

# VENTURA HARBOR VILLAGE

VENTURA CALIFORNIA:  
A SMALL TOWN COASTAL CLASSIC  
OFF SCENIC HIGHWAY 101/1'S PACIFIC COAST

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**VENTURA, Calif.** – Whether traveling along scenic U.S. Highway 101/1 Southbound or Northbound by car, Amtrak, Metrolink, or arriving via airplane and renting a car, visitors seeking a relaxing getaway amid the natural beauty of this legendary stretch of prime Pacific coastline re-discover with ease one of California's favorite year-round destinations, an idyllic sun-kissed playground, rich in history, culture and adventure that is uniquely Ventura.

Over the years, U.S. Route 101 has become internationally renowned in film and song -- the inspiration of numerous hits, including musician Herb Albert's "Route 101," and the band America's "Ventura Highway." It is synonymous with American culture and lifestyle.

Today, the destination, with gentle ocean breezes and breathtaking sunsets, attracts thousands of annual visitors and gives couples, families and singles a host of reasons to visit this supreme city by the sea. Come here, Stay here. Love it here. Get into Ventura.

## **[A Seaside Sojourn](#)**

From Los Angeles, travelers head north on Highway 101 approximately 60 miles, **[exit Victoria Avenue](#)** and catch the small town vibe. A visit to the agriculturally rich and picturesque Olivas Park Drive is a definite must before heading to Ventura Harbor Village on Spinnaker Drive off Harbor Boulevard that leads visitors to points of interest in both directions.

Heading South on Highway 101 from San Francisco, visitors travel approximately 360 miles and **[exit Ventura Avenue](#)** past **[Working Artists Ventura \(WAV\)](#)** to historic downtown Ventura, a thriving 21<sup>st</sup> Century community, where they can visit the well-known art district on Figueroa before making their way to California Avenue, the location of **[Ventura Visitor & Convention Bureau](#)** and **[Visitors Center](#)**, their one-stop source for information about the destination which is open daily seven days a week.

*Below details several well know roads that lead to attractions that are worth the drive:*

### **Olivas Park Road: Celebrating a Rich Farm to Table Movement**

The bucolic **Olivas Park Drive** takes travelers down a country road past Ventura's rich agriculture region, where they engage in the "farm to table" movement. Here foodies uncover "Agventure" at its best. Delight in two "fresh from the farm and fields" produce stands that sell an abundance of mouthwatering strawberries, juicy lemons/oranges, ripe avocados, flavorful artichokes and tasty pumpkins. Local residents gather daily to purchase colorful fresh fruits and vegetables, and now visitors, too, are frequent customers. Regional chefs buy produce daily from farmers, with the bounty gracing tables at Ventura's casual eateries and fine restaurants.

With consistent 70 degree year-round temperatures it is not surprising that the luscious crops are grown year round. Locally owned and operated, produce stands each keep it fresh year round. Visit **A & F Country Market**, where local owner/resident Frank Carranco is all about "homegrown" and is known for his delicious, sweet strawberries and selection of organic produce. At another nearby stand, **Aguila Produce**, visitors take home the best-priced avocados, anywhere.

After sampling and savoring Ventura's farm fresh produce, take a fresh picnic dinner to the nearby **Olivas Adobe Historical Park**. Here, history buffs revisit the past at Ventura County's only remaining Monterey-style adobe home from the Rancho era built in 1847 on 4,700 acres by wealthy Don Raymundo Olivas. This historic landmark celebrates Ventura's Rancho and Latino heritage with weekend tours. In the evening during from July through September, visitors can enjoy live entertainment at **"Evening Under The Stars."**

Just a short distance from Olivas Adobe sits **Olivas Link Golf Course**, where golfers of all skill levels, swing year-round at an 18-hole, par 72, championship course rated a "Top Municipal Golf Course" by *Golfweek Magazine* in 2009-2013. Designed by architect Forrest Richardson, and known for its rolling links-style layout defined by seaside grasses, natural habitats and coastal breezes, this course affords golfers views of the Ventura hillsides, Ventura Harbor and the Channel Islands. It features a 1.5-acre practice facility, complete with driving range, five bunkered target greens and its own putting and chipping greens. Its sister course, **Buenaventura Golf Course**, built in 1932, is also an 18-hole, par 72, public course. Designed by acclaimed architect William Park Bell, it features a parkland-style setting, making the course a shot maker's delight.

