



Salsa Club List For Orange County (updated Dec. 2011)

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New updates in Red.

There are 2 categories in places to dance salsa:

- Clubs - restaurants w/full bar, has its own dance floor and usually has live salsa band.
- Studios - ballroom dance studios that have student salsa socials, but open to all. DJ only. No dining, alcohol or bands.

In this list I breakdown & review on all salsa clubs in O.C (But also include a summary list of studios as well below that).

Club & Location	Day	Door Fee	Live Band	Salsa Class	Dress Code	Min. Age	Wood Dance Floor	Review/Comments
195 Bar & Grill 195 W. Center St. Promenade in Anaheim 714.999.8699	Tues	None to \$5	Not every week	Yes	No	18+	Yes	Good cozy casual vibe. Usually decent to good dancers. May have cover when band plays every few weeks. Not FWY convenient, but close parking avail.
Brio 24050 Camino Del Avion Dana Point 949.443.1476	Wed	Free	No	-	No	None to get in	Yes	Small place, classy & cozy spot to dance if you're local. Good option 4 somewhere different with friends. But limited dancers and not FWY convenient.
Costa Rica 2500 W. Lincoln Ave. Anaheim 714.527.2010	Thurs	Free to \$10	Yes	Yes	No	18+	Yes	Small cozy casual local restaurant. Hit or miss on dancers. Live Latin music on weekends Call to confirm cover, class or band.
Fire & Ice Grill 321 W. Katella Ave. Anaheim 714.808.9757	Sun	None	No	No	None	All Age	No	Classy vibe. 4pm to 8pm only. Is outdoor patio area, not indoor. No cover but a drink or appetizer min. purchase. Not parking convenient. Generally decent dancers/crowded.
La Isla Bar & Grill 125 N. State College Bl. Anaheim 714.772.6693	Fri	Free-\$15	No	Yes	Not strict	21+	No	Free parking not convenient, but has valet. Close to 91 & 57 FWY. Cover if take class or free before 10:30 no class. Small but decent vibe and dancers.
Romeo Cucina 28241 Crown Valley Laguna Niguel 949.831.4131	Sat	Free	No	No	No	None	Yes	Great free alternative for Sat. dancing. Small place & dance floor but classy, good music & vibe for all level dancers. Live band 1 st Sat. of the month.
Spoons Bar & Grill 2601 Hotel Terrace Dr. Santa Ana 92705 714.556.0700	Tues.	Free	No	Yes	None	18+	Yes	Used to be promoters/DJ for Tia Juana's w/same type of crowd of dancers. Not the same vibe but good music & atmosphere. FWY & parking convenient.
Starting Gate 5052 Katella Blvd. Los Alamitos 562.598.8957	Thurs	Free	Yes	Yes	None	21+	Yes	Good dance floor area and seating.. Nice live music vibe & crowd but not many dancers. Not FWY convenient but parking is close in front.
Tapas 4253 Martingale Way Newport Beach 949.756.8194	Thurs. Fri Sat Sun	None \$10 \$10 Free	No No Yes No	No Yes Yes Yes	None Yes Yes No	21+	Yes	Good energy & dancers Fri. & Sat. but dance floor gets too crowded at times. Classy atmosphere. Sun. is more bachata than Fri./Sat. & class.
Diamonds Billiard 910 E. Birch St. #300 Brea 714.255.1800	Wed	\$5	No	Yes	No	21+	Yes	Starts January. Classy vibe. It's a billiards club, but has dance floor area. \$10 with class if class is held. FWY convenient, but not so for parking.

* If update date above is not recent or if you're going for the first time, it's good to call ahead to verify. and email me any info or new clubs you find to add to this list at Salsa@MarceloRivero.net

Club tip: You can get in free @ all of these clubs, by either getting to know the club promoter/DJ/instructor for guest list info. Or arrive early for food/drink with no cover.

Dance studio options in O.C.

All have their beginner group classes & down to earth salsa dance socials following class.

Atomic Ballroom	Wednesday	17961 Sky Park Circle, Suite C, Irvine - 949.250.3332
Avant Garde Ballroom	Thursday	4220 Scott Place, Newport Beach - 949.442.7600
CSU Fullerton studio	1 st Sun./mo	800 North State College Blvd., Room KHS 203, Fullerton (2-7pm)
Dance Palace	Tuesday's	4 Journey Aliso Viejo – 949.209.7441 (call)
Cedarbrook Dance Studio	3 rd Fri./mo	(I love salsa social)12812 Garden Grove Blvd. #F, Garden Grove
Sensations Studio	Thursday's	7697 Westminster Blvd., Westminster – 714.487.4171

By Days of the Week

Monday	~
Tuesday	Tia Juana's ~ Spoons Bar & Grill ~ 195 Bar & Grill
Wednesday	Brio ~ Diamonds Billiard Club ~ Atomic Ballroom Studio
Thursday	Costa Rica ~ Starting Gate ~ Tapas ~ <i>Avant Garde Studio ~ Dance Palace Studio ~ Sensations Studio</i>
Friday	Costa Rica ~ Tapas ~ La Isla Bar & Grill ~ Cedarbrook Dance Studio (3rd Fri.)
Saturday	Romeo Cucina ~ Tapas ~ Costa Rica
Sunday	Tapas ~ Costa Rica ~ Fire & Ice Grill ~ CSU Fullerton studio (1st Sun.)

Clubs taken off list that no longer have salsa nights (or closed) from my last update:

- ~ Rumba Lounge/Blue
- ~ El Zocalo Grill
- ~ Press Box
- ~ Clave Lab (studio)
- ~ Dance Sport (studio)
- ~ Tortilla Jo's (downtown Disney)
- ~ Tia Juana's



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