

things to do this Spring



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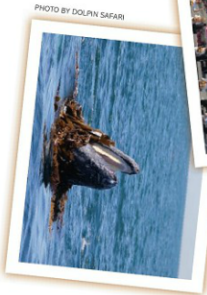


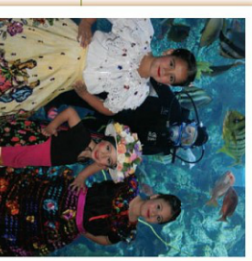
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March

[DANA POINT FESTIVAL OF WHALES] Kicking off with the parade, the celebration continues with whale watching. Dana Point Restaurant Week (March 1-10), Art in the Park, a classic car display, and more. || March 2-3 and March 9-10 || FestivalWhales.com

[ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION AND EARTH FEST] In Costa Mesa at the Orange County Market Place, explore everything from earthworm and food composting to zero-waste zones and recycled art. World champion Irish dancers and high dance schools take the stage all day, performing jigs and reels. || March 17 || ocmarketplace.com

[SPACE SHUTTLE ENDEAVOUR] At the California Science Center, see the space shuttle up close and personal and learn how California played a large part in shuttle history. The exhibition includes a space bot—because in zero gravity, you still gotta go. Reservations essential. Visit website to purchase timed tickets. || californiasciencecenter.org



COURTESY OF THE AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC

April



[INDIANA JONES AND THE ADVENTURE OF ARCHAEOLOGY] Walk in the footsteps of hero Indiana Jones at the Discovery Science Center in Santa Ana and see an exclusive collection of film props, models, concept art, and set designs from the Lucasfilm archives. || Ongoing through April 21 || discoverycube.org

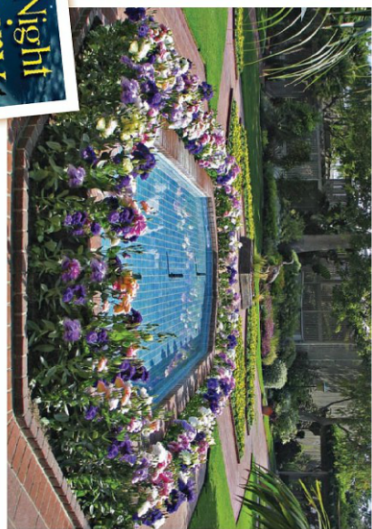
[INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY] At the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach, celebrate the amazing talents of children of all cultures, featuring international music and dance by kids. || April 27 || aquariumofpacific.org

[DISNEY DOUBLE FEATURE] Kids Musical Theater in Orange presents *The Little Mermaid* and *Alice in Wonderland* in two acts. Great for younger kids. || April 26 and 27 || kidsmusicaltheater.com

May

[SHERMAN LIBRARY AND GARDENS] The day before Mother's Day, treat Mom to the Sherman Library & Gardens Volunteer Association Annual Garden Tour and see several put the garden in its proper place. Sign up for confirmation and to purchase tickets, beginning April 1. || sgardens.org May 11

[ORANGE COUNTY GREAT PARK] Try something a little different this Mother's Day (May 12). Pack a picnic and head out to the Orange County Great Park. Tour the ABC Green Home, take flight in the orange balloon, and check out the Great Park Artists Studios, all for free. || Ongoing at the Great Park || ocgpp.org



COURTESY OF THE SHERMAN LIBRARY & GARDENS



[THE NIGHT FAIRY—THEATER FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES] Fairy is a fairy, no taller than an acorn, who loses her wings in a fight with a bat, falls into the garden of a "gnariness," and takes up residence in a burrow. But Fairy is as fierce as she is elegant, and she's about to discover that she needs every drop of bravery, and she'll know it when she sees every drop of bravery, and she'll know it when she sees every drop of bravery. || South Coast Repertory || May 24-26 || scrc.org



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