### **Spinnaker Drive: Home of Ventura Harbor Village & The Channel Islands National Park Visitor Center**

After an afternoon in a sylvan setting, visitors head in the opposite direction toward the beach on Olivas Park Drive, which segues into Spinnaker Drive, and chart a course for adventure at Ventura Harbor Village.

Celebrating 50 years and 100,000 visitors later, the Village is situated along the picturesque California Central Coast with 122 acres of water and 152 acres of land. The Harbor has more than 1,359 slips, 35 distinctive shops and dockside restaurants, beaches, green spaces, water sports, and boating and cruising options.

Home to the **Channel Islands National Park And National Marine Sanctuary**, and referred to as "The American's Galapagos," this recreational hot spot is a backyard paradise for outdoor enthusiasts just 14 miles offshore. The **Channel Islands National Park Visitor Center**, situated adjacent to Ventura Harbor Village is open daily and is free to the public with free public parking. It is a one-stop resource about the islands featuring three-

dimensional maps, a museum, bookstore, gift shop and living tide pool. Visitors can view a 25-minute islands video narrated by Actor Kevin Costner, and climb to a tower for a spectacular 45-degree panoramic view of the islands.

With its five distinctive islands, (Anacapa, Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa, Santa Barbara and San Miguel) home to 2,000 plant species and animals, The Channel Islands National Park is the Ventura Harbor's main attraction. For the past 35 years, the official concessionaire for the Park, **Island Packers**, has offered half-day and full-day excursions to the Marine Sanctuary, where 80,000 visitors annually enjoy whale watching, nature hikes, swimming, kayaking to sea caves, scuba diving, snorkeling, tide pool exploration, narrated Island wildlife cruises, birding (445 species), fishing, and visits to the painted caves. Wildlife, unique to the islands, includes the island fox, scrub jay, and the Anacapa deer mouse. Adventure seekers on their way to the islands can also sight gray, blue and humpback whales, dolphins, seals, sea lions, pelicans, and Orcas.

Perfect for the entire family and dog friendly, **Ventura Boat Rentals** allows visitors to get on the water with ease, offering electric boats, pedal boats, surf bikes, and kayaks for rent by the hour. The newest on-the-water craze is yoga on a stand up paddleboard, and the company has just added the boards for rental by the hour. The family owned and operated company, where visitors are frequently greeted by Owner Doug Cooper's dog, "Charlie," also offers 40-minute public harbor tours, (many times with his pooch in tow) on weekends, holidays and select days all year long. The tour takes water enthusiasts through spectacular homes that comprise the Ventura Keys, prominent shipyards, and an abundance of sea creatures.

Experienced and avid divers also revel in year-round soft adventure via **Raptor Dive Charters**, **Explorer Dive Boat**, **Spectre Dive Boat** and **Peace Dive Boat** charters. For both tours and rentals, **Channel Islands Kayak Center** rents single or double kayaks, including paddles, helmets and life vests. It also offers thrill seekers the option to join the company on **Island Cave Tours** and **History & Wildlife Tours**.

If sport fishing is a passion, devoted anglers need not look any further than **Ventura Harbor Sport fishing** that allows sea goers to tap into open party and private fishing charters aboard the "Island Spirit," The Pacific Eagle," and "The Pacific Dawn" to the Channel Islands from March-December. Cast a line to catch Calico Bass, Lingcod, Whitefish, Rockfish, Barracuda, Halibut and Sea Bass. Sail away on a real sea adventure, courtesy of the family owned and operated **Pacific Sailing Lessons & Charters**' private three-hour sailing charter with licensed captains who have 30 years' experience.

Venturing back east on Spinnaker Drive, back along the Pacific lays some of Ventura's top beaches adjacent to Ventura Harbor Village, offering pastimes from beachcombing, to strolling, bird watching, swimming, or just plain wading. Many are dog friendly and offer free parking, which is rare in Southern California. Two of the most popular beaches include **Harbor Cove Beach**, (Mother's Beach), **Surfer's Knoll Beach**.

