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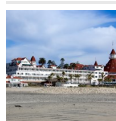
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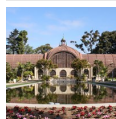
San Diego is often called "America's Finest City," and for good reason. The eighth-largest city in the U.S. offers heaps of attractions, cultural experiences, and an undeniable cosmopolitan vibe. Despite its size, San Diego maintains a laid-back ambiance that is emblematic of Southern California, embodied by its friendly locals and the city's famously perfect climate. With temperatures hovering around the mid-70s (21°C) year-round and abundant sunshine, there is never a bad time to explore its world-renowned museums, indulge in 5-star dining, bask on its internationally acclaimed beaches, and revel in its exceptional hospitality.

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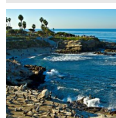
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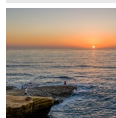
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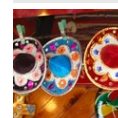
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## THE CITY



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With an estimated population of nearly 1.4 million people, San Diego ranks as the second-largest city in California and the eighth-largest in the United States. The city is home to the nation's largest military community that together with a diversity of neighborhoods provide San Diego with a unique flavor.

The heart of San Diego is the historic Gaslamp Quarter where Victorian-style buildings and modern skyscrapers meet. Here, you will also find the city's coolest restaurants, theaters, art galleries, concert venues, and fashion boutiques. Neighboring the Gaslamp Quarter is East Village, San Diego's largest downtown community and home to Petco Park, San Diego Padres baseball stadium. It is also the center for luxury hotels, foodies, and live music.

North of downtown is Old Town, which has preserved the city's Spanish and Mexican heritage, where some of its first houses can be seen. Adjacent to Old Town is Uptown, a pedestrian-friendly area that consists of North Park, University Heights, and Hillcrest. This area, particularly Hillcrest, serves as a center of the city's gay and lesbian community.

Further west, between the airport and La Jolla, is the scenic coastal area, which encompasses

beach communities such as Mission Beach and Pacific Beach, both famously popular with surfers and students. If you continue north, you will eventually reach a stunning piece of coastline that belongs to La Jolla, home to some of the most beautiful and safest beaches in Southern California. It is also where you will find one of the region's most affluent communities and some of the best – and most expensive – dining.

## DO & SEE



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Unlike the sprawling L.A., San Diego has the feel of a compact city, and it can be tempting to stay downtown. A lot of people, however, think of San Diego in terms of the whole county, which leaves a lot more to be explored.

The regional terrain is extraordinary in itself and varies from the Pacific coastline in the west to the Sonoran Desert in the east. Those who travel to the northeast will come across snow-capped mountains, while travelers who visit the south will find themselves just 15 minutes away from the Mexican border.

This impressive landscape variety makes the city a top spot for outdoor activities that include: hiking, surfing, biking, and sailing. Plus, the long list of family-friendly attractions, such as LEGOLAND, the San Diego Zoo, SeaWorld, and



the New Children's Museum proves that San Diego has something for everyone.

### Balboa Park



Initially called "City Park" and later renamed after a Spanish explorer, Balboa Park is the largest urban cultural park in the United States and it is, without a doubt, the city's cultural hub.

Its vast 1,200 acres overlooking downtown San Diego are home to several museums, theaters, beautiful gardens, and the world-famous San Diego Zoo. This huge array of cultural institutions makes Balboa Park a must-see during your visit to San Diego.

Photo: Leslie Yu/unsplash

Address: 1549 El Prado, San Diego

Opening hours: The Balboa Park grounds are open 24 hours a day, however museum hours vary by institution.

Phone: +1 619 239 0512

Tickets: Entrance to the park is free of charge, but each institution have their own admission, ticketing stipulations and pricing. Access the park's website for more information.

Internet: [balboapark.org](http://balboapark.org)

Email: [bpoc@bpoc.org](mailto:bpoc@bpoc.org)

### SeaWorld San Diego



SeaWorld San Diego is an animal theme park, oceanarium, outside aquarium, and marine mammal park attracting thousands of families

every year, who come to experience world-class shows, thrilling rides, and many spectacular up-close animal encounters. At SeaWorld San Diego, you get to feed sea lions, swim with beluga whales, and even train a dolphin.

Photo: Ramon grosso dolarea/Shutterstock.com

Address: 500 Sea World Drive, San Diego

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 10am-5pm, Fri 10am-7pm, Sat 10am-8pm, Sun 10am-7pm

Phone: +1 619 222 4732

Internet: [www.seaworld.com/san-diego](http://www.seaworld.com/san-diego)

### The Gaslamp Quarter



Situated in the heart of Downtown San Diego, the Gaslamp Quarter is the West Coast's premier entertainment district.

This area regained its charm after decades of restoration. Today, you'll find everything here, from trendy shops and restaurants to symphony halls and art galleries to nationally-recognized nightlife venues.

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Address: Fourth Avenue between Broadway and Market, San Diego

Internet: [www.gaslamp.org](http://www.gaslamp.org)

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### Old Town



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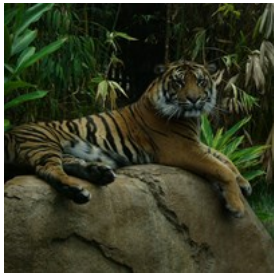
restaurant, and go back in time and commemorate San Diego's heritage at one of the many historical sites.

Old Town San Diego was created in 1769. It was California's first permanent European settlement on the west coast. Today, this area is filled with colorful shops, live mariachi performers, and many places that recount California's past.

Photo: Lowe Llaguno/Shutterstock.com

Address: Old Town, San Diego

## San Diego Zoo



Renowned worldwide as one of the greatest zoos in the world, The San Diego Zoo is home to over 3,700 rare and endangered animals from

over 650 species and subspecies and a botanical collection with more than 700,000 exotic plants. It was a pioneer in implementing the open-air, cageless concept that re-creates natural animal habitats. Animal and nature lovers should not miss out on this unique experience.

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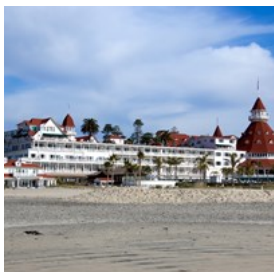
Address: 2920 Zoo Drive, San Diego

Opening hours: Daily 9am-5pm

Phone: +1 619 231 1515

Internet: [sandiegozoowildlifealliance.org](http://sandiegozoowildlifealliance.org)

## Coronado



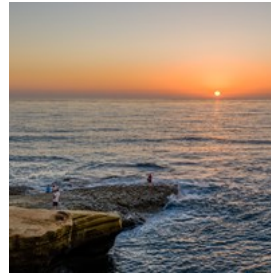
The island-like peninsula of Coronado has been a popular resort destination since the late 19th century. In those days (as today), the main

attraction was the Hotel Del Coronado. Built in 1888, this landmark has counted numerous presidents, princes, and celebrities, including Marilyn Monroe and Frank Sinatra, among its guests. Coronado or "The Crown City," as it is also known, attracts tourists from all over the world thanks to the wide coastline of sandy beaches with sparkling sand, courtesy of the mineral Mica.

