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SoCal Water Parks and Theme Parks Offer Off-Season Thrills (K. Pearson Brown)



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School may be in session for many of Los Angeles children, but that doesn't mean summer fun has to end. Hot weather in SoCal often lasts through October and November, so lucky locals who are just a car-ride away can enjoy smaller crowds off-season at local theme parks. Here is a short list of the coolest chill-out rides and slides and best places to stay and eat for the most awesome endless summer ever.

Where to Stay

Paradise Point is an island oasis just a few minutes from SeaWorld. The resort's bungalows feature lush courtyard and beachfront locations with access to a public beach where kids love the nighttime tradition of toasting marshmallows and making s'mores around the beach fire pits. The central Island Market store rents bikes to explore the island, and the elegant Baleen restaurant and more casual Barefoot Bar and Grill offer dining at the marina. Through early September the resort offers a water taxi that drops guests at a private marine entrance to the park for \$10 for adults and \$6 for children. If you happen to arrive at just the right time, you might catch SeaWorld's Cirque de la Mer performers warming up "backstage" on the marina docks.