Walking distance from the restaurants, seaside shopping abounds. For those who love this leisure past time, Ventura Harbor Village is chock full of individually owned and operated retail stores and seaside boutiques. Shopping along the 1.5-mile walking promenade, visitors can browse and buy at more than 35 one-of-a-kind shops,

including **Beach Break Surf Shop**, (surf boards, wetsuit and surf accessories), **Harbor Wind & Kite Company**, (1,000 kites, decorative flags/wind chimes), **Hats Unlimited** (10,000 different hats), **Tina O'Brien Gallery & Studio**, (fine art landscape paintings of Ventura) **Ventura Swimwear** (swimwear, footwear and beach accessories) and the chic **Barefoot Boutique** (women's apparel, accessories and bath and body).

If art is a passion, pay a visit to **Ventura County Potters' Guild Gallery**, uniquely Ventura in every sense of the word. Here, this exclusive gallery that is home to 21 resident artists from Ventura, Ojai, Oxnard, Camarillo, Santa Barbara and Goleta, accents a stunning array of original, handmade works of art. On display is a stunning collection of functional pottery (\$6-\$200) in a full spectrum of colors designed by more than a half dozen of local artists.

After working up an appetite on the water, diners head over to one of the Village's popular waterfront restaurants and savor succulent seafood. Open seven days a week, visitors enjoy seafood at its best during happy hour, lunch and dinner. California residents drive miles for **Andria's Seafood Restaurant & Market**, known for its generous portions of homemade Halibut, delicious fish and chips, and the casual eatery's famous clam chowder in a sourdough bread bowl (voted best seafood in Ventura by *Ventura County Star* and *Ventura County Reporter*). Another popular seafood spot is **Brophy Brother's Restaurant & Clam Bar**, known for its delectable fresh catch of the day served amid stunning harbor and mountain views. The popular **Rhumb Line The Sunset Restaurant**, which is serviced by the Ventura Downtown-Harbor Trolley, also tempts taste buds with its blackened Sea Bass served with a Mascarpone polenta, Southern shrimp and grits, Oysters Rockefeller and signature Prince Edward Island mussels.

On the ethnic culinary front, Ventura is evolving into an international outpost for multi-cultural dining. Visitors take a stroll and savor all things Greek at **The Greek At The Harbor**, offering a pungent taste of the Greek Isles, with belly dancing included; enjoy savory Sushi, Sashimi and Teriyaki at **Harbor Sushi**; and, eat to their heart's content at **Margarita Villa Mexican Restaurant**, serving authentic Mexican specialties, including Ceviche, Carna Asada, Childe Verde and Fajitas, while toasting the coast with a frozen Margarita.

Those with a sweet tooth delve into dessert at **Le Petit Café & Bakery**, which serves up French delicacies, such as fresh from the oven crepes and éclairs, and, nearby **Coastal Cone** is famous for its homemade waffle cones.

When the sun goes down, Ventura's pulse goes up with live entertainment. Wander over to the **Ventura Harbor Comedy Club**, which presents world-class comedy every Wednesday through Sunday with headliner comedians from The Tonight Show, HBO, Comedy Central and David Letterman. During the summer, cap off the perfect evening, and take in a "must-see" seasonal performance at Ventura Harbor Village's **Outdoor Summer Concerts** series held on weekends from June through August.

Two waterfront hotels are within walking distance to the Village. Designed by the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, the **Four Points by Sheraton, Ventura Harbor Resort**, with 175 guestrooms, offers stunning views of the Ventura Harbor. It recently debuted its new "Seaside Warmth" weekend rates now through April, 2014.

It is all about comfort at the 69-room **Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Ventura Harbor**. Here, travelers retreat for the night in style with the hotel's one-of-kind line of "Simply Smart" bath and bedding collection. Guests are welcomed with soft "fluffy" cotton towels, energizing and invigorating multi-use showerheads, curved shower curtains that allow for more shower space, and climate appropriate linens. The in-room amenities have become so popular that they can now be purchased by guests to take home.

### **Harbor Boulevard: Ventura's Three-Mile Sprawling Scenic Drive**

Heading down Spinnaker Drive away from Ventura Harbor Boulevard directs travelers to Harbor Boulevard leading them along a scenic stretch of more than three miles that allows travelers to arrive and depart in either direction north or south from the Amtrak platform, located at Harbor and Figueroa or via the Ventura Downtown-Harbor Trolley. Within walking distance to historic downtown, also on Harbor Boulevard, is a visitor hot spot: **The Ventura County Fairgrounds**, a real tourist attraction with seasonal horseracing and year round concerts and music festivals.

