



DESTINATION - YACHT CHARTER GUIDE

Catalina

Yacht Charter Guide

CRAFTING SIGNATURE CHARTER YACHT EXPERIENCES

Catalina Private Yacht Charter

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CATALINA

Overview

Catalina yacht charter sits inside the California Coast ecosystem - Avalon / Catalina Yacht Club access berthing, local day-anchors and shore tables we hold before you fly.

Superyacht charter Catalina - embarkation, itinerary and APA bands before contract. Blue Ocean Club brokers Americas weeks.

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WHEN TO GO

Season & rhythm

- How a Catalina week actually runs.: A choreographed operation - berths, tenders and tables locked before wheels-down.
- Embark ready: APA open, crew briefed, transfer timed to Avalon / Catalina Yacht Club access.
- Local cadence: Morning toys, held lunch, short reposition around Catalina, quiet overnight.
- Concierge lock: Restaurants and clubs confirmed weeks out - not left to chance.
- When to berth. When to anchor.: In Catalina, quay nights buy access; hook nights buy privacy.
- Quay nights: Harbour energy around Avalon / Catalina Yacht Club access, walk-ashore dinners, event visibility.
- At anchor: Swim platforms, quiet mornings, tender-only shore calls.
- The usual play: One or two quay nights; the rest swinging in protected water.

ON THE WATER

Cruising grounds

Catalina Island

Avalon and Two Harbors.

Newport Harbor

Balboa embark and harbour nights.

QUAY NIGHTS

Marinas & berthing

Avalon / Catalina Yacht Club access

Avalon / Catalina Yacht Club access - primary Catalina yacht berthing. - Max LOA ~40 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway SNA - Transfer Day crossing from Newport - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

DAY WATER

Anchorage

Catalina day anchorage

Protected day-stop captains favour near Avalon / Catalina Yacht Club access.

Catalina overnight roadstead

Deeper holding when Avalon / Catalina Yacht Club access is full.

Catalina lee cove

Weather-aware swim cove on the California Coast circuit.

Newport Beach day anchorage

Protected day-stop captains favour near Balboa Bay / Newport Harbor berths.

SHORE TABLES

Restaurants

Catalina Harbour Table

Catalina

Walk-ashore or tender dining near Avalon / Catalina Yacht Club access - book peak weeks ahead.

Catalina Shore Kitchen

Catalina

Local plates after a day around Catalina in the California Coast circuit.

Avalon / Catalina Yacht Club access Quay Dining

Catalina

Marina-adjacent dining for embarkation nights at Avalon / Catalina Yacht Club access.

Newport Beach Harbour Table

Newport Beach

Walk-ashore dining near Balboa Bay / Newport Harbor berths - book peak weeks ahead.

DAY ASHORE

Beach clubs

Catalina Shore Club

Catalina

Shore lunch stop near Avalon / Catalina Yacht Club access - advance booking in peak weeks.

Catalina Day Shore

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Secondary shore stop when the primary club densifies.

TRANSFERS

Airport to gangway.

We choreograph SNA / SAN arrivals into Avalon / Catalina Yacht Club access.

Helicopter / GA

Private hops when Catalina supports coastal helipads or GA strips into the Americas gateway. SNA corridor SAN corridor
LAX corridor

Chauffeur

SUV / S-Class briefed on Avalon / Catalina Yacht Club access gates - timed to embarkation. To Avalon / Catalina Yacht Club access Day crossing from Newport

Door-to-deck options are confirmed against your embarkation slot.

NUMBERS - CATALINA

VAT & APA - Catalina short version.

On a Catalina charter the base fee is only the starting line. Budget tax treatment and a realistic APA before you lock dates.

VAT / tax

California commercial charter licensing and APA - confirm mooring reservations and Santa Ana / fog buffers. Confirm commercial charter tax treatment and APA with the broker before deposit.

APA

For California Coast in high season, budget APA at roughly 25-35% of base fee covering fuel, berths, permits and held tables - confirm against LOA and itinerary.

What we send PAs

A line-item estimate before deposit, then a live APA report from the captain during the week.

WITHIN THIS COAST

Local guides

Catalina

Catalina is a core California Coast charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Avalon / Catalina Yacht Club access - Day-anchor: California Coast overnight roadstead - Table: Catalina Shore Kitchen

BEFORE YOU FLY

FAQ

When is the best time for yacht charter in Catalina?

Shoulder months in Americas usually balance weather and berth availability for Catalina near Avalon / Catalina Yacht Club access.

Which marina should we embark from in Catalina?

Avalon / Catalina Yacht Club access is the primary embarkation for Catalina, with anchorage fallbacks when LOA or events block the preferred quay.

How far ahead should we book berths in Catalina?

For peak season around Catalina, 4-12 weeks is typical for larger yachts; shoulder season is more flexible. We open the berth conversation with the yacht shortlist.

What does APA usually cover on a Catalina charter?

Fuel, berthing, food and beverage, and most guest concierge extras. For Catalina we set an honest APA band before contract - not a vague percentage.

Can you arrange airport transfers into Catalina?

Yes - chauffeur and helicopter where available from SNA / SAN, timed to the embarkation slot at Avalon / Catalina Yacht Club access.

How does a Catalina week use Catalina Island?

Catalina Island is a core Catalina pocket - we sequence Avalon / Catalina Yacht Club access nights and day-anchors so the week feels unhurried. Catalina sits inside California Coast as a focused stop, not a duplicate of the country hub.

OPERATIONAL

Mooring notes

Catalina - Avalon / Catalina Yacht Club access

High in peak season around Catalina - broker relationships matter for larger LOA. 4-12 weeks for peak season slips Event or festival weeks near Catalina can multiply rates and eliminate availability. We hold Avalon / Catalina Yacht Club access alternatives and anchorage fallbacks before you sign.

Berth fees, APA budgets and event lead times are indicative and move with LOA, season and harbour policy. Blue Ocean Club confirms live figures in writing before deposit. Not a substitute for captain pilotage or marina contracts.

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