

## LA Unscripted | March 21st, 2023

From hot spots to hidden gems This is your guide to all things local The L A unscripted way and tonight we're cruising the OC Anaheim to at least a Santa and the LA Beach Orange County is bursting with places to see and things to experience Hi everyone I'm David De on board will be in Newport Beach and for the next half hour we've got our coordinate set on some of our favorite OC finds So let's cast off with one of the coolest ways to explore the So people come to us for birthdays they come to us for anniversaries They come to us for baby gender reveals but they always leave like that was amazing That was the best day of my life There's something about being out in the ocean There's something when people are out on the water and they get that experience of being that close to nature and they love it Julia Ford I'm the owner of happiest hours and we look forward to having you all on board Ok So this is like a mansion on water That's a full kitchen back there And what is this We have our lounge area Our beautiful bar as well Oh my God this is so great And then what's down those stairs So we have five bedrooms and six bathrooms Here Happiest hours is a yacht rental business that is based in Newport Beach as well as Marina Del Rey first and foremost owning a yacht is very expensive from slip fees to maintenance to insurance all of those things So there's not a lot of people that say I want to take that on So I feel like what we do is bring the ocean and bring that experience to everyone Renting a yacht does come in a lot of different price points I would say we are mid to high Oh my gosh Not only are they serving me a mimosa I get to start the boat started Ok ready I feel like for me as the owner the best part is making people really happy I I spend a lot of time working closely with our crew We hire coast guard certified captains Lions are right over here Hey how do I get back to L A Our opening price point is 5 50 an hour minimum four hours and then we go up and then the excursion is whatever the client wants So here a lot of times we'll go to Emerald Bay we do Catalina We have inflatables that we blow up that people love to play on You know the other great thing about this boat You can control your own music and I know just the song Listen it's her Thin Farm His happiest hours Watch a cry Yes Yes we do Um One of our crew members reached out to you guys I really enjoyed the show I found you guys on Instagram and I thought maybe we can get you guys on our yachts check it out and show you guys a great time here and tell me why you like the show You guys show me all kinds of new things around the city that I grew up in that I never even knew about just

having uh new hobbies and suggestions and things to do has been really fun to discover through you guys So it's very important to me that the customers leave our our vessels feeling like that was amazing and I want to come back maybe to that boat but for sure with your crew I highly encourage you to explore via yacht The next time you're in Newport Beach or do is Ivy and see the view with this next spot just down the way I came down to Newport Beach to take in the view at So Vela literally translates as to sea in Spanish celebrating our amazing coastline views Vela Newport Beach is our newly transformed resort here in the heart of Newport Beach It's our own social sanctuary and a place to get away in the center of everything about 90% of our rooms here have ocean views directly from the guest room And the entire architecture of the resort was redesigned to focus on the guests point of view So whether you're eating at our edge bar our view restaurant or enjoying your guest room you're looking at the Pacific coastline so be walking into this lobby I was so amazed It is gorgeous So it's a lot of pure inspired textures And then we actually have a custom art curation here that's collected by Daniel Fine Arts So you'll see inspirational pieces from all over the world some from local artists here in Newport Beach in Orange County Um but other pieces that are actually from Italy and Rome and you name it The entire positioning is ve is built around being a social sanctuary So the spa is our pillar of sanctuary It has 14 treatment rooms and over 14,000 square feet eucalyptus steam rooms saunas hot tubs and even a great little place where if you've been on your feet all day maybe in heels you can soak your feet to get rid of those pains Mm I can feel but so for bea is uh for view is going to be coastal cosmopolitan So everything you know seafood local fresh but doing it in a sophisticated way we we picked China I was able to pick China this from you know we got Michelin style plates We've got definitely new plates that people aren't using per se in the restaurant using different textures slate wood granite different ways that you want to look at it that way It's frozen rocks Those are so au of oysters from Mexico Then we did balsamic pearls and fennel So sweet and sour kind of like a fennel and horse rice Kind of similar flavor Just not as hot but we can do horse rice if you'd like What is this salad So this is our uh vela salad So you've got a green Goddess dressing We've got girl and doug greens There's probably 11 different greens in there that are picked flowers Uh there's definitely seeds papias dried strawberries regular strawberries And so we got sweet sour We got a lot of things going on So this goes on and on It's crazy with the salad Jeff I see that there's a little wood fork in here What is

