

Attention Corona, CA Home Buyers!

5 Reasons Why Corona is a Good Move

PLUS:

4 Facts You (Maybe) Didn't Know About Corona, CA

Situated near the base of the Santa Ana Mountains, 45 miles southeast of Los Angeles, at the western edge of Riverside County, your Corona realtors want you to know what a great community Corona, California is and that it is a good time to look at purchasing Corona homes for sale.

Here are **5 reasons** Corona is a good move now:

#1. Corona is one of the top 25 safest cities in America. In fact, a 2016 Business Insider online article ranks Corona as the number 13 safest city to live in America, making it **the safest city** to live in the Inland Empire. With a population of just over 164,000, and a significant percentage of well-educated, young families, crime rates in the Circle City are just one-third of the national average, across the board, and dropping. Sound good? This is just the first of many excellent reasons to contact a Corona Real Estate professional today to find out more about homes for sale in Corona.

#2. With an average of 275 days of sunshine, a Sperling's comfort score index of 81 out of 100, the climate in Corona is pretty nice.

While the average U.S. city gets 39 inches of rain a year and 26 inches of snow, Corona gets just under 12 inches of rain and ZERO inches of snow. Average July temperatures are near 92 degrees, and January average lows hover around 40 degrees. With weather like this, recreational opportunities abound and outdoor living is a huge year-round plus. Why not ask a Corona Realtor about how you can take advantage of this amazing climate in a home with a barbecue patio and a swimming pool?



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#3. The average one-way commute in Corona is only 35 minutes. This statistic includes the 78 percent of people who drive alone, 13 percent who carpool, and 2 percent who take mass transit. The remaining 5 percent work from home, with no commute. One of the reasons for this slightly longer-than-average commute time is that Corona has become a bedroom community for much of Los Angeles and Orange Counties; a quality of life decision for many people who work in those places to live in the friendly, family-oriented, first-rate small town feel of Corona while still maintaining their jobs in the city.

That leads to those “quality of life” perks. One of the many benefits of living in Corona is it’s close proximity to areas with things to do. You can take the MetroLink into Los Angeles for the day. Or, take the toll road and arrive in Laguna Beach in 30 minutes. Take a drive down to Temecula wine country in an hour. You have access to Palm Springs, Joshua Tree National Park, and a host of local hiking and camping in Cleveland National Forest, or maybe enjoy a day at Glen Ivy Hot Springs or Tom’s Farms. Plus, there are the in-town amenities like Dos Lagos and Caljalco Crossing, with shopping, dining, and free outdoor plays in an amphitheater, almost 400 acres of city parks, sports fields, playgrounds, skateparks and an outdoor pool, and cultural programming through the Corona Public Library and the Circle City Center, to mention just a few of Corona’s many attractions.

#4. Corona’s economy is thriving. Want to live *and* work in Corona? There’s good news! According to the City of Corona, there are 42,000 jobs within the city. Job growth over the next ten years is predicted to be a whopping 41.6% and the current unemployment rate is 3.2%, well below the national average! Median household income is above the U.S. average at over \$77,000, and the family median income at over \$82,000. Retail, commercial, and office space development are booming. The City of Corona also has an Economic Development team dedicated to being a liaison between city government and the business community to make business growth run smoothly. Recent reports cite that Corona’s economic numbers are back to, if not better than, pre-recession levels with increases in both business licenses and sales.



With two top-notch school districts located in Corona, and also taking into consideration that Corona is situated within 20 miles of **40** colleges and universities, 35% of Corona’s population are college graduates, creating a strong, skilled workforce. Corona is a vibrant community and its bustling economy has a positive, community-minded future.

#5. Median home price. Median home price in Corona is about \$413,000 with most homes in the \$300,000 to \$499,000 range, and inventory is available. It’s a good time to invest in a home in Corona with a 2 percent year-over-year increase in value, and before interest rates climb further. If you’re searching for a great family-friendly community with a host of amenities, good weather, a healthy real estate market, and a strong, growing economy, Corona is the right place for you!

If you are ready to make the move, contact a Corona Realtor today to find the Corona home that is perfect for you!

BONUS: Four facts that you (maybe) didn’t know about Corona, CA:

1. **Grand Boulevard used to double as a racetrack.** That’s right, part of the rich history of Corona is that beginning on September 9, 1913, the first Corona Road Race was held. This first race offered a hefty total winnings purse of \$10,000 and

attracted many racing greats of the day. Of the three individual races held during the Corona Road Race, the Free-For-All was the most competitive, comprised of 109 laps around Grand Boulevard (a total of 301 miles), with a first-place prize of \$5,000. Over the next couple of years, fences were installed around Grand Avenue and pedestrian bridges were built over it to keep onlookers from crossing into the raceway while viewing the race. After the initial race in 1913, there were two more Corona Road Races, one in 1914 and one 1916, but a tragic crash that left three men dead in the 1916 event (held, incidentally, during a record-breaking heat wave) ended its run.



2. **Corona was once known as “South Riverside.”** Until 1896, Corona was part of South San Bernardino County and referred to as “South Riverside.” When Riverside County was developed, the citizenry of South Riverside voted to incorporate the rural town in the new county, and Corona was born. Its name (and also its unofficial moniker “Circle City”) is derived from the perfect circle of Grand Boulevard, designed by one of the town’s founders, R.B. Taylor, who saw a similar boulevard construction while on a visit to Omaha, Nebraska and decided to include a circular boulevard in the town’s layout.
3. **Corona was once known as the “Lemon Capital of the World.”** For anyone who grew up in Corona prior to 1982 when Sunkist closed it’s Lemon Products Division plant, this nickname is especially familiar. The identity still sticks today, even though the local economy has greatly diversified from its former citrus heyday. At one time almost a quarter of the population was directly employed in the citrus industry in some capacity. The citrus industry that branded the city was also one the mechanisms to bring the rich cultural and racial diversity we know today to Corona when experienced Italian, Mexican, and Mexican-American citrus workers were brought in to help solve the problems of the growing industry.
4. **Corona has 17 missing time capsules.** Yep. 17 time capsules, dating back to the 1930s, buried and never found. **Oglethorpe University** states that efforts to recover the capsules in 1986 were in vain. “We just tore up a lot of concrete around the civic center,” said the chairman of the town’s centennial committee. A Los Angeles Times reporter has called Corona “the individual record holder in the fumbled time capsule category.” Does anybody want to go ton a treasure hunt for time capsules? Who knows what you’ll find—or even *where* you’ll find it!

And finally, here are a few notable people who live in, or are from, Corona, CA:

- Travis Barker—drummer for Blink 182
- Gary Webb—investigative journalist

- Jodie Sweetin—the actress known for her character “Stephanie Tanner” on the *Full House* sitcom
- Kerry King—guitarist for the band *Slayer*
- Crystal Lewis—Christian music singer
- Michael Parks—actor, *Kill Bill*, *Red State*, *The Happening* and more films
- Matt Kalil—football offensive lineman for the Carolina Panthers
- Ryan Kalil—football offensive lineman for the Carolina Panthers
- Joe Kelly—Major League Baseball starting pitcher
- Taryne Mowatt—All-American softball pitcher for the Arizona Wildcats and two-time ESPY Award winner
- Michael Dorsey—filmmaker and television producer (currently with Discovery Communications)

You’ll want to contact a Corona Realtor right away after you discover, like so many other people have, Corona’s friendly, small-town feel combined with the all the amenities and attractions of a larger city. Start looking for *your* piece of Corona real estate today.