



# ***SEASIDE GEMS AT VENTURA***

## **2024 ANNUAL CFMS-AFMS SHOW & CONVENTION**

*The National Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show!*

May 24-26, 2024

## **VENTURA: PLACES-TO-GO & THINGS-TO-DO**

*For 38 years, the local weekly VC Reporter has posted an Annual “Best of Ventura County” issue. The most recent, published September 28, 2023, compiled results from a reader survey sharing “the people, places and things they love the most.” We’ve selected highlights (primarily focused on places in the city of Ventura) to help out-of-town visitors to the CFMS-AFMS Show & Convention find food, services, and fun that’s been rated “tops” by locals.*

## **SHOPPING**

### **Book Stores**

**The Bookworm.** 93 E. Daily Dr., Camarillo  
[www.facebook.com/CamarilloBookworm](https://www.facebook.com/CamarilloBookworm)

**Bart’s Books.** 302 W. Matilija St., Ojai  
<https://bartsbooksojai.com/> Open air bookstore

**Timbre Books.** 1910 E. Main St., Ventura  
<https://timbrebooks.com/>

### **Gift Shops**

**Salzer’s Records** (a “counter-culture haven”). 5777 Valentine Rd., Ventura  
[www.salzers.com](http://www.salzers.com)

**B on Main.** 446 E. Main St., Ventura  
[www.bonmain.com](http://www.bonmain.com)

**Plum Gift Boutique.** 466 E. Main St., Ventura  
[www.shopplumgifts.com](http://www.shopplumgifts.com)

*Noted by VGMS members:*

**Very Ventura Gift Shop & Gallery.** 540 E. Main St., Ventura  
[www.very-ventura.com](http://www.very-ventura.com)

**Passport Habits: Made to Roam.** 542 E. Main St., Ventura  
[www.passporthabits.com](http://www.passporthabits.com)

## **Jewelers**

**Fox Fine Jewelry.** 560 E. Main St., Ventura  
<https://www.foxfinejewelry.com/>

**Jewelry Couture by Sehati.** 390 S. Mills Rd., Ventura  
[www.jewelrycouture.com](http://www.jewelrycouture.com)

## **MUSEUMS & ART GALLERIES / SHOPS**

**Ventura Pottery Gallery** at the Ventura Harbor Village  
1567 Spinnaker Drive, Suite 105 Ventura, CA 93001  
<http://venturapotterygallery.com>

**Ronald Reagan Presidential Library & Museum.** 40 Presidential Dr., Simi Valley  
[www.reaganfoundation.org](http://www.reaganfoundation.org)

**Museum of Ventura County.** 100 E. Main St., Ventura  
<https://venturamuseum.org/>

**Channel Islands Maritime Museum.** 3900 Bluefin Circle, Oxnard  
<https://www.cimmvc.org/>

**Bell Arts Factory.** 432 N. Ventura Ave., Ventura  
<https://bellartsfactory.org/>

**Latitudes.** 401 E. Main St., Ventura  
<https://latitudesgallery.com/>

## **FOOD & DRINK**

### **Barbecue**

**Marshall's Bodacious BBQ.** 6353 Ventura Blvd., #18, Ventura  
<https://marshallsbodaciousbbq.com/>

**Buster's OG BB & Grill.** 2844 Johnson Dr., Suite X, Ventura  
[www.bustersogbb.com](http://www.bustersogbb.com)

## **Breakfast & Donuts**

**Café Nouveau.** 1497 E. Thompson Blvd., Ventura  
[www.cafenouveau.net](http://www.cafenouveau.net)

**Pete's Breakfast House.** 2055 E. Main St., Ventura  
[www.petesbreakfasthouse.com](http://www.petesbreakfasthouse.com)