Along this picturesque route is the 258-room **Crowne Plaza Ventura Beach**, one of the best locales to spend the night with a room with an ocean view. The closest hotel to the Pier, the hotel's Lanai and the 70-seat Aqua Lounge on the lobby level are two favorite places to sip a cocktail and watch the sun set. The Lounge faces the hotel's fine art gallery entitled "Gallery at the Crowne" which has on display 82 works of vibrant art, ranging from photographs, mixed media on canvas, watercolors, acrylics, and oil paintings by regional artists whose work is on exhibit now through February 23, 2014 with two additional fine art shows planned for later this year. This year, the hotel plans a multi-million dollar renovation of its guestrooms, lobby, and restaurants. Additions include new in room microwaves, refrigerators and a "24-hour Pantry" at the front desk with food to go.

Another ideal spot to watch the sun go down is at the 285-room **Marriott Ventura Beach**, just steps to the beach. The hotel partners with Brooks Institute in Ventura, whereby students have black and white and color photography on display as part of a rotating exhibit in the 1,200-square-foot "Visions Gallery," located in the lobby of the hotel. Just a short distance from the hotel is the historic **The Wyndham Garden Pierpont Inn**, which celebrates its diverse architecture of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Originally built in 1910, in the classic Craftsman style by famous architect Sumner P. Hunt, the hotel was named after wealthy Socialite Josephine Pierpont, who built a luxury hotel alongside the bluff of the Pacific Ocean. A real magnet for Hollywood's entertainment elite, it attracted luminaries that included Clark Gable, Carole Lombard, Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall. Today, it features 77 guest rooms, including two cottages and six suites on 12 acres, with a rose garden. Planned in 2014 is a multi-million renovation of the hotel's guestrooms, lobby and restaurant.

Continuing along Harbor Boulevard, travelers can opt to visit **San Buenaventura State Beach**, with two miles of native sand dunes and picnic tables. Adjacent to the beach is a view of the historic 1,700-foot historic **San Buenaventura Pier** at the end of California Street, renovated in 1993, and one of the oldest wooden piers dating back to 1872. From the Pier, generations of families delight in their favorite pastimes: running, hiking,

biking, skating and sunset strolls along the four mile-long **Omer Rains Bike Trail** promenade. Check out the delectable cuisine at standout eateries such as **Eric Ericsson's on The Pier**, **Beach House Tacos**, **Aloha Steakhouse** and tasty oysters and seafood at **The Jolly Oyster**, located in the picnic area. After a hearty meal, cyclists jump on a surrey cycle bike, beach cruiser, scooter, Moped or electric cart that can all be rented from **Wheel Fun Rentals**, or can opt to take a walk to the end of the Pier and feast on stunning views of the Channel Islands, coastline or mountains.

Die-hard surfers cut loose in the waves at the famous **Surfer's Point**, off the promenade north of California Street (fondly referred by locals as "C" Street), a premier surfing and kite boarding spot and home to the world-famous Rincon Break, located on the Ventura/Santa Barbara County line.

### **Seaward Avenue: An Off The Beaten Path Haven for Locals**

On Seaward just a couple of blocks from the beach, just off Harbor Boulevard, live it up with an evening at **Social Tap** which delivers progressive California pub fare, including the Filet Mignon truffle tacos and beef Pinto bean chili with an emphasis on seasonal local ingredients with a great patio for al fresco dining. Another favorite among locals is **Spassos Cucina Italiana**, serving up authentic Italian fare. Here Owner, Francisco Cionti, formerly the general manager of Film Director Francis Ford Coppola's restaurant in San Francisco, has on the menu Pappardelle Bolognese, Penna Alla Puttanesca and delectable Osso Buco. At the hip **Sushi House**, locals and visitors can mingle on the patio and enjoy five different sakes and savor the restaurant's signature favorite: an "Avocado Bomb," a half avocado with spicy tuna topped with crab and lightly battered tempura sauce.