Photo: Randy Miramontez/Shutterstock.com

Address: Coronado, California

## Sunset Cliffs Natural Park



Sunset Cliffs Natural Park offers breathtaking views, hiking spots, and good access to surfers. The Park's topography includes intricately

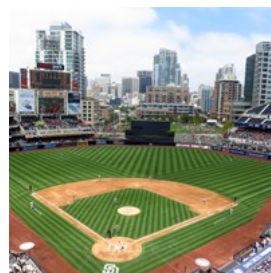
carved coastal bluffs, arches, and sea caves. If you're lucky, you might get to see the California Gray Whale on its annual migration from the Bering Sea to Baja California.

Photo: Tuxyso/ Wikimedia Commons(image cropped)

Address: Ladera Street, San Diego

Opening hours: 24/7

## Petco Park



Although Petco Park is home to the San Diego Padres, you don't have to be a baseball fan to enjoy this venue. The architecturally stunning

ballpark, built in 2004, is equally known for its stunning views of San Diego.

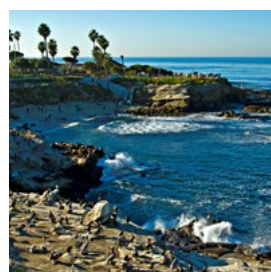
Photo: redlegsfan21/Wikimedia Commons(image cropped)

Address: 100 Park Boulevard, San Diego

Phone: +1 619 795 5025

Internet: [www.mlb.com/padres](http://www.mlb.com/padres)

## La Jolla Cove



Tucked between sandstone cliffs, this small and picturesque cove lies next to one of the most photographed beaches in Southern

California. As water visibility at the north end of the cove can reach up to 30 feet in the summer, it has become a popular destination for scuba divers and snorkelers.

Photo: Dirk Hansen/Wikimedia Commons(image cropped)  
Address: La Jolla, San Diego

### San Diego Bay Waterfront



San Diego is above all a waterfront city, and a great way to discover the essence of this city is by taking a stroll along the San Diego Bay

Waterfront. It consists of parks and several museums including the Maritime Museum of San Diego and the San Diego Air & Space Museum. Besides, there are plenty of seaside bars, restaurants, and, of course, the Port of San Diego. Remember to check out the latest sailing and outdoor events the San Diego Bay hosts every year.

Photo: Adam Piontek/Wikimedia Commons  
Address: San Diego Bay, San Diego

### USS Midway Museum



Immerse yourself in the authentic naval experience at the Midway Museum, which is actually the real naval aircraft carrier known as

the "city at sea." With over 60 exhibits and more than 30 expertly restored aircraft, visitors can explore the 69,000-ton ship and marvel at its impressive history. The Midway also offers a variety of engaging activities, including flight simulators, ejection seats, guided tours of the bridge, and access to authentic cockpits. As an added bonus, the Midway was also the original filming location for the iconic movie "Top Gun."

Photo: Aaron Fulkerson/Wikimedia Commons(image cropped)  
Address: 910 North Harbor Drive, San Diego  
Opening hours: Daily 10am-5pm  
Phone: +1 619 544 9600

Internet: [www.midway.org](http://www.midway.org)  
Email: [social@midway.org](mailto:social@midway.org)

### Little Italy

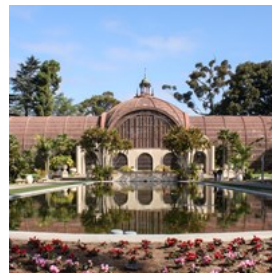


San Diego's Little Italy has been a symbol of Italian culture in the U.S. and in San Diego since the 1920s, with Italian families settling in the

area. Nowadays, it's a hub of activity, brimming with lively restaurants, craft breweries, urban wineries, and art galleries, making it the ultimate destination for Italian cuisine enthusiasts. Visitors can revel in the weekly Little Italy Mercato, where several blocks are closed off every Saturday to offer fresh produce and gourmet fare. Additionally, each October, San Diego's Italian-American heritage is honored with the vibrant "Little Italy Festa!" festival.

Photo: Visitor7/Wikimedia Commons(image cropped)  
Address: 1668 Columbia Street, from Laurel South to West A Street, San Diego

### Botanical Building & Lily Pond



This historic, domed building built for the 1915 Panama-California Exposition held in the city is one of the largest lath structures in the world. It is situated inside Balboa Park, and along with the adjacent Lily Pond and Lagoon provide you with a perfect backdrop for a picture. The garden features 2,100 plants permanently, including fascinating collections of cycads, ferns, orchids, and other tropical plants, as well as seasonal flower displays.

Photo: Bernard Gagnon/Wikimedia Commons  
Address: 1549 El Prado, San Diego  
Phone: +1 619 239 0512



Internet: [balboapark.org/parks-trails-gardens/botanical-building-and-lily-pond](https://balboapark.org/parks-trails-gardens/botanical-building-and-lily-pond)  
Email: [bpoc@bpoc.org](mailto:bpoc@bpoc.org)

### Old Point Loma Lighthouse



Located right next to the Cabrillo National Monument, this historic lighthouse sits atop a hill that offers incredible views of the various areas around San Diego Bay. It no longer operates as a lighthouse but is open to the public as a museum.

Photo: Ctorbann/Wikimedia Commons(image cropped)  
Address: 1800 Cabrillo Memorial Drive, San Diego  
Opening hours: Daily 10am-5pm  
Phone: +1 619 523 4285

### Sailboat Tours



Experience the excitement of sailing while exploring San Diego Bay on an authentic America's Cup racing yacht. With its impressive size and speed, this vessel provides a truly remarkable and unforgettable adventure. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced sailor, you can take the helm, operate the winches, or simply hold on tight and enjoy the ride.

Photo: easysailing/Flickr(image cropped)  
Address: 1551 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego  
Phone: +1 619 255 4705  
Internet: [www.sailusa11.com](http://www.sailusa11.com)

### Pacific Surf School



San Diego is surrounded by great beaches, making it an ideal place for surfers. Many surf schools offer training and organize camps where tourists can learn how to surf in a safe environment. Pacific Surf School is located on Mission Beach, offering its services to experienced and inexperienced tourists alike.

Photo: Vladimir Kudinov/Unsplash.com  
Address: 4121 Mission Boulevard, San Diego  
Opening hours: Daily 8:30am-5pm  
Phone: +1 858 488 2685  
Internet: [www.pacificsurf.com](http://www.pacificsurf.com)  
Email: [pacificsurf@pacificsurf.org](mailto:pacificsurf@pacificsurf.org)

### Cabrillo National Monument



Located at the southern tip of the Point Loma Peninsula in San Diego, this historical site commemorates the landing of Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo at San Diego Bay in 1542. This event marked the first time a European expedition had set foot on what later became the West Coast of the United States. This site offers breathtaking views of the bay, and the statue of Cabrillo is one of the most visited national monuments in the U.S.

