



VENTURA HARBOR VILLAGE

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On Assignment? Ventura Harbor Village's Public Relations Department can arrange for accommodations, meals, activities, and exciting interviews and/or a short list of angles for journalists on assignment. Contact: sbejeckian@gmail.com or maris@somervillepr.com.

With warmer months right around the corner, take to the promenade and sea at Ventura Harbor Village your central location off Highway 101 for dining, shopping, entertainment and soft adventure.

Gather for Egg-citement

Hippity top on over for family fun at **Ventura Harbor's Cottontail Day Festival**, Saturday, April 8, 2017, featuring egg hunts, a petting zoo, kid's hands on arts and crafts, and children's entertainment; all geared towards families with kids ages 1 – 7 years old. The Cottontail Day festivities give children a chance to take a photo or grab a hug with the Cottontail Bunny. Children ages 1 – 7 can join in the \$2 Egg Hunt held every 15-30 minutes from 11 AM – 2 PM (includes free coloring book while supplies last). Kids that find a "Golden Egg" will happily hop away with extra prizes. A Village Scavenger Hunt offers clues leading guests to a Hoppy Surprise! More family fun activities include: pony rides, petting zoo, glitter tattoos, face painting, tumbling fun with My Gym, live children's entertainment by Jamie Shaheen, Village Arcade & Carousel, pedal boats, ice cream, family-oriented vendor booths, jumpies and Bunny! Excite imaginations with a variety of free children's crafts provided by Harbor Village Gallery, Macaroni Kid, and Lakeshore Learning Store. www.VenturaHarborVillage.com/events.

Let's Do Brunch!

Seeking a fabulous waterfront location for Easter Sunday Brunch? Wander on over to one of Ventura Harbor Village restaurants that are celebrating the holiday in traditional seaside style. Plan ahead and reserve a table with family and friends at the **Rumb Line The Sunset Restaurant** where a brunch buffet is planned from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$39 for adults/seniors and \$15 for children. Another great brunch option is **Alexander's** at the **Four Points by Sheraton Ventura Harbor Resort** where a lavish buffet Sunday Brunch (omelet station; hand carved ham and prime rib stations, seafood extravaganza, and cheese, fruit and salad stations) will be available from (9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.) Cost is \$39.95 for adults, \$37.95 for seniors and \$24.95 for children. www.VenturaHarborVillage.com/Dine.

Hat Off to Hats Unlimited

For the fashion conscious searching to shade their face from the sea or seeking a stylish addition to their spring wardrobe, **Hats Unlimited** has one of the widest selections of hats from casual to fancy for all occasions. With Easter around the corner, visit the store and select from more than 1,400 different hats, from a stylish Fedora or Panama for men to fancy broad brimmed Derby-style hat or fascinator for women. The retail store also recently received a new shipment of children's Easter hats, including a colorful array of pink, blue and white made from straw, cotton and paper. www.VenturaHarborVillage.com/shop 805-650-3580.

Raise A Glass To The Sea – New Seaside Bar! Outdoor Patio

What better way to refresh than with a visit to **Milano's Italian Restaurant** at Ventura Harbor Village boasting full-service dining and breathtaking waterfront view. The eatery is giving patrons a reason to rave with the addition of its new bar and outdoor sundeck. The new expansion features big screen TVs, and the the restaurant's resident mixologists whips up drink favorites that include Margaritas and Lemon drops accompanied by signature favorite appetizers that include Roasted Clams, Spinach & Artichoke Dip, and delicious Mozzarella Bread. On Friday, magic fills the air as master magician Shawn McMaster wows diners with his magic tricks from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. www.VenturaHarborVillage.com/dine 805-658-0388.

