is home to the famous Muscle Beach. The beach is well known for itis artists, street performers and funky atmosphere. Various shops and eating establishments are located along the boardwalk.

Long Beach

Distance: 20 Miles

Directions: 5 South to 22 West, 22 turns into E. 7th St., turn LEFT onto Alamitos Ave., turn RIGHT onto E. Ocean Blvd., turn right onto S. Pine Ave.

Highlights: Long Beach is home to the retired Queen Mary cruise ship thought to be haunted. Also located in Long Beach is the Long Beach Aquarium. The Port of Long Beach is one of the worlds largest shipping ports.

Newport Beach

Distance: 16.5 Miles

Directions: 5 South to 55 South

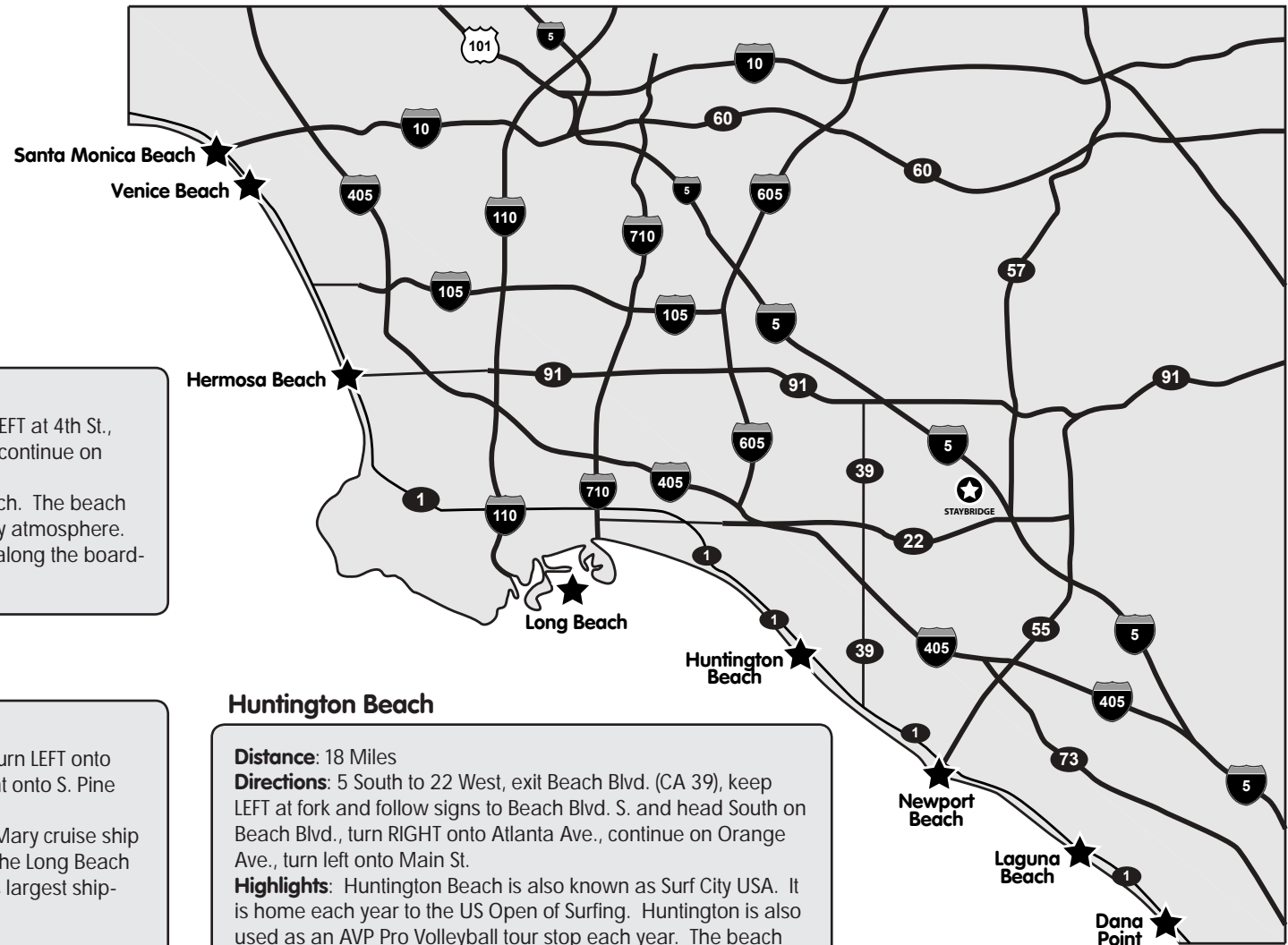
Highlights: Newport Beach is home to many famous celebrities. At the Balboa Fun Zone you can take a harbour tour aboard a boat which points on the homes of many of the more famous celebrities. Also at the Balboa Fun Zone is a small Ferris wheel, arcades, merry-go-round and several quaint shops and restaurants.

Laguna Beach

Distance: 22 Miles

Directions: 5 South to 133 South, turn LEFT onto Forest Ave.

Highlights: Laguna Beach is widely known history as a seaside arts and crafts center. Many public and private galleries are located throughout the city. Along Forest Ave. and surrounding streets you will find numerous quaint shops and restaurants. Just North of the main thoroughfare along the Pacific Coast Highway is Crystal Cove State Park. Located beneath the cliffs the park is known for itis beautiful ocean views and tide pools.



Huntington Beach

Distance: 18 Miles

Directions: 5 South to 22 West, exit Beach Blvd. (CA 39), keep LEFT at fork and follow signs to Beach Blvd. S. and head South on Beach Blvd., turn RIGHT onto Atlanta Ave., continue on Orange Ave., turn left onto Main St.

Highlights: Huntington Beach is also known as Surf City USA. It is home each year to the US Open of Surfing. Huntington is also used as an AVP Pro Volleyball tour stop each year. The beach is lined with row upon row of volleyball nets. A small shopping and dining district is located along Main St.

Southern California Beach Cities