Photo: Robert Arends/Wikimedia Commons(image cropped)  
Address: 1800 Cabrillo Memorial Drive, San Diego  
Opening hours: Daily 9am-5pm  
Phone: +1 619 523 4285  
Internet: [www.nps.gov/cabr/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/cabr/index.htm)  
Email: [cabr\\_info@nps.gov](mailto:cabr_info@nps.gov)

### Torrey Pines Gliderport



As Southern California's foremost destination for hang gliding, paragliding, sailplanes, and remote control models, Torrey Pines Gliderport caters to thrill-seekers of all ages. With skilled instructors on hand, anyone can take to the skies and experience the exhilaration of flight.

Photo: Lance Anderson/Unsplash

Address: 2800 Torrey Pines Scenic Drive, La Jolla

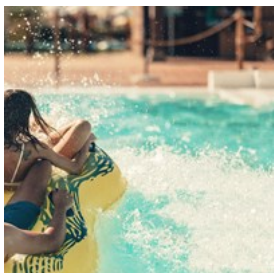
Opening hours: Daily 9am-6pm

Phone: +1 858 452 9858

Internet: [www.flytorrey.com](http://www.flytorrey.com)

Email: [info@flytorrey.com](mailto:info@flytorrey.com)

### Knott's Soak City



Knott's Soak City is a seasonal water park located close to the bay area of San Diego. At the park, you'll find over 20 water slides, a lazy river, and a giant wave pool, among other attractions. It is the perfect summer family destination.

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Address: 8039 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park

Opening hours: Opening hours may vary depending on the month of the year

Phone: +1 714 220 5200

Internet: [www.knotts.com/soak-city](http://www.knotts.com/soak-city)

### Torrey Pines Golf Course



San Diego is home to an array of world-class golf courses, but for many, Torrey Pines Golf Course reigns supreme. This municipal golf facility

boasts 36 holes and is located atop cliffs that

overlook the majestic Pacific Ocean in the La Jolla area. Golf enthusiasts are treated to unparalleled views of the ocean and surrounding scenery while playing on the immaculate greens.

Photo: Robert Ruggiero/Unsplash

Address: 11480 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla

Opening hours: Daily 6am-6pm

Phone: +1 858 552 1662

Internet: [www.sandiego.gov/torrey-pines](http://www.sandiego.gov/torrey-pines)

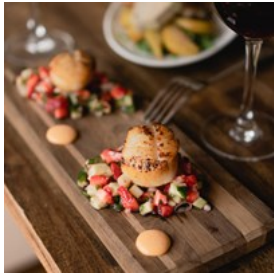
### DINING



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Street food in San Diego is synonymous with fish tacos, and most locals couldn't enjoy a Padres game without one. Although numerous food trucks specialize in this delicacy, the city boasts a plethora of other tempting dining options. For those craving contemporary Italian cuisine, Little Italy is an excellent destination, whereas the Gaslamp Quarter attracts avant-garde chefs seeking to create culinary masterpieces. If Mexican fare is more your style, head to the Old Town area. Don't forget to explore the local drinking culture by visiting the wine-making district (situated in North County, just a 45-minute drive from downtown) and the numerous artisan breweries.

### A.R. Valentien



Located at The Lodge at Torrey Pines, A.R. Valentien is a fine-dining restaurant with breathtaking views of the Torrey Pines Golf Course.

The contemporary Californian menu serves regional San Diego cuisine and it changes frequently.

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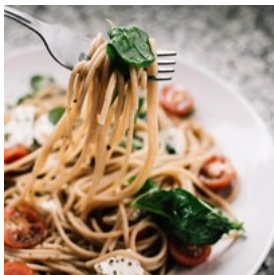
Address: 11480 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 8am-11pm, Fri & Sat 8am-midnight

Phone: +1 858 777 6635

Internet: [www.lodgetorreyprines.com/dine](http://www.lodgetorreyprines.com/dine)

### Antica Trattoria



Food critics have called Antica Trattoria “the best Italian” in San Diego, and with reviews that describe the dishes as “sensuous to the point of sin,” it's hard to stay away. The Sicilian-born chef is known to use the best Italian ingredients, such as San Daniele prosciutto and imported Fontina cheese.

Photo: Lisa Fotios/Pexels.com

Address: 5654 Lake Murray Boulevard, La Mesa

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 4:30pm-9pm, Fri & Sat 4:30pm-10pm

Phone: +1 619 463 9919

Internet: [anticatrattoria.com](http://anticatrattoria.com)

Email: [cheffranco@anticatrattoria.com](mailto:cheffranco@anticatrattoria.com)

### Nobu



Even though Nobu has become a chain restaurant, it's still an excellent choice for exquisite sushi, sashimi, and Asian fusion dishes.

One is located at the heart of the Gaslamp Quarter.

Photo: Skitterphoto/Pexels.com

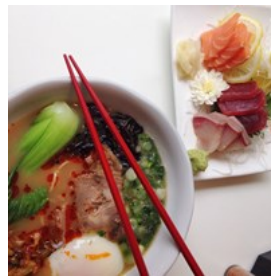
Address: 207 Fifth Avenue, San Diego

Opening hours: Daily 5:30pm-9:30pm

Phone: +1 619 814 4124

Internet: [www.noburestaurants.com/sandiego/home](http://www.noburestaurants.com/sandiego/home)

### Taka



Located in the heart of the famous Gaslamp District, Taka offers a dining experience that combines the best of Japanese and American cuisine, resulting in a mouthwatering selection of sushi, sashimi, and appetizers that are sure to delight your taste buds. Its intimate setting makes it a perfect spot for a romantic dinner or night out with friends.

Photo: Lizette Carrasco/Unsplash.com

Address: 555 Fifth Avenue, San Diego

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 5pm-9:30pm, Fri & Sat 5pm-10:30pm

Phone: +1 619 338 0555

Internet: [www.takasushi.com](http://www.takasushi.com)

### Las Cuatro Milpas



People of all ages and walks of life line up every day outside this legendary Mexican restaurant that has been operating for more than



85 years. Known for having the best tamales in San Diego, Las Cuatro Milpas features an inexpensive menu that includes items like burritos, chorizo con huevos, and, of course, tacos. Be ready to wait in line.

Photo: Tono Balaguer/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 1857 Logan Avenue, San Diego  
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-3pm, Sat 6am-3pm  
Phone: +1 619 234 4460

### Island Prime



Island Prime hovers above San Diego Bay on stilts, overlooking the city skyline and Coronado. The stunning panoramic view is matched only by the delicious steaks, their seafood dishes, and the great selection of wines.

