

ecoAdventure center



SUMMER 2017  
ACTIVITIES

**ECO-ADVENTURE CENTER**  
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## Learn Through Experience

The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel presents eco-adventures that inspire you with Southern California's unique ecosystems and connect your spirit to their larger global systems. Led by expert naturalists, the Eco-Adventure Center is dedicated to showcasing Southern California's natural wonders. Through these unique excursions, the local surroundings become a natural classroom and living laboratory. Adults, families and kids learn through experience, which instills them with a deep appreciation and respect for nature. We focus on providing the tools necessary to live a more sustainable lifestyle back home.

### DAILY SCHEDULE

TIME	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8:30 to 9am	<b>Garden Tour</b> <i>Complimentary</i>	<b>Garden Tour</b> <i>Complimentary</i>	<b>Garden Tour</b> <i>Complimentary</i>	<b>Garden Tour</b> <i>Complimentary</i>	<b>Garden Tour</b> <i>Complimentary</i>	<b>Garden Tour</b> <i>Complimentary</i>	<b>Garden Tour</b> <i>Complimentary</i>
9am to noon	<b>SANDsational Sea Hike</b> Ages 9 and up \$80 per person	<b>Daily Ocean Adventure</b> Ages 9 and up \$80 to \$110 per person <i>Available upon request</i>	<b>Beach Banzai Body Boarding</b> Ages 9 and up \$90 per person	<b>Eco Artist</b> Ages 5 to 16 \$90 per person	<b>Daily Ocean Adventure</b> Ages 9 and up \$80 to \$110 per person <i>Available upon request</i>	<b>SANDsational Sea Hike</b> Ages 9 and up \$80 per person	<b>Beach Banzai Body Boarding</b> Ages 9 and up \$90 per person
1 to 4pm	<b>The Biggest Show on Earth Whale Watching*</b> All Ages \$110 per person	<b>The Biggest Show on Earth Whale Watching*</b> All Ages \$110 per person	<b>Creative Kitchen</b> Ages 5 to 16 \$90 per person	<b>The Biggest Show on Earth Whale Watching*</b> All Ages \$110 per person	<b>Creative Kitchen</b> Ages 5 to 16 \$90 per person	<b>The Biggest Show on Earth Whale Watching*</b> All Ages \$110 per person	<b>The Biggest Show on Earth Whale Watching*</b> All Ages \$110 per person
6 to 9pm						<b>Night Krawlers</b> Ages 5 to 16 \$80 per person	<b>Eco Artist</b> Ages 5 to 16 \$90 per person

*Programs may be modified due to inclement weather. Package pricing is available for full-day programs.*

*Reservations are requested 12 hours prior to program start times.*

*A 50 percent cancellation fee will apply if cancellations are not made at least 12 hours in advance of program start times.*

*\*Return time may vary*

## ECO-ADVENTURES

### BEACH BANZAI

Enhance your body boarding skills at Salt Creek Beach. Learn how waves are created. Study the effects of a rip current. Discover the longshore drift. Then catch a wave and have fun body boarding. Banzai!

### CREATIVE KITCHEN

Explore the resort's organic garden and learn about sustainable gardening and the benefits of composting. Take your harvest into the kitchen, don your very own chef hat and create a pizza with your freshly picked ingredients. Bon appetit!

### ECO ARTIST

In collaboration with renowned marine life artist Wyland, view a screening of Wyland's documentary, "A Brush with Giants," to discover the vast size difference from the smallest plankton to the giant blue whale. Then find your inner Van Gogh and sculpt a smiling dolphin, paint a sunset, create a silhouetted marine life or decorate your own "official Eco Artist" frame.

### NIGHT KRAWLERS

Heighten your senses as we venture out into the night. The nocturnal world is full of wonder. The earth transforms and we discover the adaptations of the night creatures.

### SANDSational

Investigate the local foliage and wildlife of the Dana Point Headlands and learn how they have adapted to life on the ever-changing coast. Accompanied by naturalists, you will learn about kelp forest ecology.

### THE BIGGEST SHOW ON EARTH

Embrace your sea legs on a whale watching excursion and see first-hand why Dana Point is the Whale Capital of the West. Dana Point is believed to serve as a visual landmark for several species of whales that migrate along the Pacific Coast. Majestic blue whales and graceful humpback whales are visible as they travel along our coastline. Enjoy our local dolphin inhabitants frolicking in the Southern California waters.

## DAILY OCEAN ACTIVITIES

### EXPLORE THE SHORE

Investigate the vital intertidal zone as we explore the shore. The shoreline is an important ecosystem where the land meets the sea. The amazing creatures that live here have adapted to life in the ever-changing tides.

### SEA THE FOREST THROUGH THE TREES

Imagine a community where all the inhabitants work together in perfect harmony. The kelp forest creates such a diverse community under the sea. Discover the magnificent kelp forest while learning about its population and what we can do to protect it in this snorkeling activity.

### TAKE A GLIDE HARBOR SIDE

Enjoy stand-up paddle boarding or kayaking, as you learn about the local area on a guided tour through the Dana Point Harbor.



## COMPLIMENTARY EXCURSION

### Garden Tour

Discover sustainable gardening practices and learn about the indigenous flora and fauna of Southern California. Fruits, vegetables and herbs, all hand-picked by the resort's executive chef, flourish in our organic garden.



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