

The ideal Catalina summer itinerary for groups is only limited by your imagination. Located just a short boat ride – or an even shorter helicopter ride – from the mainland, group events on Santa Catalina are both convenient and unique.

Catalina Island offers a wide range of event venues from hotel conference rooms to iconic architectural landmarks. In summer, outdoor venues are particularly appealing. Descanso Beach, the Catalina Country Club and the Catalina Island Museum all offer outdoor event space for up to a few hundred attendees.

With schools out during the summer months, it's an ideal time to plan a family reunion or a corporate event that includes employees' families. And with all the things to do on Catalina Island, everyone will rave about what a great time they had.

[subhead] Catalina activities for groups in the summer

Get outside: After a morning spent hammering out next year's budget goals or brainstorming the next quarter's marketing initiatives, let your team clear their heads in the great outdoors. From guided hiking experiences in the interior of the island to group kayaking trips, Catalina Island offers a wealth of opportunities to get your group outside and moving.

Golf is a popular option and Catalina offers both a nine-hole executive course and an 18-hole miniature course. Renting bikes or taking an electric bike tour will also get your group outside and enjoying the outdoors.

Give them a challenge: In the summer, outdoor team-building challenges like the Avalon Aerial Adventure and kayak races are a natural choice. Catalina temperatures rarely exceed the mid-80s, so even in summer outdoor activities are comfortable. Golf cart scavenger hunts and escape room challenges will also help your team get to know each other better.

Take a tour: Combine team-building with morale-boosting on a private Avalon Tasting & Cultural Walking Tour or Catalina Happy Hour Tour. Both tours can be customized for your organization or group. Depending on the size – and adventurousness -- of your group, the Jeep Eco-Tour or Avalon Scenic Tour are educational ways to spend some time together.

Relax: Make sure to plan some relaxing time on your group trip to Catalina Island. Spas and massage providers will help melt the stress away. A cocktail cruise or happy hour on the beach will bring the day's events to a relaxing close. And a catered meal or special dinner will show your team appreciation for a job well done.

[subhead] You don't have to plan your Catalina group itinerary alone

No matter how large your group is, get some help planning Catalina group activities by contacting one of the island's event planners or activity reservation services. With a little help from your new event planner friends, you'll be the star of your group for months after the return to the mainland.