Photo: stockcreations/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 880 Harbor Island Drive, San Diego  
Opening hours: Tue-Fri 5pm-9pm, Sat & Sun 4pm-9pm  
Phone: +1 619 298 6802  
Internet: [www.cohnrestaurants.com/islandprime](http://www.cohnrestaurants.com/islandprime)

### Roy's Restaurant



Come for the view and stay for the food! Situated on the waterfront and signed by the Japanese-American celebrity chef Roy

Yamaguchi, this Pacific restaurant has been made famous for its fusion cuisine, which mixes traditional Hawaiian recipes with modern and unexpected twists.

Photo: Robyn Mackenzie/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 333 West Harbor Drive, San Diego  
Opening hours: Mon-Wed 4pm-9pm, Thu 4pm-10pm, Fri & Sat 11am-10pm, Sun 11am-9pm  
Phone: +1 619 239 7697

Internet: [www.roysrestaurant.com](http://www.roysrestaurant.com)

### Bali Hai Restaurant



A staple in San Diego since its opening in 1954, Bali Hai Restaurant delivers exquisite Polynesian-inspired cuisine, including fresh

seafood, aged beef, soups, and salads. Come for the happy hour and enjoy a beautiful sunset with their famous Mai Tais.

Photo: Foodio/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 2230 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego  
Opening hours: Mon-Thu 11:30am-8:45pm, Fri & Sat 11:30am-9:45pm, Sun 9:30am-8:45pm  
Phone: +1 619 222 1181  
Internet: [www.balihairestaurant.com](http://www.balihairestaurant.com)

### Tom Ham's Lighthouse



This restaurant claims to serve the best seafood in San Diego, and that might not be far from the truth. Back in 2016, Tom Ham's Lighthouse was

the winner of the OpenTable Diners' Choice Award. On top of that, the views of the sea and city skyline make it a top choice for dining in the city.

Photo: Viktor Tasnadi/Pexels.com  
Address: 2150 Harbor Island Drive, San Diego  
Opening hours: Mon-Thu 11:30am-9pm, Fri & Sat 11:30am-10pm, Sun 9:30am-9pm  
Phone: +1 619 291 9110  
Internet: [www.tomhamslighthouse.com](http://www.tomhamslighthouse.com)

### Mister A's



Located on the 12th floor of a building right next to Balboa Park, Mister A's is a beautiful rooftop restaurant with splendid 180-degree views of San

Diego's downtown & the ocean. Its New American and French Cuisines consistently reward Mister A's with rave reviews and awards, both locally and nationally.

Photo: Pixabay/Pexels.com

Address: 2550 Fifth Avenue, 12th floor, San Diego

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 3:30pm-10pm; Fri 11am-1:30pm / 3:30-11pm; Sat 3:30-11pm; Sun 10am-2pm / 3:30pm-10pm

Phone: +1 619 239 1377

Internet: [www.asrestaurant.com](http://www.asrestaurant.com)

Email: [info@Asrestaurant.com](mailto:info@Asrestaurant.com)

### Aroma Thai Restaurant



If you're in the mood for some tasty Thai cuisine, head on over to Aroma Thai - a small restaurant located in the scenic Imperial Beach. This

charming eatery boasts quaint decor and a warm ambiance that instantly makes you feel at home. The extensive menu of Thai staples includes dishes such as Tom Yum Goong, Pad Thai, Fried Rice, and a range of Curries.

Photo: SharkPaeCNX/Shutterstock.com

Address: 757 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach

Opening hours: Daily 11am-9pm

Phone: +1 619 941 1656

Internet: [aromathaiofib.com](http://aromathaiofib.com)

### Blue Wave Bar & Grill



Experience the ultimate dining pleasure with a mesmerizing view at the Blue Wave Bar & Grill. Savor the taste of delectable California

coastal cuisine and fresh seafood while immersing in the breathtaking marina views. It's the perfect spot to unwind and revel in the charm of San Diego's waterfront.

Photo: Artem Bali/Pexels.com

Address: 2051 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 7am-8:30pm, Fri & Sat 7am-9:30pm

Phone: +1 619 223 2572

Internet: [www.islandpalms.com/dining#gref](http://www.islandpalms.com/dining#gref)

### Charles + Dinorah



Located inside The Pearl Hotel in a 60s California setting, Charles + Dinorah serves up seasonal, Californian coastal cuisine that

perfectly complements the laid-back atmosphere of the poolside bar. Don't forget to try out their creative cocktails, which are sure to impress even the most discerning of cocktail connoisseurs.

Photo: Hans Geel/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1410 Rosecrans Street, San Diego

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 4pm-10pm

Phone: +1 619 226 6100

Internet: [www.charlesanddinorah.com](http://www.charlesanddinorah.com)

Email: [info@charlesanddinorah.com](mailto:info@charlesanddinorah.com)

### Top of the Market



Located directly above the Fish Market and with views from Point Loma to the Coronado Bridge, this award-winning restaurant is widely regarded as one of San Diego's finest. The kitchen showcases a seasonal menu of the freshest and highest-quality seafood.

Photo: AS Food studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: 750 North Harbor Drive, San Diego

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 5pm-8pm, Fri & Sat 5pm-9pm

Phone: +1 619 234 4867

Internet: [topofthemarketsd.com](http://topofthemarketsd.com)

### George's at the Cove



Situated in the vibrant heart of La Jolla, Georges at the Cove is a highly acclaimed dining destination offering fresh and delectable New

American cuisine along with one of the most awe-inspiring coastal views in Southern California. Complement your meal with their signature cocktails or a glass of wine from their exceptional list. And don't forget to indulge in their house-made desserts for a sweet ending.

Photo: Julien Sarazin/Unsplash.com

Address: 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 11am-10pm, Fri & Sat 11am-10:30pm

Phone: +1 858 454 4244

Internet: [www.georgesatthecove.com](http://www.georgesatthecove.com)

Email: [info@georgesatthecove.com](mailto:info@georgesatthecove.com)

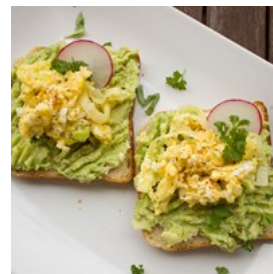
### CAFÉS



Nathan Dumlao/Unsplash.com

Whether you just want a regular black coffee or a signature espresso with a pastry to-go, San Diego knows how to please its coffee crowd. The city is known for its abundance of coffee houses and it has everything from simple and inexpensive cafés to well-established coffee chains, with some of the best and most loved places concentrated around Balboa Park.

### Donny's Cafe



Whether you are looking for breakfast, lunch, or just a quick snack, this family-owned establishment got what you need. This cozy café

located in Bonita, just 15 minutes from San Diego, offers a wide variety of hot and iced drinks as well as bagels, sandwiches, and pastries to suit any palate.

