

### *Behind the Orange Curtain...Meet Your Guides*

Nobody should have to navigate the deceptively sunny but breathtakingly competitive waters of the OC social scene without a few expert guides... which is why we found one in every category.

**SHOP** with Claire Hammonds. A Warner Brothers stylist who once worked wardrobe for *The OC*, Claire knows all the places to get great threads, from Italian couture boutiques to hipster hideaways. She also knows what labels the celebs are buying, where they are buying them, and for what occasion.

**PARTY** with Alan Freeman. Formerly a businessman, he founded an event production company specializing in charity events in 1997. Today he has a “hip, happening, cheki” newsletter with a 20,000 person subscriber base. All of them are friends, acquaintances, or friends of . . . but if you’re a friend of Travel Temptations, you’re a friend of Alan’s.

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**SCENE** with Susan Koziak. Orange County style-philes aren’t the only ones who know this whirlwind fashion show coordinator. She puts on shows for known labels and top brands, in some of Southern California’s best venues . . . and yes, she always gets to see places the minute they open.

**STAY LUXE** with Blaise Bartell, chairman of the Coastal Business Alliance. As the chief advocate for Orange County’s top luxury shopping and lodging destinations, Blaise knows what shops and bars are where, whether they’re hot right now, and what you should expect from all of them.

tradition is Duffy boat cruising. A small electric boat with an awning, the Duffy seats nine to twelve, and drives like a golf cart on water. They originated in Newport, where locals can make an afternoon out of cruising around the harbor, lunching at one of the restaurants with a public dock,

and visiting their friends’ yachts or harborside homes. Several companies rent out Duffy boats, and some of them give out a star map pointing out old celeb haunts around the harbor, such as John Wayne’s old home and Nicolas Cage’s old home.