**Master's Donuts.** 1725 S. Victoria Ave., Ventura

**K.D. Village Donuts.** 3855 Telegraph Rd., Ventura  
<https://k-d-village-donuts.edan.io/>

## **Cheap Eats, Diners, Delis, Tacos, Burgers & Sandwiches**

**Spencer Makenzie's.** 806 E. Thompson Blvd., Ventura  
[www.specermakenzies.com](http://www.specermakenzies.com)

**Snapper Jack's Taco Shack.** 533 Main St. & 5100 Telegraph Rd., Ventura  
<https://www.snapperjackstacoshack.com/>

**Beach House Tacos.** 688 E. Harbor Blvd., Ventura  
[www.beach-house-tacos.com](http://www.beach-house-tacos.com)

**Corrales Mexican Food.** 795 E. Thompson Blvd. & 1951 E. Thompson Blvd., Ventura

**Two Trees Restaurant & Taps.** 7822 Telegraph Rd., Ventura  
[www.twotreesrestaurantandtaps.com](http://www.twotreesrestaurantandtaps.com)

**Busy Bee Café.** 478 E. Main St., Ventura  
[www.busybee.cafe](http://www.busybee.cafe)

**Danny's Deli.** 3263 Telegraph Rd., Ventura  
[www.dannysdeli.com](http://www.dannysdeli.com)

**Ventura Sandwich Company.** 2700 Loma Vista Rd., Ventura  
[www.venturasandwichcompany.com](http://www.venturasandwichcompany.com)

**Valentino's.** 2292 E. Main St., Ventura  
<https://valentinosgourmet.com/>

**Finney's Crafthouse & Kitchen.** 494 E. Main St., Ventura  
[www.finneyscrafthouse.com/ventura/](http://www.finneyscrafthouse.com/ventura/)

## **Fine Dining**

**Lure Fish House.** 60 California St., Ventura  
<https://www.lurefishhouse.com/>

**Rumfish y Vino** (also rated "Best Romantic Restaurant"). 34 N. Palm St., Ventura  
[www.rumfishyvinoventura.com](http://www.rumfishyvinoventura.com)

**Aloha Steakhouse** (also rated in "Best Steakhouses"). 364 S. California St., Ventura  
[www.alohasteakhouse.com](http://www.alohasteakhouse.com)

## **Greek**

**The Greek Mediterranean Steak & Seafood.** 1583 Spinnaker Dr., #101, Ventura  
[www.thegreekventura.com](http://www.thegreekventura.com)

**Stephen's Market & Grill.** 2632 E. Main St., Ventura  
[www.stephensmarketandgrill.com](http://www.stephensmarketandgrill.com)

**Nick the Greek.** 440 E. Main St., Ventura  
<https://www.nickthegreek.com/ventura>

## **Health Food, Vegetarian, & Vegan Options**

**Lassen's.** 4071 E. Main St., Ventura  
[www.lassens.com](http://www.lassens.com)

**Harvest Café.** 175 S. Ventura Ave., Ventura  
[www.harvestcafeventura.com](http://www.harvestcafeventura.com)

**Seed Ranger.** 2950 Johnson Dr., Ventura  
<https://www.seedranger.com/>

## **Ice Cream**

**McConnell's Fine Ice Cream.** 3241 E. Main St., Ventura  
[www.mcconnells.com](http://www.mcconnells.com)

**Mister Softee.** 7770 Telegraph Rd., Ventura

[www.mistersofteesocal.com](http://www.mistersofteesocal.com)

**Coastal Cone.** 1583 Spinnaker Dr., #104, Ventura  
[www.coastalcone.com](http://www.coastalcone.com)

## Indian

**Himalaya.** 35 W. Main St. #A, Ventura  
[www.himalayacuisine.com](http://www.himalayacuisine.com)

**The Taj Café.** 574 E. Main St., Ventura  
<https://thetajcafeventura.com/website/index.aspx>

**Indian Rasoi.** 421 N. Ventura Ave., Ventura  
[www.indianrasoiventura.com](http://www.indianrasoiventura.com)

## Italian

**Café Fiore** (also rated as great “Romantic Restaurant”). 66 S. California St., Ventura  
[www.cafefiore.net](http://www.cafefiore.net)