Photo: Einladung\_zum\_Essen/Pixabay.com

Address: 3901 Bonita Road, Bonita

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 6am-2pm

Phone: +1 619 888 6878

Internet: [donnyscafe.godaddysites.com](http://donnyscafe.godaddysites.com)



### Copa Vida



With a variety of flavors and a team of professionals that includes award-winning baristas, a certified tea expert as well as a veteran in the food services industry, this coffee shop is guaranteed to impress.

Photo: Karl Fredrickson/Unsplash.com

Address: 905 J Street, San Diego

Opening hours: Daily 7am-4pm

Phone: +1 619 501 7529

Internet: copa-vida.com

### Cafe Moto



Whether you're a coffee connoisseur or simply enjoy a good cup of joe, Cafe Moto could be the ideal destination for you. This small local café

specializes in crafting delicious drinks from their own house-roasted beans, using a diverse range of brewing techniques. Cafe Moto is a highly regarded coffee roaster in San Diego, with numerous other coffee shops utilizing their top-notch beans. Adjacent to the café is a store where you can get your own coffee beans.

Photo: Nathan Dumlao/Unsplash.com

Address: 2619 National Avenue, San Diego

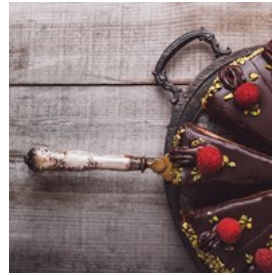
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 6am-3pm, Sat & Sun 7am-2:30pm

Phone: +1 619 239 6686

Internet: cafemoto.com

Email: info@cafemoto.com

### Extraordinary Desserts



For nearly 30 years, Cordon Bleu-trained pastry chef and owner of Extraordinary Desserts, Karen Krasne continues to dazzle San Diegans

and tourists with her unique creations. The menu changes daily and features a wide range of homemade desserts that goes from cupcakes and cookies to ice creams and sorbets. A must-try for those with a sweet tooth. They also offer a gluten-free and vegan menu.

Photo: Dejan Stanic Micko/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1430 Union Street, San Diego

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 10am-9pm, Fri & Sat 10am-10pm

Phone: +1 619 294 7001

Email: littleitaly@extraordinarydesserts.com

More Info: Second location at 2870 Fourth Avenue

### Bread & Cie



Hand-made, old-world European rustic bread and pastries are baked here seven days a week. This café offers a "bistro" breakfast and lunch menu

including specialty sandwiches designed with their wide selection of bread, a variety of fresh and original salads, and soups made from scratch.

Photo: Pixabay/Pexels

Address: 350 University Avenue, San Diego

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-6pm, Sat & Sun 7am-5pm

Phone: +1 619 683 9322

Internet: breadandcie.com

Email: charles@breadandcie.com

## BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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San Diego offers a diverse nightlife scene that caters to a wide range of tastes, with plenty of trendy hangouts just waiting to be explored. From renowned jazz clubs to jet-set bars, there is something for everyone here. In the summer months, the city truly comes alive as outdoor concerts, theater performances, and movie screenings take center stage, adding even more excitement to the already vibrant atmosphere. And with San Diego being one of America's best microbrewery destinations, why not sample some of the finest local beers while you're at it?

### Noble Experiment



Unique drinks made to the customer's taste. This intimate and secret speakeasy promises to give you a drinking experience like no other.

Situated in the Gaslamp Quarter, Noble Experiment is tucked behind a secret door near the door to the kitchen at The Neighborhood. Don't know exactly what to order? Just tell the bartender what kind of drinks you like or what mood you are in, and let them surprise you.

Photo: Patrick Schöpflin/Unsplash.com  
Address: 777 G Street, San Diego  
Opening hours: Daily 6pm-2am  
Phone: +1 619 888 4713

Internet: [nobleexperimentsd.com](http://nobleexperimentsd.com)

More Info: Reservations are strongly recommended since there are only 32 seats

### Goodbar



Located in the heart of the Point Loma community, Goodbar offers a great variety of cold beer on tap, cocktails, and all types of fun events, including trivia night and live music. A nice spot to hang out with friends and just unwind.

Photo: Nomad\_Soul/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1872 Rosecrans Street, San Diego

Opening hours: Daily noon-1am

Phone: +1 619 642 0900

Internet: [www.goodbarsd.com](http://www.goodbarsd.com)

Email: [goodbar@krowmngmt.com](mailto:goodbar@krowmngmt.com)

### False Idol



A hidden Hawaiian gem in San Diego, False Idol is an intimate tiki bar that invites you to savor one of their signature cocktails in a Hawaiian-themed cave adorned with skulls.

Photo: Stefan Giesbert/Wikimedia Commons(image cropped)

Address: 675 West Beech Street, San Diego

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 5pm-1am, Fri & Sat 5pm-2am

Phone: +1 619 269 2202

Internet: [falseidoltiki.com](http://falseidoltiki.com)

More Info: Located within Craft & Commerce

### The Topsy Crow



Situated in the Gaslamp Quarter in one of Downtown's most historic buildings, which dates back to 1874, The Topsy Crow invites you to check

out the three floors of Topsy. The bottom floor is the dancing stage with lots of music and a DJ, on the middle floor, you'll find the main bar, pool tables, and some old-school board games, while the top floor is the VIP lounge area. On top of that, they still serve some good quality food.

Photo: rhein28/Pixabay.com

Address: 770 Fifth Avenue, San Diego

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 5pm-2am, Sat & Sun noon-2am

Phone: +1 619 338 9300

Internet: [thetipsycrow.com](http://thetipsycrow.com)

Email: [info@thetipsycrow.com](mailto:info@thetipsycrow.com)

### Sidecar Bar



If you're looking for an unpretentious bar with good drinks, nice vibes, and old-school arcade games then look no further and drop by

Sidecar Bar. It features 14 rotating taps from local and national breweries, weekly live music, and a daily selection of food trucks.

Photo: Inactive account – ID 12019/Pixabay.com

Address: 1310 Morena Boulevard, San Diego

Opening hours: Daily 3pm-2am

Phone: +1 619 230 5715

Internet: [www.instagram.com/sidecarbarsd](http://www.instagram.com/sidecarbarsd)

### House of Blues San Diego



House of Blues San Diego has established itself as one of the premier destinations for live music in the area.

Situated in the vibrant downtown district, this small venue has stuck to its roots by keeping a box of Delta Mississippi mud underneath its stage - a gesture to ensure that each performer will have the "spirit of the South" beneath their feet. Additionally, they serve an extensive assortment of beer, wine, and expertly-crafted cocktails, as well as a menu of Southern-inspired fare.