### **Downtown Ventura: A Vibrant City Center**

Travelers head back on Harbor Boulevard and take this scenic path to Figueroa Street past colorful public art to vibrant **Downtown Ventura**, one of the few classic districts left with Art Deco, Craftsman, and Victorian architectural designs still evident today. It proves to be a shopper's paradise with a bevy of antique, vintage and unique boutiques amid a beach-town vibe with friendly service and distinctive merchandise. Here, shopping hits a high note with everything from women's and men's apparel and vintage clothes and sporting goods to 18<sup>th</sup> Century antiques, collectibles, gifts, housewares, home furnishings, garden shops, art galleries, and fine jewelry. Visitors enjoy taking a stroll to **Great Pacific Ironworks**, Ventura based flagship store **Patagonia** (active outdoor apparel and gear with an eco-conscious edge), an 8,000 square foot flagship store, which sells active outdoor apparel and gear with an eco-conscious edge. Originally the Hobson Brother's Meat Packing Business, established in the 1870s, the building was later reconstructed in 1923, and is listed on the National Register of Historical Places. Other must visit shops include **B On Main**, (beach art and décor) **Iron & Resin**, (clothing, shoes and dry goods) **Times Remembered**, (the largest antique and collectibles mall), **M Frederic**, (upscale apparel for the entire family), **WetSand Surf Shop** (clothing and accessories), **Betty Belts**, (ocean inspired jewelry and accessories), and **Buffalo Exchange** (new and recycled fashion), and **Copperfield's Gift & Rarities** (gifts and antiques). For top notch jewels, head downtown Ventura for family-owned **Ormachea Jewelry**, specializing in handcrafted, custom-made jewelry, and **Van Gundy Jewelers** for special wedding rings, watches and custom and fashion jewelry.

For a quick bite, delve into something delectable at the 1950s-style **Busy Bee Café – Diner** (complete with Juke boxes) for their hearty chicken fried steak and eggs for breakfast, the classic Ruben and Chicago Burger with pastrami for lunch or dinner. The architecturally engaging **The Watermark on Main**, referred to by the renowned Zagat Guide as “a beautifully restored 1920s bank building (liquor and wine is housed in the original bank vault) with mahogany woodwork and dramatic chandeliers with excellent food and service, and imaginative cocktails.” The landmark restaurant is famous for its New American cuisine.

Traditional time honored specialties can be savored at **Bollywood**, known for village-style Indian fare. A feast for the senses, **Thai & Peru** Restaurant, dishes out Spicy Mint Squid, Honey Duck and Pineapple Fried rice.

Away from the water in downtown is **Café Fiore**, known for its rustic Italian cuisine in a comfortable elegant decor. Here, visitors order the Butternut Squash Tortellachi with a butter cream sage sauce and another signature favorite the Gnocchi with Gorgonzola and Pomorola sauce. On the wild side, **Winchesters Grill & Saloon** serves up a flat iron steak from nearby Watkins Cattle Ranch, elk and buffalo burgers, and venison stuffed mushrooms.

Whether one is a serious oenophile or a casual sipper, discover **Ventura County Wine Trail** with more than a dozen award-winning wineries that call Ventura Home. Spend the day meeting the winemakers and soaking up the breathtaking scenery while touring and tasting Cabernet Sauvignon, Zinfandel as part of Trail’s ongoing guided tours. Guests are treated to transportation from **Ventura Visitors Center** in downtown Ventura, tastings at four regional wineries, and a gourmet picnic lunch. \$85 per person (Saturday and Sunday.)

A gateway to downtown, California Street boasts the iconic **San Buenaventura City Hall**, (1912), a Neoclassical edifice that towers over the city. It spotlights the beauty of yesteryear with Doric columns, marble floors, a domed stained-glass ceiling, a sweeping main stairway, faces of 24 terra cotta friars and its own art collection in the Municipal Gallery. It was in this landmark building, among other Ventura public places, that famous American Lawyer and Mystery Novelist **Erle Stanley Gardner** used and later earned literary fame for his best-selling novels, which were later copied for use in the Perry Mason radio show and hit television series, which starred esteemed actor, Raymond Burr.

To end the perfect day, head along California Street to **The Wine Rack** to sip flights of wine and wines by the glass, and enjoy music Friday nights. Along this same stretch, visitors can also tap into a new eatery **The Lure Fish House**, where the chef places an emphasis on fresh. On the menu is his signature specialty Mesquite charbroiled seafood, caught locally and paired with organic produce and wines from nearby vineyards.

### **Figueroa Street: Where Art & History Intersect**

Public art is an integral part of Ventura unique landscape. At **Tortilla Flats**, art is prevalent on historic Figueroa Street underneath the 101 Freeway overpass. Here, a colorful collage of acrylic and multi-media murals are mounted on four 15 X 66-foot painted metal mesh frames. It was once a multi-cultural neighborhood where working class Mexican, Chumash, African American and Anglo-Americans lived and contributed greatly to the social, cultural and political fabric of Ventura's unique history. In its heyday, the area was a lively neighborhood that attracted some of the biggest band acts of the era including Tommy Dorsey and Chuck Berry. Today, the murals continue to celebrate this diverse region.

