

Activities & Tours



Descanso Canyon Activities



ZIP LINE ECO TOUR (2 hours)

Starting 600 feet above Descanso Beach Club, you'll enjoy sweeping views as you zip across the canyon and through the trees on five separate lines at speeds approaching 30 mph. Zip Line Eco Tour is two hours of adrenaline-fueled fun. Are you ready?



CATALINA FALCONRY EXPERIENCE (Seasonal, 1 hour, 15 minutes)

Come face to face with birds of prey at one of Southern California's only places where you can have a hawk land on your arm. Learn the history of falconry and how to call a hawk to the glove. You'll also be able to have your picture taken with one of these majestic birds.

CATALINA CLIMBING WALL (Seasonal)

Descanso Canyon's 32-foot rock climbing wall offers excitement and adventure for everyone, with eight color-coded routes designed to test every skill level. Grab hold and race your friends to the top. Or challenge yourself to achieve new heights.



DESCANSO DROP TOWER

Harness up and hold on for a true rush of adrenaline as you take a leap of faith to the canyon floor from our 60-foot tower of free-fall excitement. You'll never feel so alive, and solid ground will never feel so good.



CATALINA AERIAL ADVENTURE

Explore a scenic canyon filled with native plants and wildlife as you climb, swing and slide through the trees on a network of suspended bridges, zip lines and other thrilling obstacles that are sure to bring out the wild side in you.

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UNDERSEA EXPEDITION (45 minutes)

Embark on an undersea expedition in a climate-controlled cabin, where you'll come face to face with Catalina's abundant marine life from your own personal porthole. You never know what you'll find below the surface, but you're sure to see an incredible array of sea creatures, including California's bright orange garibaldi.

GLASS BOTTOM BOAT (40 minutes)

See the bottom of the sea through the bottom of a boat on this narrated tour of the crystal clear water of Lover's Cove Marine Preserve. You'll be mesmerized as you look at schools of colorful fish that often stop to look back at you. Keep an eye out for sea creatures tucked into the rocks below.



DISCOVER TWO HARBORS

Enjoy a 30-minute cruise along Catalina's stunning coast to the rustic village of Two Harbors, where you can hike, bike, snorkel, kayak or just relax on the beach at Harbor Sands with your favorite food and beverage from Harbor Reef Restaurant before returning to Avalon. (Food not included).



OCEAN RUNNER (60 minutes)

Feel the ocean breeze in your hair and sun on your face as you experience the thrill of skimming across the water on a speedy Ribcraft boat. You'll get a whole new perspective of Catalina on this unique tour of the island's coastal waters. If you're lucky, you might even spot some dolphins or sea lions.

FLYING FISH VOYAGE (Seasonal, 50 minutes)

People come from all over the world to see Catalina's famous flying fish soar up to 20 feet high and across the water's surface for hundreds of yards. You'll cruise on a 70-foot boat equipped with bright lights to lure these marine aviators out of the water. It's truly a sight to behold.



CYCLONE SEA ADVENTURE (40 minutes)

Head down to the Green Pier for a complete sensory experience on the high seas aboard the Cyclone. You'll enjoy spectacular views of the Catalina shoreline as you speed across the water with the wind in your hair and sun on your face during this exciting coastal cruise with attitude.



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MOVIES AT AVALON THEATRE

On the Casino's lower level, Avalon Theatre shows first-run movies nightly at 7:30. Arrive an hour early on Friday and Saturday to hear a stirring performance on the original 1929 Page pipe organ.



DISCOVER THE CASINO TOUR (45 minutes)

Relive the rich cultural history of this iconic building, from the extraordinary murals that adorn the soaring art deco façade, to the country's first theatre designed specifically for talking pictures, to the architectural marvel of the world's largest circular ballroom.

BEHIND THE SCENES CASINO TOUR (90 minutes)

Tour areas of the Casino once closed to the public for over 70 years. Visit green rooms used by Errol Flynn and Cary Grant; see the room where Cecil B. DeMille screened his latest films; and stand on the stage where Benny Goodman became the King of Swing.

TWILIGHT AT THE CASINO (90 minutes, Fri, Sat and Sun)

Experience the beauty and learn the history of this architectural masterpiece as you make your way from the beautiful theatre up to the majestic ballroom, where you'll have the chance to take a spin on the historic dance floor as big band sounds fill the air. Then toast twilight views of Avalon on the romance promenade with a complimentary glass of wine.