Photo: Israel Palacio/Unsplash.com

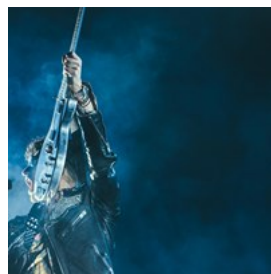
Address: 1055 Fifth Avenue, San Diego

Opening hours: Thu & Sun 4pm-10pm, Fri & Sat 4pm-11pm

Phone: +1 619 299 2583

Internet: [www.houseofblues.com/sandiego](http://www.houseofblues.com/sandiego)

### Casbah



Rocking out San Diego's nightlife is the legendary Casbah, a small club with a big reputation for supporting the best up-and-coming local and

national bands. Visit its website to see what's on while you're in town.

Photo: Auston Neill/Unsplash.com

Address: 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego

Opening hours: Daily 8:30pm-2am

Phone: +1 619 232 4355

Internet: [www.casbahmusic.com](http://www.casbahmusic.com)

Email: [info@casbahmusic.com](mailto:info@casbahmusic.com)



### The Tower Bar



A San Diego landmark since its establishment in 1932, the Tower Bar is home to the largest selection of genuine Absinthe, which is prepared following the traditional French method using an Absinthe water fountain. Additionally, this dive bar offers an impressive variety of beers, hosts live musical performances, and has a jukebox for patrons to enjoy.

Photo: 279photo Studio/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 4757 University Avenue, San Diego  
Opening hours: Daily 4pm-2am  
Phone: +1 619 284 0158  
Email: [thetowerbar@gmail.com](mailto:thetowerbar@gmail.com)

### Waterfront Bar & Grill



In the heart of Little Italy, you'll find San Diego's oldest tavern, Waterfront Bar & Grill. Usually packed, this city's landmark continues to attract many locals and visitors with its delicious bar food, great selection of local beers, and friendly staff.

Photo: Joshua Resnick/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 2044 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego  
Opening hours: Daily 8am-2am  
Phone: +1 619 232 9656  
Internet: [waterfrontbarandgrill.com](http://waterfrontbarandgrill.com)  
Email: [info@waterfrontbarandgrill.com](mailto:info@waterfrontbarandgrill.com)

### Onyx Room



Situated in the Gaslamp Quarter, Onyx Room has become a fixture in the San Diego nightlife scene. This eclectic nightclub boasts three distinct dance floors featuring a range of musical styles, from hip-hop to house to Latin, making it an ideal destination for all musical preferences.

Photo: DIAO DARIUS/Unsplash.com  
Address: 852 Fifth Avenue, San Diego  
Opening hours: Fri & Sat 9pm-2am  
Phone: +1 619 876 8044  
Internet: [www.onyxroom.com](http://www.onyxroom.com)

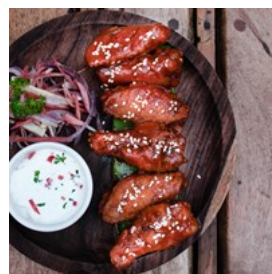
### Aero Club



For over 75 years, this classic San Diego establishment has been a popular hangout spot for pilots, police officers, and long-haul drivers. Today, this historic bar still attracts a diverse crowd who are keen to sample from their extensive collection of whiskies.

Photo: Oleksandra Naumenko/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 3365 India Street, San Diego  
Opening hours: Daily 2pm-2am  
Phone: +1 619 297 7211  
Internet: [aeroclubbar.com](http://aeroclubbar.com)

### Craft & Commerce



This San Diego gastropub is as loved for its delicious food as it is for its unique ambiance, which has been described as being "an elegant sports bar but without the sports" or "an old library" due to all the books which adorn the

walls of this pub. The menu features seasonal eats and craft cocktails.

Photo: Atharva Tulsi/Unsplash.com

Address: 675 West Beech Street, San Diego

Phone: +1 619 269 2202

Internet: craft-commerce.com

Email: info@craft-commerce.com

### ALTITUDE Sky Lounge



Perched 22 stories above the city skyline, ALTITUDE Sky Lounge offers unparalleled panoramic views of San Diego. This

multi-award-winning rooftop bar features bottle service, a great selection of wine, beer, and cocktails, plus DJs. To complement your drink of choice, ALTITUDE also offers a fantastic selection of appetizers and burgers.

Photo: Nserrano/Wikimedia Commons(image cropped)

Address: Gaslamp Marriott Quarter, 660 K Street, San Diego

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 5pm-midnight, Fri & Sat 5pm-1am

Phone: +1 619 696 0234

Internet: altitudeskylounge.com/sandiego

### SD TapRoom



TapRoom specializes in beers and offers about 50 different types on tap as well as an excellent bottle selection. To accompany your beer, they offer a

delicious assortment of hearty pub fare. The interior is open and spacious and has tons of TVs on which you can enjoy sports matches.

Photo: VGstockstudio/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1269 Garnet Avenue, San Diego

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 10:30am-11pm, Fri & Sat

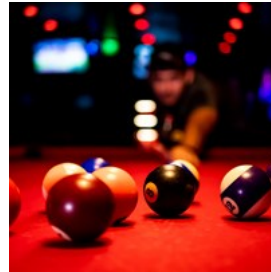
10am-midnight, Sun 10am-11pm

Phone: +1 858 274 1010

Internet: sdtaproom.com

Email: info@SDTapRoom.com

### Gaslamp Tavern



A laid-back sports bar with great happy hour deals, tasty pub grub, pool tables, and big-screen TVs.

Something of a local favorite for its relaxed atmosphere, friendly staff, and succulent chicken wings.

Photo: juancmtz/Pixabay.com

Address: 868 Fifth Avenue, San Diego

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 11am-11pm, Fri & Sat 11am-2am, Sun 9am-10pm

Phone: +1 619 239 3339

Internet: www.gaslamptavern.com

Email: info@gaslamptavern.com

### Pecs Bar



Pecs is a casual gay bar located in North Park, with drinks at fair prices, pool tables, large-screen TVs, and a full-service outdoor patio.

Photo: Sharon McCutcheon/Pexels.com

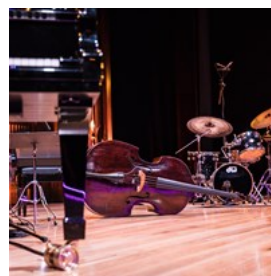
Address: 2046 University Avenue, San Diego

Opening hours: Sun-Thu noon-midnight, Fri & Sat noon-2am

Phone: +1 619 296 0889

Internet: www.instagram.com/pecsbar

### The Shout! House



Situated in the Gaslamp area, this classic rock bar is a great place to catch live music in

not-so-common packages: dueling pianos, sing-along songs, and other forms of audience participation are guaranteed to give you a memorable night

out.

