



Laguna Beach Sister Cities Association

Friendship City Candidate Comparison Evaluation Form

LAGUNA BEACH SISTER CITIES ASSOCIATION

City	Laguna Beach, CA, USA	Fuji Five Lakes, Japan
Representative Photo		
Locale	South Orange County California on a stretch of Pacific Coastline with pristine waters, hillsides, a deep canyon, and ridgelines	The base of Mountain Fuji with hot springs, forests, and Five Lakes: Yamanaka, Kawaguchi , Saiko, Shōji, and Motosu
Official Language	English	Japanese
Square Miles	8.7	47
Resident Population	22,583	48,782
Sunny Days/Year	279	116
Avg. Temp	Summer: 78 F Winter: 68 F	Summer: 79 F Winter: 46 F
Other Sister Cities	Menton, France St Ives, England San José Del Cabo, Mexico https://lagunabeachsistercities.com/	Chamonix Mont Blanc, France Colorado Springs, USA https://www.koaa.com/news/covering-colorado/the-city-of-colorado-springs-celebrates-60-years-as-a-sister-city-of-fujiyoshida-japan
Theaters	Laguna Playhouse https://lagunaplayhouse.com/ Festival of Arts Pageant of the Masters https://www.foapom.com/ No Square Theater https://www.nosquare.org/	Kawaguchiko Stellar Theater https://stellartheater.jp/ Lake Kawaguchi Theater https://www.fuji-osaru.com/
Museums	Laguna Art Museum https://lagunaartmuseum.org/	Fujisan Museum https://www.fy-museum.jp/ Music Forest Museum https://kawaguchikomusicforest.jp/
Hotels	26 with 1300 rooms	6,729 (including wine region)
Festivals	Festival of Arts Pageant of the Masters https://www.foapom.com/	Yoshida Fire Festival https://www.japan.travel/en/spot/198/ Fuji Shibazakura Festival

	Sawdust Festival https://sawdustartfestival.org/ Laguna Art A Fair https://www.art-a-fair.com/ Coast Film & Music Festival https://www.coastfilmfestival.com/ Fête de la Musique https://lagunabeachsistercities.com/fete-de-la-musique/	https://www.japan-guide.com/e/e6919.html Fuji-Kawaguchi Fall Leaves Festival https://fujisan.ne.jp/en/pages/433/
Educational Institutions	Elementary and high schools, Laguna College of Art and Design	Elementary, middle, and high school, Showa University
Website	www.lagunabeachsistercities.com	https://www.fujifivelakes.net/
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Similar Local Sister City Relationships	Newport Beach, CA celebrating 40-year relationship with Okazaki, Japan Los Angeles, CA and Nagoya, Japan became Sister Cities in 1959 Long Beach, CA began a relationship with Anjo, Japan in 1982 Huntington Beach, CA maintains a connection with Yokkaichi, Japan since 1963 California has more sister city organizations than any other state in the U.S.: 82 California cities have 356 partnerships with cities overseas in 70 countries.	

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