this for So that's a East Coast lobster roll favorite We got the big butter brioche really fresh lobster A simple dressing on the lobster itself butter lettuce and then the lemon wedge So it's just all the straightforward flavors of the lobster So you would take the lobster roll and then pull the lemon off it squeeze it on top and then dip it with a fork until it gets down to where you can actually encase the sandwich and eat it It's simple But I think it showcases it's kind of what we're doing Still it's cool looking It's cosmopolitan It tastes amazing Mm This is the perfect place for people from L A because it's a chance to come experience Newport Beach travelers and locals alike converge here So it's a fun place where you can come to Newport Beach Experience Some of the nightlife really get away without having to jump on a plane and soak up this great southern California weather out here It's all about the motion of the ocean But let's head to Irvine for a day that had been shaken and bacon These have gone viral Yeah actually just just for that Definitely uh a crowd pleaser on Instagram and tiktok I'm Paul Cow and Dana I dare you to come get jiggly with it and make these jiggly souffle pancakes We started out as a sandwich shop So serving lunch and dinner We're known for our spaghetti grilled cheese sandwich spaghetti mozzarella garlic bread on the outside That is that is so good So we said let's let's give brunch a shot Let's see if we can add our little bit of uh fine dining twist of things and and make it a little bit more refined I tend to always kind of look towards the Asian street food culture to kind of get ideas and see what kind of ideas I can kind of uh inspire some of our new dishes because they're actually like at the frontier of some of this stuff I started seeing all these Japanese souffle pancakes show up on my feet Um and then they were in Korea Indonesia Malaysia They are all over the place I I would see all these pages of these souffle pancakes but II I didn't see them anywhere in the United States Let's get jiggly with it The most foreign ingredient to this thing Ok Egg whites and sugar And it's only egg whites Yep Ok And we fub up the egg whites and then we take the egg yolks and we make a batter out of that And then from here we combine the two and it's not as easy as you think I'm folding I'm folding I never fold anything I don't fold clothes I don't fold I like to do two scoops on top of each other And then from here the key part is to actually shape them I like to make a little a little circle Oh my God It's so soft and fluffy After this I swear to God you'll never be able to eat a regular pancake Why can't you play with your food But then again I am a little naughty because I'm on a boat People naughty Cold All right Now we have to take a quick break but there is much more to see And boy are we having a

good time or what I'm going to go explore We'll be right back Disneyland Not very far The spectrum Angel Stadium Orange County hits a home run with its list of famous fun attractions But when you want to go off script that's where we come in Welcome back to a script It's OC take over from Newport Beach I'm your captain Dana De and I say it's a boat time I took over this vessel from happiest hours but I really want you to meet a real captain Captain What kind of events do you guys have on this boat We've got pretty much whatever the customer can imagine Mostly birthdays bachelor parties bachelorette parties We've done weddings at sea before those are fun It's whatever the customer can imagine Whale watching you name it Ok I gave the home back to captain who can actually drive this thing Not too shabby though right But if you need a time out from the water Jasmine Simpkins is anchoring down in Anaheim for some really good eat Hey watch out for that iceberg It's not every day You can go into a restaurant and then they actually have the stuff that you were eating surrounding you It is really cool There's a huge difference between what you get in Poppy and Rose which is the number one brunch restaurant in Los Angeles Poppy And see is where I get to be fulfilled as a chef and really take that fine dining background that I grew up with and the culinary training from the CIA and literally showcase the seasonality of best of what Southern California has to offer We are considered a farm to table restaurant and we buy a lot of products from the Santa Monica's farmers market and local farmers markets that happen in Orange County And then we have our own stuff that we grow here Everything's edible The flower is edible Even the little nasturtium leaves right here are edible They taste like black pepper Oh it does have a little pepper cake on the end Today we're gonna be using our traditional sage to make the brown butter pasta Oh it smells so good Let's go have some fun So we're gonna make a butter to squash ravioli with brown butter and sage That's where the sage comes into play And then for the side dish we're gonna do fried Brussels sprouts with pomegranate bacon onion jam Come over here So you guys can see this Look at these bad boys Anaheim has been one of the best welcoming places I've been in a long time It's it's very diverse as far as the population community Um You're right next to Disneyland You're right next to a bunch of great breweries in downtown L A There's a lot of stuff that's happening in Anaheim They are all positive things So we have people from Long Beach Newport Laguna all coming here because it's like we are the newer one of the top 10 best new restaurants in Orange County and we're pushing that envelope every year Yes we bring some L A vibes but