Photo: Dolo Iglesias/Unsplash.com

Address: 655 Fourth Avenue, San Diego

Opening hours: Sun, Tue–Thu 7pm–1am; Fri & Sat 6pm–2am

Phone: +1 619 231 6700

Internet: theshouhouse.com

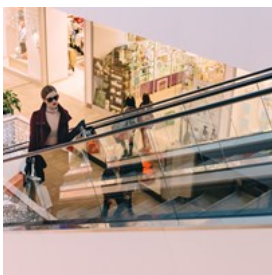
## SHOPPING



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San Diego is a great city for heart-warming retail therapy. The very accommodating climate provides the perfect backdrop for open-air shopping centers, and there is an endless variety of top-quality malls, luxurious brands, and vintage shops to choose from. Hipsters are also very well served by many small designer boutiques, retro bookstores, and record shops.

### Fashion Valley



San Diego's premier luxury shopping & dining destination, Fashion Valley boasts SD's finest collection of stores in a beautiful open-air

shopping center featuring 200 stores and restaurants including an 18-screen movie theater, making this place Southern California's trendiest destination.

Photo: freestocks.org/Unsplash.com

Address: 7007 Friars Road, San Diego

Opening hours: Mon–Sat 10am–9pm, Sun 11am–7pm

Phone: +1 619 688 9113

Internet: [www.simon.com/mall/fashion-valley](http://www.simon.com/mall/fashion-valley)

### Adams Avenue



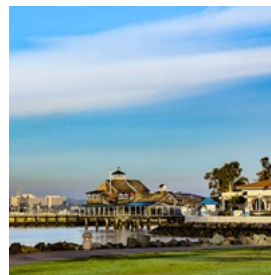
The city's main 'antique row' encompasses over three neighborhoods and two large freeways in central San Diego.

Around this hipster district, you'll find tons of shops selling furniture, art, and antiques from around the world as well as cool eateries and bars. As an added bonus, a visit here will take visitors across some of San Diego's less-visited neighborhoods.

Photo: Jordan Benton/Pexels.com

Address: Adams Avenue, San Diego

### Seaport Village



Located in downtown San Diego adjacent to San Diego Bay, Seaport Village is a delightful waterfront complex offering a diverse range

of shopping, dining, and entertainment options. With over 70 shops and restaurants, visitors can explore art galleries, cafés, and even ride a historic, hand-carved carousel. The complex also features a variety of entertainment, including street performers and tarot readers, ensuring there's something for everyone. Whether you're looking for a quick bite, a souvenir for your loved ones, or just want to enjoy the stunning views, Seaport Village is a must-visit destination.

Photo: Gloria V Moeller/Shutterstock.com

Address: 849 West Harbor Drive, San Diego

Opening hours: Daily 10am–9pm

Phone: +1 619 530 0704

Internet: [seaportvillage.com](http://seaportvillage.com)



### Old Town Market



Wander around the market and take in some history and old-town vibes. Located inside the Old Town San Diego State Historic Park, this lovely market features Mexican restaurants and other cafés, free museums, and many small shops. Here you can buy all souvenirs and accessories related to the American native culture. A great place to start your day in San Diego. From here you can catch the city trolley tours.

Photo: MARELBU/WikimediaCommons(image cropped)

Address: 4010 Twigg Street, San Diego

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 10am-6pm, Fri & Sat 10am-9pm,  
Sun 10am-8pm

Phone: +1 619 278 0955

Internet: [www.oldtownmarketsandiego.com](http://www.oldtownmarketsandiego.com)

### San Diego Zoo Gift Shop



The official San Diego Zoo gift shop has every type of souvenir you can think of, including gourmet foods, sundries, hats, jewelry, T-shirts, stationery, books, toys, stuffed animals, and much more, and, of course, everything is appropriately animal-themed.

Photo: dean bertoncelj/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2920 Zoo Drive, San Diego

Opening hours: Daily 9am-5pm

Phone: +1 619 231 1515

Internet: [sandiegozoowildlifealliance.org](http://sandiegozoowildlifealliance.org)

### Bay Books



This independent bookstore is a treasure trove of literature, offering a wide-ranging selection of books that includes both newly-published titles and timeless classics. Their impressive inventory includes an extensive children's book section as well as an excellent collection of military history books and one of the largest selections of magazines - both domestic and international - in Southern California. Bay Books also carries a wonderful assortment of greeting cards, stationery, journals, and specialty gifts.

Photo: Jamie Taylor/Unsplash.com

Address: 1007 Orange Avenue, Coronado

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 10am-6pm, Fri & Sat 9am-7pm

Phone: +1 619 435 0070

Internet: [www.baybookscoronado.com](http://www.baybookscoronado.com)

Email: [orders@baybookscoronado.com](mailto:orders@baybookscoronado.com)

### Bazaar del Mundo



No tour of the Old Town is complete without a visit to Bazaar del Mundo. This eye-catching outdoor shopping mall offers visitors unique treasures from Latin America and the rest of the world including folk art, crafts, gifts, women's fashion, jewelry, and home decor all carefully hand-selected in vibrant colors and designs.

Photo: Ditty\_about\_summer/Shutterstock.com

Address: 4133 Taylor Street, San Diego

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 11am-5:30pm, Fri & Sat 11am-7pm

Phone: +1 619 296 3161

Internet: [bazaardelmundo.com](http://bazaardelmundo.com)

### South Coast Surf Shop



One of Southern California's premier surf shops, South Coast has been around since 1974 and specializes in custom surfboards as well as wetsuits, and surf accessories, making South Coast a landmark in this SoCal tradition.

Photo: Anastasia Hofmann/Unsplash.com  
Address: 5023 Newport Avenue, San Diego  
Opening hours: Daily 10am-6pm  
Phone: +1 619 223 7017  
Internet: southcoast.com  
Email: cs@southcoast.com

### Liberty Station



Located in the heart of Point Loma, this former San Diego Naval Training Center is now a growing destination for dining, shopping, and

entertainment. An interesting mix of shops, eateries, art galleries and museums create an inviting atmosphere where people of all ages can spend the day.

Photo: Lowe Llaguno/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 2640 Historic Decatur Road, San Diego  
Internet: libertystation.com  
Email: info@libertystation.com

### Coronado Ferry Landing

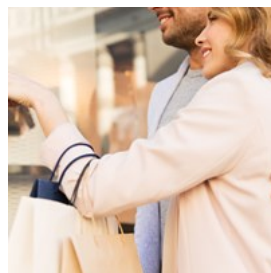


Hop on the ferry from San Diego to Coronado island and take a stroll around this beautiful shoreline. There's a small gathering of shops, art galleries, fine dining as well as casual eateries just off the ferry landing area. The views from

here are mesmerizing, a must-visit for whenever you're in town.

Photo: Gloria V Moeller/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 1201 1st Street, Coronado  
Internet: coronadoferrylanding.com

### Hazard Center



Hazard Center is just your regular shopping mall with the usual fixings: a few chain retailers, casual dining options, and a movie

theater.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 7610 Hazard Center Drive, San Diego  
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 5am-10pm, Sat & Sun 7am-10pm  
Phone: +1 619 543 8111  
Internet: hazardcenter.com  
Email: contact@hazardcenter.com

### Westfield UTC



Located near the seaside, this outdoor shopping mall showcases several big American and international mainstream brands, plenty of different

food options as well as a movie theater, and a skating rink.