As visitors continue on Figueroa Street toward downtown Ventura, they spot early reminders of California's history at the magnificent **Mission San Buenaventura** in the hub on downtown on Main Street. The Mission is still an active Catholic church today. Founded in 1782 by Fray Junipero Serra as the ninth mission to be established in California, it has an elegant courtyard, statues of saints, 250 year-old paintings, and five wooden church bells.

### **Getting There**

Located off scenic Highway 101, 60 miles north of Los Angeles and 27 miles south of Santa Barbara, nestled between the rugged Los Padres National Forest and the sparkling Pacific on California's Central Coast, Ventura is easily reached by automobile on scenic Highway 101. The 33 Ojai Freeway heads North to Ojai and Highway 126 and Highway 118 head east to Santa Clarita and Simi Valley or by MetroLink Rail and Amtrak Surfliner. From the northbound 101 exit Victoria Avenue and from South101, exit Ventura Avenue.

Major airports also serve Ventura through nearby **Oxnard, Santa Barbara, Burbank and Los Angeles International LAX** airports. Four airport shuttles serve the destination, including **Roadrunner Shuttle, Smart Shuttle, Ventura County Airporter** and **Ventura Transit Airport Shuttle**. Taxi service and all major car rental companies are available. Upon arrival in the destination, visitors find the new **Ventura Downtown-Harbor Trolley** a breeze and a convenient way to see Ventura Harbor Village and downtown Ventura. The 25-seat passenger, multi-colored trolley, provides free service every 45 minutes from Historic downtown to Ventura Harbor Village with additional stops at coastal hotels, restaurants, the Amtrak station, among other partner locations. It operates from Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. – 11 p.m.

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### **About Ventura:**

It is without wonder that Ventura and Ventura Harbor is a thriving 21<sup>st</sup> Century community exists, boasting its own Pier, thriving recreational and commercial harbor, historic downtown, waterfront dining, a bustling downtown Ventura, and 14 family-owned, award-winning wineries. A recent national Gallup poll placed Ventura in the "Top Ten Happiest Cities in America." Ventura lays worlds apart from Hollywood's glitz and glamour. A non-profit organization, the Ventura Visitors & Convention Bureau is the official tourism board for the destination and its aim is to enhance tourism and the economy by positioning the City of Ventura as a visitor and conference destination with "authentically Ventura" experience. The Ventura Visitors Center, located at 101 S. California Street in downtown Ventura, is open during the winter Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and in the summer from Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information on Ventura accommodations and attractions or to obtain a 2014 Ventura Official Inspiration Guide, visit call 800/483-6215 or [www.ventura-usa.com](http://www.ventura-usa.com).

### **Ventura Harbor Village:**

Gateway to the famous Channel Islands National Park, Ventura Harbor Village is a vibrant, recreational and working harbor and fishing marina, boasting 35 shops, galleries, restaurants and waterfront activities, including a Village Carousel & Arcade, Comedy Club, wine bar, Harbor Cove Beach and Surfer's Knoll Beach, dive and fishing boats, harbor tours, boat, kayak and peddle boat rentals, and a beautiful 1.5 acre walking Promenade. The Village offers visitors an escape to a sun-kissed, seaside playground with transportation to and from the Harbor via the new Ventura-Downtown Harbor Trolley, annual specials events, live weekend entertainment, dog-friendly facilities, soft adventure, and spectacular sunset views of the Pacific coastline. Home to the Channel Islands National Park Visitor Center, (open seven days a week with free admission and parking and within walking distance to the Village), this coastal playground features its own viewing tower, exhibits and bookstore, it is easy for travelers to visit the five islands right off the Ventura coast. It is here that visitors can experience world-class island diving, snorkeling, hiking, kayaking, sea cave exploration, photography, camping and wildlife viewing. For

additional information or to obtain a 2013 Ventura Harbor Village Map & Guide, contact 805/477-0470 or visit 1583 Spinnaker Drive, Ventura, California 93001 or [www.VenturaHarborVillage.com](http://www.VenturaHarborVillage.com)

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