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## ¡HOLA, CUBA!

A look at this colorful island nation  
(before the waves of tourists arrive)



**PLUS:** 50 SoCAL FILM FESTS | **VISAS:** KNOW BEFORE YOU GO  
**CLUBS FOR CAR LOVERS** | **QUICKESCAPE:** URBAN COOL IN **COSTA MESA**



## [ Worth the Trip ]

One of the most vibrant lifestyle hotels we've encountered is not in London's Soho or New York's East Village, but in sleek, master-planned Irvine. The **Hotel Irvine**, a former Hyatt Regency, has reinvented itself to appeal to millennials and guests of all ages. A young crowd congregates in the Red Bar and Lounge (pictured), occupying bright-orange and russet chairs and couches at happy hour, creating a lively gathering place. Guests can visit Marketplace, one of the best grab-and-go concepts we've seen: freshly made pizzas, salads, and pastries, as well as high-quality snacks—at affordable prices. In Eats Kitchen and Bar, Executive Chef Jason Montelibano brings an international flair to dishes such as the K Burger, with miso onions and kimchi pickles. On balmy SoCal evenings, locals and visitors alike enjoy meals on Eats' patio, lounging around a fire pit. [hotelirvine.com](http://hotelirvine.com).