

WHILE YOU'RE HERE...

Things to Do in San Diego!



Featured Attraction

The Gaslamp District

Stroll through the 16½-block historic Gaslamp Quarter in downtown San Diego and view the renovated turn-of-the-century Victorian architecture, home to boutiques, art galleries, specialty shops, and more.

Balboa Park

Stroll through Balboa Park and marvel at its beautiful Spanish Colonial Revival architecture. While there, take advantage of the park's variety of offerings, including 15 museums (select museums free on Tuesdays for San Diego residents), free daily park tours, public organ concerts (Sundays), and spectacular gardens (seven are free daily).

Museum of Contemporary Art, SD

Both the downtown and La Jolla locations of the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego are free on the third Thursday of each month from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.

Torrey Pines State Beach

Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve is located within San Diego city limits and yet remains one of the wildest stretches of land on our Southern California coast! Because of the efforts and foresight of the people in this area, 2000 acres of land are as they were before San Diego was developed with the chaparral plant community, the rare and elegant Torrey pine trees, miles of unspoiled beaches, and a lagoon that is vital to migrating seabirds.

San Diego Zoo & Safari Park

An urban paradise for all ages, the San Diego Zoo is a must-see in Southern California. Spend the day monkeying around in our tropical oasis as you visit amazing habitats for animals such as gorillas, tigers, sun bears, flamingos, mandrills, polar bears, birds of paradise, giant tortoises, leopards, koalas, pandas, and more! A leader in animal care and conservation, the San Diego Zoo is at the heart of the San Diego experience.

Point Loma

One of the best places in San Diego to meditate on waves crashing on the cliffs and explore tide pools in the rocky reefs full of marine life. Drive out to Sunset Cliffs for a magnificent sunset, where the sandstone bluffs blaze with color, and the waves sparkle like gold. If you're game for a little adventure, drive out to the old Cabrillo Lighthouse and hike out to the tide pools by the point. If you're looking for great surf, Point Loma offers some great breaks that are frequented by locals.

Seaport Village

Visit downtown San Diego's Seaport Village for hours of free entertainment, leisurely strolling and window shopping. Enjoy a laid-back day of hanging out in the grass and watching the many passing yachts and ships on picturesque San Diego Bay, or take in the sights from one of the many bay-view eateries.

La Jolla Cove

Go scuba diving or snorkeling off San Diego's shores and see spectacular creatures of the sea. La Jolla Cove offers some of the clearest waters on the California coast, as well as miles of protected underwater preserves to explore.

Coronado Beach

Consistently voted one of America's finest beaches by The Travel Channel, Coronado's beaches glisten year around due to the mineral Mica in the sand, while gentle waves caress the shoreline. Whether you're looking for a romantic island getaway with your partner, or a fun-filled family beach vacation, you'll find the idyllic beach paradise in "The Crown City" and neighboring regions. You will find plenty of wide open sand, gentle waves and gorgeous views!

Mission Bay Park

Located just minutes from downtown San Diego, Mission Bay Park is the largest park of its kind in the world. The 4,600-acre aquatic playground is surrounded by 27 miles of meandering shoreline, with a variety of waterways, inlets and islets to explore. Enjoy water sports activities of many kinds, from laid-back sailing outings to action-packed kite surfing, there's something for every age and skill-level to enjoy in the water. On land, families can picnic, barbecue or celebrate with bonfires right next to the water.

The Big Bay

San Diego Bay has 34 miles of scenic waterfront dotted with restaurants, shops, hotels, attractions, parks and marinas that reside in seven distinct areas. Each lends unique ingredients to the overall flavor and character of the waterfront on the Big Bay®. Whether you spend an entire day exploring all seven areas or enjoy each one individually, there is something for every taste and budget.

Julian

Step back in time with a stop in Julian, a century-old gold mining town in the Cuyamaca Mountains. Pick up a free map at the Chamber of Commerce for a self-guided walking tour of the area's historic sites and later enjoy a slice of homemade apple pie - a Julian specialty!

Torrey Pines State Reserve

Located high above Torrey Pines State Beach, the area is home of the rare and ancient Torrey Pine as well as a beautiful protected habitat for swifts, thrashers, woodpeckers and wrentits.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

Stargaze outside the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center in Balboa Park on the first Wednesday of every month. The San Diego Astronomy Association sets up huge telescopes to offer guests a great view of all the stars in the night sky.

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park

Visit the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and experience the natural beauty of the desert. The 600,000-acre park is one of the largest state parks in the United States and each spring, following winter rains, explodes into a rainbow of colorful wildflower blossoms.

SeaWorld® San Diego

SeaWorld® has been entertaining, amazing and educating visitors for more than five decades now. That's right, SeaWorld just turned 50 and the park is having one whale of a party! SeaWorld's 50th Celebration, featuring a Sea of Surprises, offers more animal encounters than ever before and surprises around every corner.

Mission Trails Regional Park

Visit Mission Trails Regional Park to explore the cultural, historical and recreational aspects of San Diego. Stop at the Visitor's Center and learn about the wonders of nature and the people who once lived on the land. Or, roam through the park's 40 miles of natural and developed hiking and biking trails.

Birch Aquarium at Scripps

Explore the wonders of the ocean at Birch Aquarium at Scripps. Perched on a picturesque bluff in La Jolla, the aquarium features 60+ tanks of colorful marine life, including dazzling coral reefs, thrilling sharks, undulating jellyfish and three outdoor, living tide pools. An interactive museum showcases research discoveries on climate, earth and ocean science.

LEGOLAND® California

Come play at LEGOLAND® California Resort. It's a hands-on experience with more than 60 rides, shows and attractions. Take your imagination on an amazing journey and enter the new LEGO® Legends of CHIMA™ Water Park. It features an awe-inspiring Lion Temple Wave Pool, crocodile swamp and the interactive Build-a-Boat. The resort is home to LEGOLAND Water Park and SEA LIFE® Aquarium with the exciting Jellyfish Discovery exhibit.

