



CATALINA ISLAND CONSERVANCY

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Catalina Island Conservancy Offers Boat Tours and Hike in August

LONG BEACH – The Catalina Island Conservancy is offering two boat tours and an exciting hiking opportunity to the public in August.

Exploring California's Channel Islands: Santa Cruz Island

Saturday, August 1

9 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Island Packers, Ventura Harbor

Join the Catalina Island Conservancy for a day of exploration on a journey across the channel for the organization's annual trek to visit another Channel Island - Santa Cruz Island. Guests will have a choice of guided hikes and registration includes a tasty gourmet boxed lunch. Register soon because registration is limited. Cost is \$120 for Conservancy members and \$130 for non-members.

[Register.](#)

Catalina Marineros Hike from Two Harbors to Little Harbor

Saturday, August 15

9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Two Harbors, Catalina Island

Join the Catalina Island Conservancy for a fun-filled, five-mile+ hike from Two Harbors along the ridge route to Little Harbor. A beach picnic lunch, including beverages, will be served at Little Harbor. There will also be a Conservancy staff presentation on current Island environmental projects. The hike includes a return bus trip to Two Harbors. Cost is \$49 for Conservancy members and \$59 for non-members.

[Register.](#)

Circumnavigation of Catalina Island

Saturday, August 29

8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Departures from Long Beach and Avalon

Back by popular demand! Join the Conservancy for a trip around Santa Catalina Island. After boarding guests in Long Beach and then Avalon, the trip will take guests along the leeward side of the Island to Gallagher's Cove, where the group can hike nearby trails before enjoying a delicious lunch. The tour will continue along the coast toward the West End and then along the wild windward side of the Island. Naturalists will be on board to narrate the trip and answer questions about the geology, marine biology and terrestrial ecology of Catalina Island. Cost is \$50 for Conservancy members and \$60 for non-members

[Register.](#)

SAVE THE DATE**5th Annual *Catalina: The Wild Side* Art Show & Sale****Sunday, October 25****1:30 p.m.-4 p.m.****Newport Harbor Yacht Club**

A passion for Catalina Island and plein air art come together to create an extraordinary afternoon. The show features nationally acclaimed plein air artists, who will display their interpretations of Catalina's rugged wildlands and scenic beauty. Proceeds from the sale of these unique paintings support the growth of a permanent collection of plein air artwork that documents the Island's wild side and the Catalina Island Conservancy's restoration efforts. Ticket prices range from \$40-\$175.

[Information.](#) [Register.](#)

About the Conservancy

Formed in 1972, the Catalina Island Conservancy is one of California's oldest land trusts. Its mission is to be a responsible steward of its lands through a balance of conservation, education and recreation. Through its ongoing efforts, the Conservancy protects the magnificent natural and cultural heritage of Santa Catalina Island, stewarding approximately 42,000 acres of land and more than 60 miles of rugged shoreline. It provides an airport and 50 miles of biking and nearly 150 miles of hiking opportunities within its road and trail system. The Conservancy conducts educational outreach through two nature centers, its Wrigley Memorial & Botanic Garden and guided experiences in the Island's rugged interior. Twenty miles from the mainland, the Island is a treasure trove of historical and archaeological sites. It also contains numerous rare and endangered animals and plants. The Island is home to 60 species – and counting – that are found only on Catalina. For additional information, please visit www.catalinaconservancy.org.