AVALON SCENIC TOUR (50 minutes)

A post office that doesn't deliver? A house built from a recycled boat? A bird park with no birds? It's all part of the unique charm that attracts adventure seekers of all ages to this quaint island town. Postcard views abound on this narrated bus tour through the streets of historic Avalon. Have your camera ready.



AVALON HARBOR LIGHTS TOUR (60 minutes)

You'll head up Mt. Ada in an open-air biofuel Hummer for dramatic city views on this narrated night time tour through the hills above Avalon Canyon. You might even catch a glimpse of the elusive Catalina Island fox as you follow the distant glow of harbor lights on the road back to Avalon.



CATALINA ISLAND GOLF COURSE

Built in 1892, this scenic 2,100-yard course is the oldest in California. Its nine challenging holes offer spectacular views of Avalon Canyon, with two sets of tees for 18-hole play. A full pro shop rents clubs and carts. For tee times call 310.510.0530.

GOLF GARDENS MINI GOLF

Nestled in idyllic gardens less than a block from the beach, Golf Gardens has been an ideal spot for an afternoon of family fun for more than 40 years. Its unique 18-hole layout is considered one of the most beautiful and challenging in the world.



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OUR OPEN-AIR BIOFUEL HUMMER TOURS OFFER UNIQUE PERSPECTIVES OF CATALINA'S PRISTINE WILDERNESS AND RUGGED TERRAIN.

CAPE CANYON EXPEDITION (4 hours, 15 minutes)

Explore Catalina's unspoiled beauty on the only official expedition into beautiful Cape Canyon. You'll visit the Middle Ranch habitat of a rescued bald eagle and golden eagle before heading down rugged Sheep Chute to scenic Little Harbor on Catalina's backside. The tour stops at Airport in the Sky, where you can enjoy lunch at DC-3 Grill (Lunch not included).

EAST END ADVENTURE (2 hours)

There's nothing like an open-air ride over narrow rugged roads in a biofuel Hummer. You'll get an intimate feel for Catalina's unique topography as you cruise the ridge around rugged canyons that open to vast ocean horizons. You might even spot a bison or two on this unforgettable 4-wheeling adventure.

AVALON CANYON TRAIL (50 minutes)

This unique tour takes you on a private road offering rarely-seen views of Catalina Casino. You'll learn the storied history of Avalon Canyon, home of Catalina Island Golf Course, the oldest in California, as well as the Wrigley Memorial and Botanical Gardens. You'll also see the former spring training site of Wrigley's Chicago Cubs.

SUMMIT NIGHT ADVENTURE (Seasonal, 70 minutes)

Enjoy romantic twilight views on this narrated adventure into the hills high above historic Avalon. You'll wind through the heart of the city, down the coast and up to a scenic overlook at Wishbone Loop, where you'll spend some time basking in serenity under a canopy of twinkling stars.



SKYLINE DRIVE (2 hours, 15 minutes)

This 10-mile journey through the island's higher elevations offers spectacular views of rugged canyons, secluded coves and endless ocean. A quick stop at Airport in the Sky for DC-3 Grill's famous cookies provides a tasty diversion (Cookies not included).

INLAND EXPEDITION (3 hours, 30 minutes)

Hit the road for an exciting 31-mile expedition through Catalina's pristine wilderness. You'll follow the original 19th-century stagecoach route through a native plant nursery, bald eagle habitat and favorite grazing spots of Catalina bison before continuing to the island's backside for endless views of unspoiled shoreline.

Two Harbors Recreation



On Catalina's West End, Two Harbors offers miles of hiking and biking trails and a beautiful beach to relax and enjoy food and drinks in the cool breeze. The Dive & Recreation Center rents Hydrobikes, Zayak Sea Sleds, kayaks, SUPs, mountain bikes, SCUBA and snorkeling gear, skiffs, fishing equipment and more. The Center also offers SCUBA certification. You can reach Two Harbors on the Safari bus from Avalon, via mainland ferry, by private boat or aboard the Cyclone on the Discover Two Harbors Tour. See other side for listing under Ocean Activities & Tours.