Your Head Off

Putting comedy on the map in Ventura Harbor, owners and seasoned comedians Andres Fernandez and Randy Lubas have been making visitors laugh since 2007 at **Ventura Harbor Comedy Club**, Ventura County's premiere intimate comedy destination featuring some of the largest names in entertainment while nurturing the advancement of local talent. A perfect spot for every celebration (birthdays, Bachelor/Bachelorette parties/graduations) the Club now boasts a Green Room Lounge, offering unsurpassable views of the Harbor. If comedy is a passion, share this with both family and friends, and head on over to the Ventura County Club and experience the legendary's Club's new spring lineup:

April 2, 9 & 23 (Sundays) featuring Berko's Sunday Funday

April 13 & 28 (Thursday & Friday) Phil Mendina and Friends

April 14 & 15 (Friday & Saturday) Bob Golub & Forrest Shaw

April 22 (Saturday) Tobe Hixx & Phil Medina

April 28 & 29 (Friday & Saturday) Andy Gross & Brent Pella (comedy and magic)

For additional information about making your next gathering one filled with comedy, visit www.VenturaHarborVillage.com/play 805-644-1500.

Get Up Close & Personal With A Whale

View ocean wildlife at its best including gray whales and humpbacks during winter whale watching season that continues through mid April. More than 28 species of whales and dolphins have been identified within the waters of the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary of Southern California. **Island Packers** offers Gray Whale Watching that departs from both the Ventura Harbors. This 3-3.5 hour-cruise (Cost: \$38/adults, \$34/seniors and \$28/children) takes wildlife enthusiasts to the Southern California waters of the Santa Barbara Channel. Known for their marine mammal diversity, these waters allow visitors to witness other species of marine mammals along with the seals, sea lions and several species of dolphins along with occasional orca whale pods may also be seen on your trip. In the summer months, Island Packers offers all-day whale watching excursions to Santa Rosa Island with a visit to Painted Cave on Santa Cruz Islands North Shore. An experience not to be missed!! To obtain a full schedule of cruises, visit www.VenturaHarborVillage.com/explore 805 642-1393.

Angler Alert: Sportfishing Seasons Opens

World-class sportfishing is top of mind as avid sportsmen take to the sea on a choice of four different boats to experience sportfishing at its best with the recent opening of the season at Ventura Harbor. Fishermen of all skill levels have a chance to catch Bonita, white sea bass, yellowtail and barracuda as part of an all-day adventure from **Ventura Sportfishing** which provides beginners and veteran anglers with daily open boat fishing excursions to Anacapa, Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa, San Miguel and San Nicolas Islands, or one of the company's popular overnight excursions aboard the Amigo, Island Spirit, Pacific Dawn or Pacific Eagle sportfishing boats. Cost is \$90-\$110, depending upon departure. For more information: 805-676-3474. www.VenturaHarborVillage.com/play

Get On The Water

With clear skies ahead planned for Southern California, what better way to experience the great outdoors than by getting on the water to experience soft adventure. **Ventura Boat Rentals** puts ease into same day rentals. Visitors can jump aboard an electric boat, jump aboard a kayak, take to the water with a stand-up paddleboard, enjoy a jet ski, or experience a leisurely ride on a pedal boat. Re-visit in the summertime, as the company also operates weekend 40-minute Public Harbor Boat Tours and private cocktail cruises, great ways to enjoy the scenery and relax with friends. 805-642-7753. www.VenturaHarborVillage.com/play

From Shore To Sea Lecture Series Set

“Animal Loss in the Global Ocean,” will be the themed lecture presented by University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) Assistant Professor of Ecology, Evolution, and Marine Biology Douglas McCauley set for Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Channel Islands National Park Robert J. Lagomarsino Visitor Center in Ventura Harbor. McCauley will detail new research about how human activities may be impacting the resilience of our oceans, during the “From Shore to Sea” ongoing lecture series. The informative talk is sponsored by **Channel Islands National Park** to further the understanding of current research on the Channel Islands and surrounding marine waters. McCauley and his colleagues have compiled an unprecedented collection of data, including global comparisons of marine and terrestrial animal extinctions, as part of a study to better identify sources of harm to marine ecosystems, as well as best practices to protect them. www.nps.gov/chis; (805) 658-5700.

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