



TRAVEL TIPS

AREA FACTS

Dana Point is named after Richard Henry Dana (1815-1882), a sailor and author famous for his novel, *Two Years Before the Mast*. In it, he refers to Dana Point as "the only romantic spot in California."

Dana Point had an international impact as one of the birthplaces of surf culture. Local surfing enthusiasts in the 1950s flocked to the area to test their luck on the legendary surf break, Killer Dana. Though the construction of Dana Point Harbor in 1966 disbanded Killer Dana's waves, the town's surfing heritage lives on through its cultural contributions.

Incorporated in 1989, and currently home to over 35,000 residents, this beautiful coastal city has over seven miles of prominent coastal bluffs and rolling hills. It Offers numerous annual festivals and many attractions such as the Orange County Marine Institute with the famous Tallship Pilgrim docked next door, Dana Point Harbor with its two marinas and 2,500 boats, and Doheny State Beach, a surfing haven with a beachfront campground.

***FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS**

The John Wayne Airport-Orange County is located approximately 22 miles from the Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel in Dana Point, CA and offers direct flights from some major cities and most major airlines. The airport offers flights with American, Delta, Southwest, and United, as well as other smaller airlines. For

more information on the airlines and their schedules, go to <https://www.ocair.com/>.

The Los Angeles International Airport is located approximately 75 miles from the Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel in Dana Point, CA and offers direct flights from most major cities and all major airlines. The airport offers flights with American, Delta, JetBlue, Southwest, United, as well as many other smaller airlines. For more information on the airlines and their schedules, go to <https://www.flylax.com/>.

The San Diego International Airport is located approximately 60 miles from the Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel in Dana Point, CA and offers direct flights from many major cities and all major airlines. The airport offers flights with American, Delta, JetBlue, Southwest, United, as well as many other smaller airlines. For more information on the airlines and their schedules, go to <https://www.san.org/>.

From any airport, it is recommended that you take a taxi or Uber/Lyft to the Hotel. If you choose to rent a car, please note that overnight valet parking at the Ritz-Carlton is \$70/day. Self-parking is not available.

****ABE/ALIP Directors please see travel reimbursement policy below.***

***GROUND TRANSPORTATION**

Taxi/Uber/Lyft – all are permitted to pick up and drop off customers at all three airports.

John Wayne Airport – All pickups occur at the designated areas located on the top levels of parking structures A2 and B2, and in the Terminal C parking structure on the upper level next to the ticketing area.

Los Angeles International Airport – LAX-it (pronounced LA Exit) is the new way to get to your Taxi, or ride app services (Uber, Lyft, or Opoli). Walk or catch the free shuttle outside baggage claim on level one to LAX-it.

San Diego International Airport – All pickups occur at the designated areas located on the ground level directly across from the terminal.

Drop offs at all 3 airports occur in the regular departure areas.

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HELPFUL INFORMATION

Time Zone – Dana Point is in the Pacific Daylight Time Zone.

Climate – The daytime temperatures in November average around 67-76° F and evenings average around 57° F.

Recommended Dress

Tuesday Welcome Reception – Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel, Dana Point Lawn
We will enjoy each others' company during our opening reception featuring cocktails and hors d'oeuvres on the hotel's beautiful Dana Point Lawn. Dinner is on your own.

Resort Casual

Men – collared or button-down shirt/sport shirt, light weight slacks

Women – Shirt/blouse and light weight slacks, skirt/dress, flat soled shoes suggested

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday Meetings – Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel, Plaza Room

Resort Casual

Men – collared or button-down shirt/sweater, light weight khaki or dress slacks

Women – Shirt/blouse and light weight slacks, skirt/dress, casual footwear, light sweater or wrap to keep off air-conditioning chill

Wednesday and Thursday Evenings

Smart Casual

Men – collared or button-down shirt and sport coat, slacks; appropriate outer wear

Women – Shirt/blouse and slacks, skirt/dress; appropriate outer wear

Thursday Afternoon Cruise – Board the Paradiso Yacht Cruise at Newport Beach for an afternoon lunch and cruise around Newport Harbor. Don't forget your sunscreen, sunglasses and/or sunhat. Transportation provided.

Nautical Casual Attire

Men – khaki slacks, jeans and polo shirt, sneakers, loafers or boat shoes, light jacket or sweater

Women – sundress, skirt, jeans, shirt/blouse, sneakers, boat shoes, sandals or low heeled or flat shoes, light sweater or jacket

Spouse/Guest Programs – Casual attire, including, sunglasses/sun-hat, comfortable shoes are recommended as there will be a fair amount of walking.

***ABE/ALIP DIRECTORS TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT POLICY**

Airfare – Your flight must be booked more than 2 weeks prior to departure with a non-refundable ticket. Tickets purchased within 2 weeks of departure will be reimbursed only up to the amount the ticket would have cost had it been purchased more than 2 weeks in advance.

Car Rental and Hotel Parking – If you elect to rent a car, car rental, gas and hotel parking expenses will only be reimbursed up to the amount of the taxi or Uber/Lyft for each board member (taxi...\$250 per board member, which is a round trip fare inclusive of gratuity from the further airports to the Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel). NO additional expenses relating to the rental of a car will be reimbursed for this meeting. **The hotel charges \$70 per night for valet parking and self-parking is not available. This will not be a reimbursable expense for this meeting.**