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Ventura County Events:

Westlake Promenade Tree Lighting Celebration
*November 15th 7:30pm
 Westlake Promenade*

Snowfest Arts and Crafts Fair
*November 3rd 10am - 3pm
 Rancho Madera Community Park*

YMCA Turkey Day Dash
*November 28th
 7:30am - 11am
 California Lutheran University*

Happy Thanksgiving!

A Little About Santa Catalina Island



About 20 miles off the coast of Southern California lies an island famous for glass-bottom boats, epic scuba and snorkeling spots like Lovers Cove, and panoramic views of the Pacific. Santa Catalina Island is its official name, though any local will call it Catalina. Those fleeing the city tend to land right here, and it's easy to see why.

An hours ferry ride gets you to Catalina's beaches, relaxing cabana-side with a drink in hand or prepping for a hike from ocean to sky. But before you go, look beyond the seaside exterior — you'll see there's plenty more to discover about this little watery oasis.

The Catalina Casino takes its name from the *Italian* definition of casino, which is more along the lines of a house or a gathering place than a gambling hall — which is why there's actually never been gambling at the Catalina Casino. The iconic twelve-story-high building with its signature circular architecture and tall pillars sits on Avalon Harbor, and it's a classic California landmark. If you didn't know any better, you'd think it's a Greek temple overlooking the Mediterranean.



From 1942-1945, Catalina Island was closed to visitors and used solely as a military training base. Avalon was a base for the U.S. Maritime Service, training the men who would operate the ships carrying war supplies. The Office of Strategic Services, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the U.S. Army Signal Corps all had bases here, too. Years ago, this was a very different island. Nowadays you're more likely to catch people zip-lining, waterskiing, or hiking.

For Lease**Camarillo - Springville***Former Model Home**371 Calistoga Rd**3 Bedroom, 3 Bath**1790 sq. ft.**\$3250 Available 10/26/19***Catalina (Cont.)**

Catalina is one of eight Channel islands; five of the others are national parks. Flora and fauna are a big part of the reason for preservation, but when it comes to biodiversity, Catalina is king. There are four types of amphibians and eight reptiles on Catalina, as well as native and endangered species like the native Baja California tree frog and San Diego alligator lizard, arboreal

salamander, and Santa Catalina Island fox. Because of the island's human population, there are also plenty of introduced species, including the American bison and blackbuck antelope.

Fishing culture runs deep on the island, and a number of California fishing records have been set here. Among other records, a 16-pound 1-ounce spiny lobster was caught in 1968 and a 339-pound striped marlin was caught in 1985. Try your luck, and cast a line, several fishing charters, like Afishinados, offer guided fishing trips for Sea Bass, Yellowtail, and other large sport fish.



There's a 20-year waiting list to own a car on Catalina Island, according to the Catalina Chamber of Commerce but you don't need one to get around. The city of Avalon, which is only one square mile, allows golf carts on the roads. Plenty of taxis and hotel shuttles will be awaiting your arrival from the Catalina Express or you can rent a golf cart to get around town on your own.

The mid-March Catalina Island Marathon is now in its 41st year, which makes it the longest-standing trail marathon in the state. Endurance athletes looking for a challenge — both in distance and in terrain — can sign up for one of the island's annual running events hosted by Run Catalina. The island also has a 50-mile trail ultra, a triathlon, an eco marathon, and a half marathon each year.

Time to fall back....

Sunday, November 3rd turn your clocks
back 1 hour

November Quote

"The measure of intelligence is the ability to change"

.... Albert Einstein

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