**Immigrant Son Café.** 543 E. Main St., Ventura  
[www.imigrant-son.com](http://www.imigrant-son.com)

**Tony’s Pizzeria.** 186 E. Thompson Blvd., Ventura  
[www.tonypizzeria.net](http://www.tonypizzeria.net)

## Mexican

**Yolanda’s.** 2753 E. Main St., Ventura  
[www.yolandasmexicancafe.com](http://www.yolandasmexicancafe.com)

**Cuernavaca Taqueria.** 607 E. Main St. & 1117 N. Ventura Ave., Ventura  
[www.cuernavaca-taqueria.com](http://www.cuernavaca-taqueria.com)

**Taqueria Tepatitlan.** 362 N. Ventura Ave., Ventura  
<https://www.taqueriatepatitlan.com/>

## Noodle House

**Kao Ramen by Mamma.** 573 E. Main St., Ventura

## Seafood Restaurant

**Lure Fish House.** 60 California St., Ventura  
<https://www.lurefishhouse.com/>

**Andria's Seafood.** 1449 Spinnaker Dr., Ventura  
[www.andriasseafood.com](http://www.andriasseafood.com)

**Brophy's Bros.** 1559 Spinnaker Dr., Ventura  
[www.brophysbros.com](http://www.brophysbros.com)

## Steakhouse

**Prime.** 2009 E. Thompson Blvd., Ventura  
[www.primesteakhouseventura.com](http://www.primesteakhouseventura.com)

## Sushi

**Sumo Japanese Restaurant.** 1730 S. Victoria Ave., Ventura  
<https://www.sumojapaneserestaurants.com/ventura>

**Sushi Fresh.** 5920 Telegraph Rd., Ventura  
[www.sushifreshventura.com](http://www.sushifreshventura.com)

## Thai

**Rice by Mama.** 419 E. Main St., Ventura  
<https://www.ricebymamaventura.com/>

**Jasmine Thai.** 1145 S. Victoria Ave., Ventura  
[www.jasminethaifusion.com](http://www.jasminethaifusion.com)

**Moon's Thai Cuisine.** 1700 E. Thompson Blvd., Ventura  
[www.moonthaicuisine.com](http://www.moonthaicuisine.com)

## DRINK

### Coffee Shops

**Simone's Coffee & Tea.** 2848 Telegraph Rd., Ventura  
<https://www.simonescoffee.com/>

**Singing Sun.** 1930 E. Main St., Ventura  
[www.singingsuncoffee.com](http://www.singingsuncoffee.com)

**Café Ficelle.** 390 S. Mills Rd., Ventura  
<https://www.cafeficelle.com/>

## **Beer Tap Selection & Breweries**

**Fluid State** (also rated “Best Pizza”). 692 E. Main St., Ventura  
[www.fluidstatebeer.com](http://www.fluidstatebeer.com)

**Barrelhouse 101** (also rated great for burgers). 545 E. Thompson Blvd., Ventura  
<https://barrelhouse101.com/>

**Topa Topa.** 4880 Colt St. & 104 E. Thompson Blvd., Ventura  
<https://topatopa.beer/>

**Madewest.** 1744 Donlon St. & 668 E. Harbor Blvd., Ventura  
<https://madewest.com/>

## **Wineries & Wine Tasting**

**Old Creek Ranch.** 10024 E. Old Creek Rd., Ventura  
<https://www.oldcreekranch.com/>

**Herzog Wine Cellars.** 3201 Camino Del Sol, Oxnard  
<https://herzogwine.com/>

**The Cave at Ventura Wine Co.** 4435 McGrath St., #301, Ventura  
<https://thecaveventura.com/>

**Paradise Pantry.** 222 E. Main St., Ventura  
[www.paradisepantry.com](http://www.paradisepantry.com)

## **ENTERTAINMENT**

### **“Dive Bars”**

**The Sewer - Sans Souci Cocktail Lounge.** 21 S. Chestnut St., Ventura  
<https://sans-lounge.edan.io/>

**Star Lounge.** 343 E. Main St., Ventura  
[www.facebook.com/starloungeventura/](http://www.facebook.com/starloungeventura/)

## **Places for Live Music**

**The Grape.** 2733 E. Main St., Ventura  
<https://thegrapeventura.com/>

## **Sports Bars**

**Victoria Pub & Grill.** 1413 S. Victoria Ave., Suite F, Ventura  
[www.victoriapubandgrill.com](http://www.victoriapubandgrill.com)