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Crystal Cove to celebrate the holiday seaside style

The state park has the only set-in-sand
Christmas tree on the California coast

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[Crystal Cove Alliance](#) will welcome the holiday season at [Crystal Cove State Park](#) with a tree lighting ceremony for its beachfront Christmas tree on December 3. The tree, which is the only Christmas tree set up in the sand on the California coast, will be outfitted with vintage ornaments as a throwback to Crystal Cove's past as a 1930s seaside community. The landmark 1930s coastal cottages at Crystal Cove will also be trimmed with holiday decorations and lights.

"We look forward to this tradition every year because it awakens the magical history and old-fashioned holiday spirit of Crystal Cove. We hope Orange County families will join our festivities and become a part of the most unique tree display in Southern California. It is a great way to kick-off the season with family and friends," said Laura Davick, founder of the Crystal Cove Alliance, which works to restore the historic beach cottages.

The park has added a new celebration this year: the Holiday Bazaar, which will be held on December 3 and 4 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. At the bazaar, guests can enjoy hot beverages from the Beachcomber Café, Hawaiian shave ice, carolers and paintings on display. Children and adults can transform pieces of sea glass into jewelry or ornaments in a complimentary craft session.

On December 3, children can visit with Santa from 4 p.m. until the tree lighting, which will begin at sunset. A Laguna Beach caroling group, No Square Singers, will begin performing at 3 p.m.

The tree lighting will be held at the historic district of the Crystal Cove State Park, on Pacific Coast Highway between Corona del Mar and Laguna Beach. Visitors can park at the Los Trancos parking lot at the intersection of Pacific Coast Highway and Los Trancos.

