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You can travel all around the world looking for blue skies and beautiful white sandy beaches but there's a little

piece of heaven just 55 miles south of the Santa Clarita Valley and we at elite Magazine think you might just be surprised at what you will find there.

Commonly known as Surf City USA, Huntington Beach found its name some 107 years ago, when the town was renamed after Henry E. Huntington in appreciation of his commitment to extend the daily electric railroad car (Red Car) service.

In 1920 oil was discovered on Huntington Beach's "encyclopedia lots." The lots were sold by the city in 1905 to an encyclopedia company who awarded the lots to customers that purchased a set of encyclopedias. The homeowners became millionaires overnight.

Present day, there is so much to see and to do in Huntington Beach. Try it for a weekend, we know you will want to stay for the week.

We've found *the* place to stay while visiting Huntington Beach. The Hilton Waterfront Beach Resort is located in the heart of Surf City USA™. This AAA four-diamond rated hotel offers spacious guest rooms with garden or ocean views, watch the sunset from the privacy of your private balcony. The outdoor pool features ocean views and the property includes a spa tub and a fully equipped fitness center.

Experience fresh and innovative fare for breakfast, lunch or dinner at their award winning Shades Restaurant and Bar.

Whether it's surf lessons, bike rides on the boardwalk, beach volleyball, or s'mores over a bonfire at sunset, the hotel delivers the ultimate Southern California lifestyle. The resort's proximity to the beach and year-round sunshine attracts fun seeking families, business travelers and corporate meeting attendees to Surf City year after year. By the way the hotel is dog friendly so don't leave your pooch at home.

Huntington Beach boasts one of the best dog beaches in California, and one of the few dog friendly beaches where dogs are allowed to play in the water. Dog Beach is over one mile of pooch-paradise.

Bordered on one side by Pacific Coast Highway and oil fields and houses on the other, Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve wetlands is a 300 acre coastal sanctuary for wildlife and migratory birds. There's a wooden bridge crossing over a tidal inlet and a 1.5 mile loop trail providing spectacular wildlife viewing. www.wccoc.org



places to visit

The Huntington Beach Pier is the iconic heart of the city. At 1,800 ft, it's one of the longest municipal piers in California, and it stands as the city's front porch to the wide open Pacific. You can fish, eat, shop, experience awesome aerial views of some of the world's best surfers and, of course, watch indescribable Pacific Ocean sunsets.

Visit the Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory on Main Street, watch a demonstration of fudge making and enjoy the tastings.

For an amazing dining experience visit Fred's Mexican Cafe. Funky decor, reasonable prices and great music. Fred's signature recipes combine the best of traditional Mexican cuisine and a healthier style of California cooking. Located at 300 Pacific Coast Hwy., Huntington Beach.

Enjoy the dramatic ocean view setting of Duke's Restaurant, while enjoying a menu of flavorful Hawaiian influenced cuisine. Amazingly friendly staff, Duke's offers its guests a relaxed atmosphere. Located at 317 Pacific Coast Hwy., Huntington Beach.

No, it's not a magical mystery tour but it's just as exciting! Take a 62 mile Scenic Tour aboard the OC Cruiser. Learn about the history from the informative tour guide while listening to surf music.

For more information call 714-817-9733.



Fred's Mexican Cafe



Ocean Views Poolside



www.huntingtonbeach.hilton.com



the place to stay

Below: The Twin Dolphin Suite offers a private live and work space that is ideal for small meeting and events ...



Dogs Rule!



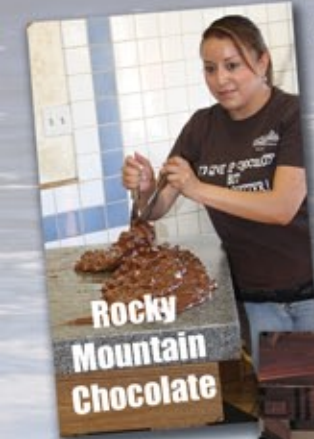
Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve

International Surf Museum

Explore the history of surfing. See the surfboards, read the stories, a unique museum experience for the whole family. 411 Olive Ave., Huntington Beach.



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Rocky Mountain Chocolate



Duke's Restaurant For Dinner

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