we're not pretentious I'm ready for the big time Are you Can I get a job here as a chef and owner with my wife Queen Reed Um I feel tremendously blessed that this is restaurant number two We opened a year into the pandemic on Cinco de Mayo Um which is kind of insane to think that we did it a year after the pandemic and we're working on restaurant number three in San Pedro Oh my God First of all I can't even believe I made this sorry guys I'm not sharing You'll have to come here to pop in and see and get your own OK I am definitely heading there right after we talk but this excursion isn't over just yet coming up The prettiest cantina in Anaheim And why with goats Are you kidding me You guys these are the coolest goats I mean the visual presentation is everything and this next spot is another feast for the eyes but we promise you your taste buds will love it too Hi I'm Angela and I'm Miriam And we're the founders of Calaca Mama's Cantina Kako Mama's Cantina is a dream come true for Mary And I it's our first independent restaurant that brings an homage to Mexican culture with true authentic flavor to Anaheim So this is our take on a Mexican Caesar salad We call it our L Yeah I mean this is like an insanely huge salad it's bigger than my head It was something that was really lacking in the area and we've been in the Anaheim area for a very long time and we wanted a nice fresh good concept that somebody wouldn't feel bad eating at every single day It's a true love and a true passion for angel And I we love feeding people We come from very ethnic backgrounds So for us you love people you feed them So those are our chilaquiles So our parents owned and operated restaurants since we were little And so our first unofficial jobs were always in the restaurant world I mean I'm super blessed My parents gave me the best gift ever and given me a sister So she is my best friend inside and outside of work We I'm so blessed I get to do life with her She makes everything fun It also makes it a lot easier when challenges do happen because I don't have to keep my professional mouth on and I can let that guard down with her and really vocalize what needs to be said this is all of our favorite things or things that we've seen around the and that we just wanted to try and we wanted to bring it to people and have them experience So everything we kind of plated and did exactly with the intention that people will take pictures of their food all of our food We strive really hard to be all non GMO mostly all organic when we can sustainably sourced We're really ecologically environmentally friendly That's important for us and important on our menu We wanted it to be real food from a real kitchen made from scratch every day We wanted a lot of fun and authentic Mexican dishes with a really fun different twist

Should we start with some breakfast We have a homemade chicken chorizo our candied calaca mama's beer bacon berry compo potato taquitos Our uh homemade Mexican pandu uh banana is my favorite thing in the entire planet So I have to dive in out Mm Again with the churro Oh Everybody loves a good tater tot So we kind of had to put a little Mexican twist on it It can't be a Mexican themed restaurant without a Lotte right 23 Cheers That was really good This is our taco in a bag Oh that looks good What is happening here This is our tabletop churro cart that our chef brought out I've been Churro heaven here Our bar is amazing It is definitely a craft style artisan bar Oh my gosh This is like a true this is my favorite already So this right here is our whip It good It is our kind of play on a pineapple dole whip It's so appropriate for being across the street from Disney I think this is my new favorite This is so good So this one is called The Pink Widow And that has a blue ice Huckleberry vodka with a lavender simple syrup topped with a fresh lavender spring Mm That is really light It's delicious This right here is actually our house made or cha pair it with a side of Hennessy and we make it a heat So this one right here is called La Katrina See you're pro am I hired This looks like beauty and the beast I love it is everyone watching is everyone watching OK Here we go Being in Anaheim is just really been a blessing to us and our family So getting to know the community better and being able to give back in a more authentic way that is more us has been really a dream come true You guys probably know there are two things I will never say no to Mexican food and wine And this next hidden gem in the OC might be the goat of wineries you know greatest of all time but there's also really cool goats So I discovered this property on the market in 1998 and bought it as 3.5 acres People didn't think I could grow vines in Newport and I started doing more and more research and found out that actually the city of Anaheim was founded by the Los Angeles Wine Society one time they were gonna call it Grape County instead of Orange County I'm here with Kayla Moriarty and you're the co owner here of the Newport Vineyards and winery And we're going to actually do a tasting today right OK Tell me about these wines This is our state wine here You make it on the property we grow the grapes here We make the wine right here Richard's the winemaker You want to have a taste let's drink it's wine o'clock and why not So when people come is this kind of similar to what they do they get to taste the wine This is the exact set up that we would have the bar set up the same way And this is for tasting We always have four wines two red and two white Amazing And the goats come the goats come on I thought that was a that Winnie Bill an

scripted It's on 24 7 on our house And so we watched all the crazy things you guys have done So we have a goat brunch that people go to We thought this was very appropriate for what you do Fruity Pebbles Cheez Its granola goldfish I mean they like the same snacks I do minus the paper We're number one on Yelp for bridal showers The tour and tasting is our most popular event We used taste some wines and take a tour of the gardens This comes with the Yeah with our tasting we do other events in here as well We ended up building a wine cave This was all done in 1998 The cave is basically for passive barrel storage but has become quite an event spot Oh my God this is insane What so what is this what we would call this the Man Cave I think So the girls are girls like the goats in the in the wine cave This is more for the boys The city has deemed us to be open by appointment only so that you can make an appointment for two people or 200 You know that's the greatest part of the show I think every single shoot is my favorite And then you add in go winning and now it's safe to say Orange County you have my heart h light and see her Thank you so much The happiest hours for it to headquarters Where will we be next Have got a crew get it get it Ok No more Good night Love you guys