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Flee To Sea At Ventura Harbor Village/Channel Islands -- Experience "Seaside Warmth" at Four Points By Sheraton Ventura Harbor Where New Weekend Rates Are A Sure Bet For Warm Weather Adventure

VENTURA, Calif. – Ventura Harbor Village has a toasty antidote to frigid winter temperatures, and that's to hang up the snow shovel, pack a bag with casual fall clothing and head west to thaw out under the Southern California sun. The new "**Seaside Warmth Weekend Escape**" at Ventura Harbor Village's Four Points by Sheraton Ventura Harbor Resort is starting off the New Year with fair-weather rates in one of the warmest places in the nation. This is the perfect time of year to visit, with Ventura's remarkably sunny weather, and glorious sunsets. And, Ventura is less than 30 minutes from Santa Barbara and is one hour from Los Angeles and California's most popular attractions.

Now through April 2014, visitors can book the "Seaside Warmth Weekend Escape" on Friday and Saturday nights, priced at \$119 per night, based on space availability (double occupancy) at Four Points by Sheraton Ventura Harbor Resort. The package can be booked directly through the resort's reservations department by calling 805- 658-1212 x1290 (Package Code 4239). A possible two-night minimum stay may be required, depending upon dates of travel.

The activities and recreation at Ventura Harbor Village are endless, such as dining alfresco on a patio at one of Ventura Harbor's seafood restaurants serving fresh, popular seafood dishes. Part of the thrill of visiting Ventura Harbor Village is taking Island Packers Gray Whale Watching cruise - www.islandpackers.com - in season January through early April, under the sun in temperatures in the upper 60s, 70s and 80s. Not an evening goes by that the news media don't hype the gray whales that populate Southern California waters, and there's no better place to see them than in the channel. Outdoor winter activities abound in the Harbor area. Spectacular sunsets, warm beaches, and outdoor dining, are perfect ways to celebrate the amazing "summer-like" weather of Ventura in winter! It's some of the warmest weather in the country! Many areas are experiencing early spring bloom, and as the days progress, the Channel Islands will become brilliant with flora, and on the beaches of Ventura, visitors can observe the wonder of huge winter surf swells, then back in Ventura Harbor Village, the fabulous outdoor boutique shopping. Hats and sunshine are made for each other, and California's hat

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headquarters, Hats Unlimited has one for every occasion. Then, pick up a kite at Harbor Wind & Kite on the Village's promenade, and take it for a spin. The balmy weather with Ventura's sundowner warm winds will take it soaring. Browse the quality art galleries, take in spring and surf fashions, then take a dive lesson from Ventura Dive & Sport as the water warms up for world-class diving near the Channel Islands.

Visitors can also catch a colorful sunset overlooking the destination's several scenic beaches and take the family out kayaking, stand up paddle boarding, on a harbor cruise via electric boat, or on an Island Packers adventure to the Channel Islands. Back on shore, travelers can also enjoy a leisurely stroll through the more than 30 of Ventura Harbor Village's shops, many featuring handcrafted and homemade items.

Here is what is what is on tap as part of the attractively priced "Seaside Warmth Weekend Escape:"

- One or two nights' of accommodations in a deluxe guest room, exclusive of taxes and fees of 11.57%,
- Special self-parking at \$10 per night, per vehicle and complimentary hotel amenities, including:
- High-speed internet
- Guestroom refrigerators
- Flat panel TV
- Outdoor swimming Pool with Jet Tub Pools
- Basketball, tennis and volleyball Courts
- Fitness room
- Free ride on Ventura-Downtown Harbor Trolley
- Eight minute walk on the beautiful promenade to Ventura Harbor Village attractions

The hotel is within walking distance of restaurants serving a half dozen handmade clam chowders and a variety of homemade soups from Miso to Abondigas, to Minestrone, to Tortilla Soup, to French Onion Soup, to Red Fish Soup, Tomato/Basil Soup, to Lentil and to superb Avgolemono (Lemon chicken orzo Soup).

About Ventura Harbor Village:

Located on scenic Highway 101, Ventura Harbor Village is 30 minutes South of Santa Barbara and one hour North of Los Angeles. Ventura Harbor Village is a vibrant, working harbor village 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 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 special 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.

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It is here that visitors can experience world-class island diving, snorkeling, hiking, kayaking, sea cave exploration, photography, camping and wildlife viewing.

For visitor information, contact Ventura Harbor Village at 805-477-0470, online at www.VenturaHarborVillage.com, via e-mail at info@venturaharborvillage.com, via fax at 805-644-1684, "Seaside Warmth Weekend Escape" package: 805/658-1212, ext. 1290, CODE Ventura Harbor Village Fall (4239), "Seaside Warmth." Ventura Harbor Village is located at 1583 Spinnaker Drive in Ventura.

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