

The following are Free or Almost Free Things To Do (which we found on the Internet at <http://www.anaheimoc.org/Articles/Archive/Webpage101373.asp>)

Angel Stadium Tour (Tues 9:30am, 11am & 1pm) (Rates Adults \$3/Kids \$2) (~3 miles)

2000 Gene Autry Way, Anaheim Tel: 714-940-2000

The "behind-the-scenes" tour is both an enjoyable and educational experience. You will be invited to view areas that are normally restricted to the public. The complete tour includes a visit to the following areas: Press Box, Press Conference Room, Clubhouse, and Dugout.

Orange County Great Park Balloon Rides FREE Approx hours 9am-10pm (~15 miles)

Entrance is at Sand Canyon Avenue and Marine Way in Irvine, Tel: 866-829-3829

The helium (not hot-air) balloon, which is located in the 27.5-acre Preview Park, provides a great view of Orange County from 400 feet in the air. There is a charge for parking, but each balloon ride is free.

Huntington Beach Pier and Main Street (~15 miles)

One of the premier spots to catch the perfect Southern California sunset, Huntington Beach Pier and Main Street are iconic Orange County destinations. Unique features include live concerts, boutique shops and the red-roofed Ruby's Diner at the end of the pier.

Bowers Museum of Cultural Art (Tues-Sun 10am-4pm)(Rates \$9-\$12, but first Sundays of each month are free (Oct 3rd will be free admission and events))

2002 N. Main Street, Santa Ana, Tel: 714-567-3600

The Bowers Museum holds in its collection more than 130,000 works of art. These works were donated from 1935 to the present and represent many regions and cultures of the world. The museum's largest collections are in the areas of Native American art, Pre-Columbian art, Asian art, art of the Pacific, art of Africa and Orange County history.

Discovery Science Center (Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 11am-5pm) (Adults \$12.95/Kids (ages 3-17) \$9.95) (~7 miles)

2500 North Main Street, Santa Ana, Tel: 714-542-2823

Discovery Science Center is celebrating "A Decade of Discovery" as the Cube turns ten! The center has 59,000 square feet of exhibit space packed with interactive science exhibits designed to spark children's natural curiosity.

The MUZEO (Daily 10am-5pm) Adults \$13/Kids \$9) (5 miles)

241 S Anaheim Boulevard, Anaheim, Tel: 714-956-8936

The MUZEO hosts three exciting traveling exhibitions every year in the heart of Downtown Anaheim. (MIRADAS: Mexican Art from the Bank of America Collection - Opens September 16, 2010, but we don't know what other exhibits will be there during Alternatives.)

Hike/Mountain Bike in an Orange County Park Mostly Free

With nearly 40,000 acres of parks, historical and coastal facilities and open space, the Orange County Park system features endless opportunities for outdoor enthusiasts.

Orange County Zoo (\$2 per adult, \$3 per car) (~15 miles)

1 Irvine Park Road, Orange, Tel: 714-973-6847

Nestled among the majestic 477 acre wilderness park, the Zoo's focus is on animals and plants native to the southwestern United States. Animals on exhibit include black bears, mountain lions, bald eagle, island foxes, ocelot, red-tailed hawk, great horned owls, porcupine, coyotes, turkey vultures, coati and more. The zoo also features a barnyard with domestic goats, chevoit sheep, jacob sheep, pot-bellied pigs, doves and pheasants.

Orange County's Farmer's Markets

Foodies unite for fresh produce, flowers, crafts and live entertainment!

Anaheim – Downtown, Center St. Promenade & Lemon Sts.

Thursdays 12 PM - 8 PM

Kaiser Permanente Farmers Market - Lakeview & Riverdale

Fridays 10 AM - 2 PM

Fullerton Arboretum FREE (8am-4:30pm daily) (~10 miles)

1900 Associated Rd., Fullerton, CA, Tel: 657-278-3407

Housed on the grounds of Cal State Fullerton, the Fullerton Arboretum is a collection of more than 4,000 plants on 26 acres of land.

Ride the Balboa Island Ferry

(6:30 a.m. - midnight Sun - Thurs. and 6:30 a.m. - 2:00 a.m. Fri. and Sat) (~20 miles)

410 S Bayfront, Newport Beach, (no phone)

The This historic and scenic Balboa Island Ferry has been transporting passengers (for \$1) between Balboa Island and Balboa Peninsula since 1919.

Here are some other attractions which might interest you:

Anaheim Garden Walk (~4 miles)

Disney Way, Anaheim, www.AnaheimGardenWalk.com

The Shops at Anaheim GardenWalk is an oasis of outdoor shopping, dining and entertainment in the heart of Orange County. Discover an abundance of retail stores, fine dining restaurants, an upscale bowling lounge and state-of-the-art movie theaters, in a truly unique environment of scenic waterfalls and luxuriously manicured gardens. Anaheim Gardenwalk hosting "The Empty Grave" Haunted House this Halloween season! To discover complete information about the Anaheim GardenWalk's scariest event of the year, visit <http://www.theagw.com/>

Disneyland (Times and Rates vary) (~3 miles)

1313 S. Harbor Blvd., Tel: 714-781-4565, <http://www.disneyland.com>

For generations, Disneyland® Park has been the place where dreams come true. And during that time, The Happiest Place On Earth has changed and grown—with exciting new attractions joining all those classic favorites. No matter how often you visit, there's always something new to discover in Disneyland® park. But, then again, what else would you expect from a place this magical!

The Phoenix Club Oktoberfest (weekends (Fri - Sun) thru Oct) (~6 miles)

1340 S. Sanderson Avenue, Tel: 714-563-4166, www.thephoenixclub.com

The Phoenix Club Anaheim has a long history of carrying the culture and traditions of Germany in Southern California. The club has several restaurants, meeting space, and is ideally located near four major freeways for easy access. And just 15 to 20 miles away, there's another German / Bavarian club with a shopping center, meeting hall, German restaurants, and even church services in German. Old World Village in Huntington Beach.

Santa Ana Zoo at Prentice Park (10am-4pm daily, Rates - less than \$10) (~8 miles)

Off the 5 freeway at First Street, Tel: 714-835-7484, <http://www.santaanazoo.org/>

The Santa Ana Zoo occupies 20 acres and hosts more than 270,000 people annually. Along with at least fifty monkeys, you will find a rain forest, endangered species, an aviary, an electrical train and children's zoo right in the middle of the Orange County urban jungle.

For more information and attractions visit (on the Internet)

<http://www.orangecounty.net/>

To find Coupons, Discounts and Special Offers visit (on the Internet)

<http://www.anaheimoc.org/Articles/Archive/Webpage10153.asp>

And FINALLY, for the most up to date information visit (in person or on the Internet)

The Anaheim/Orange County Visitor & Convention Bureau

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Be sure to check their [Frequently Asked Questions](#), chances are you'll find your answer.