

Book early as this is an extremely popular weekend destination

Laguna has quite a parking issue so people should attempt to carpool wherever possible so as to alleviate "parking anxiety"

Here is a sampling of the restaurants between the hotel and Laguna Beach (about 10 mile drive) in no particular order. All are reasonably priced particularly for New Yorkers (some inexpensive, some expensive) except the two at the Montage are very expensive but worth it. You can probably find most or all on a mapquest search or through the hotel. An asterisk marks where reservations would be a must on a Friday or Saturday night.

Salt Creek Grille*
Eva's Caribbean Kitchen
Pomodoro
Ti Amo*
Safire (the hot new one in L.B.) *
Kya*
230 Forest (very good and very hip) *
F'0" (Five Feet) – a long time most excellent L.B. restaurant*
Cedar Creek Inn
Las Brisas*
Mozambique
Ristorante Romeo
Studio at the Montage*
The Loft at the Montage*
Surf and Sand
Ocean Avenue Brewery
Hennessys Pub
Dried Tomato
Olemendi's (Mexican)
Sorrento Grille
French 75
Café Zoolu
The Beach House
Cabana

In Laguna Niguel

Savanah
Brio

There are also restaurants at the Ritz Carleton and the St. Regis Monarch Bay, both in Laguna Niguel. The one in the St. Regis is very expensive but apparently well worth it.