



Explore Murrieta Facts-At-A-Glance

Location

At an elevation of 1,175-feet in Riverside County's Santa Rosa Mountains, Murrieta is equidistant from Los Angeles to the north and San Diego to the south, and 45 miles east of Dana Point.

Surrounding Major Cities:

- Temecula
- San Diego
- Los Angeles
- Las Vegas

History

Murrieta was named after Spanish-born Ezequiel Murrieta, who was entranced by the area's natural beauty. He found it reminiscent of his homeland. Ezequiel bought 52,000 acres of land and established a sheep ranch before turning the property over to his brother Juan in 1873. That's when Murrieta the town was born.

Murrieta first became popular as a destination in 1882, when the Southern California Railroad added the city to its southern transcontinental route. Murrieta again experienced a boom - this time thanks to its natural resources - as the Murrieta Hot Springs Resort started attracting people from around the nation in the early 1900s. To this day, Murrieta's popularity gains new fans every year as value-conscious visitors learn of this Southern California gem and its picturesque landscape, expanding wine and beer scene, and outdoor recreation.

Size and Population

Murrieta has a population of nearly 115,000 residents. Over the years, Murrieta has been recognized as one of the safest cities in California, as well as America (for cities of over 100,000 residents, in terms of violent crime). Between 2000 and 2010, Murrieta experienced a 133.7% population according to the most recent census, making Murrieta one of the fastest-growing cities in the state.

Climate

Murrieta enjoys moderately warm temperatures year-round, averaging 263 sunny days per year. The average high temperature in Murrieta is 77 degrees F, which allows visitors to enjoy its stunning natural resources.



Visitor Information

- Explore Murrieta is the official destination marketing organization for Murrieta, Calif. in Riverside County. Explore Murrieta's website includes an interactive map of five newly identified districts, showcasing the region's diversity and appeal to key traveler personas.
- For visitor information, please visit the Murrieta/Wildomar Chamber of Commerce at 25125 Madison Ave #108, Murrieta, CA 92562. Open Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fun Facts

1. The city of Murrieta encompasses 1,350 acres of trails, open spaces and natural areas.
2. Murrieta is home to the spring (March-April) golden poppy super bloom.
3. Murrieta boasts 52 parks!
4. The vernal pools in the Santa Rosa Plateau are the only home to the crustacean species, Fairy shrimp.
5. The annual race, Tour de Murrieta, is an officially sanctioned USA Cycling event.
6. Murrieta is home to more than 20 wineries and breweries.
7. Murrieta's annual Birthday Bash is held annually in California Oaks Sports Park, toward the end of June or the beginning of July.
8. The Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Preserve is 9,000 acres.
9. You can combine horseback riding with wine tasting at Susie Q Ranch.
10. At Lake Elsinore, you can participate in flyboarding and jetovating.
11. Tenaja Falls, a 1.5 mile moderately trafficked out and back trail located near Murrieta, California, features a waterfall hike that is good for all skill levels.