Photo: zhu difeng/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 4545 La Jolla Village Drive, Suite E-25, San Diego  
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-8pm, Sun 11am-7pm  
Phone: +1 858 546 8858  
Internet: www.westfield.com/utc  
Email: utc@westfield.com

### Pangaea Outpost



More than 70 merchants showcase their large and unique selection of both local and international goods in this one-of-a-kind shop. The products range from clothes and jewelry to home decor items, and kids' toys. This is the type of place that has what you didn't even know you were looking for. Stop by this eclectic store and get yourself a unique and exotic gift while supporting small businesses and talented artisans.

Photo: ESstock/Shutterstock.com

Address: 909 Garnet Avenue, San Diego

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 10am-7pm, Fri & Sat 10am-8pm,  
Sun 11am-6pm

Phone: +1 858 581 0555

Internet: [www.pangaeaoutpost.com](http://www.pangaeaoutpost.com)

### Africa & Beyond



Located in the Silverton Business Center, Africa and Beyond art gallery showcases the finest collection of traditional and contemporary African art. The owner, Ian Allen, born and raised in Africa, travels back to the continent every year to hand-select exotic treasures for the store. Here, you'll find a bit of everything: books, sculptures, weapons, masks, textiles, jewelry, dolls, and even furniture.

Photo: Lydia May/Shutterstock.com

Address: 7950 Silverton Avenue, Suite 127, San Diego

Phone: +1 858 454 9983

Internet: [www.africaandbeyond.com](http://www.africaandbeyond.com)

### Fahrenheit 451 Books



A quaint and charming little bookstore that prides itself in providing customers with the "lost art of personal service in the non-digital world."

Fahrenheit 451 offers a large and varied collection of books, which you can either order from the phone and e-mail or better yet pay a visit to this lovely establishment in the heart of West Village in downtown Carlsbad (if you're passing through on a road trip).

Photo: Janko Ferlič/Unsplash.com

Address: 325 Carlsbad Village Drive B-1, Carlsbad

Phone: +1 760 518 3771

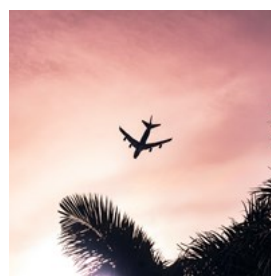
Internet: [www.fahrenheit451books.com](http://www.fahrenheit451books.com)

## TOURIST INFORMATION



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### San Diego International Airport (SAN)



San Diego International Airport (SAN), formerly known as Lindbergh Field, is located three miles northwest of downtown San Diego. The

Airport is served by I-5 with connections to State Route 163, I-8, and I-15.



Terminals 1 and 2 serve major airlines and are situated close to Transportation Plaza, where you can find all ground transportation including taxis and shuttle vans.

A taxi ride to the city center usually takes 10-15 minutes. If you prefer public transport, look for the red and blue-striped buses.

Photo: Eduardo Velazco Guart/Unsplash  
Address: 3225 North Harbor Drive, San Diego  
Phone: +1 619 400 2404  
Internet: [www.san.org](http://www.san.org)

### Passport / Visa



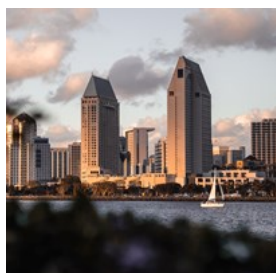
Citizens of the Schengen countries, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Japan, South Korea,

Taiwan, and the Kingdom of Brunei can visit the United States for up to 90 days without applying for a visa (as well as citizens of Andorra, Lichtenstein, Monaco and San Marino). Citizens of these countries must obtain an ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorization) before traveling. All other travelers must obtain a visa before visiting the United States.

International travelers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip in order to enter the country.

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### Best Time to Visit



Although the sun is known to always shine over the Golden State, the best times recommended to visit San Diego are from March to

May, and from September to October, when you can expect great weather and moderate rates. Watch out for the cloudy skies in May.

Summertime is always recommended for hot temperatures and countless events taking place around the city. However, hotel fares are more expensive. Be aware of the gray skies in June.

For the best hotel rates, winter months are the best option. Even though the winter in San Diego is far from freezing, expect rain showers and water a tad too cold for swimming.

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### Public transport



San Diego's bright-orange trolleys are great for exploring the city and operate from about 5am-midnight, seven days a week. Fares

are based on trip distance. San Diego Transit also provides local bus services throughout the county. Most buses have bike racks, making it easy to pedal around the city.

For most visitors, driving in Southern California is an adventure, but it can also be stressful. Make things easy on yourself by avoiding the freeway during the morning and afternoon rush hours (6am-8:30am and 3:30pm-6pm). Downtown San Diego is pretty simple to navigate, and finding on-street parking can be easy. Just remember to feed your parking meters.

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Internet: [www.sdmts.com](http://www.sdmts.com)

## Taxi



Lyft.

Taxis are easily available at shopping malls, hotels, and the airport. Other options for lower fares are the rideshare companies Uber and

San Diego Airport Taxi

Phone: +1 858 227 9272

Coastal Cab Company

Phone: +1 619 358 5230

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## Post



You can buy stamps at many newsagents or at the post office. Official United States Postal Services (USPS) mailboxes are usually blue steel containers on city sidewalks. Many post offices or private mail companies like UPS or FedEx are open from 8am-5pm.

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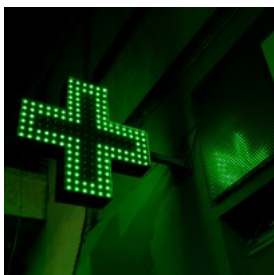
Address: 3911 Cleveland Avenue, San Diego

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-5pm, Sat 8:30am-3pm

Phone: +1 800 275 8777

Internet: [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com)

## Pharmacy



In San Diego, many pharmacies are open 24 hours. Some are even drive-throughs. To locate a store near you, contact a national drugstore chain such as Rite Aid or CVS/pharmacy.

Rite Aid

[www.riteaid.com](http://www.riteaid.com)

CVS/pharmacy

[www.cvs.com](http://www.cvs.com)

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## Telephone



City, Santee, La Mesa

Country code: +1 Area codes: 619 - Southern half of San Diego metro, including downtown San Diego, Chula Vista, Imperial Beach, National

858 - Northern half of San Diego metro, including La Jolla, Pacific Beach, Clairemont, Del Mar, Poway

442, 760 - Northern and western parts of San Diego, including Encinitas, Escondido, Oceanside, Ramona

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## Electricity



U.S. electrical power is 110V/60 cycles AC with two flat parallel prongs.

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## Population

1.39 million (2022)

## Currency

US Dollar, \$1 = 100 cents

## Opening hours

Independent stores are usually open from 10 am to 6 pm daily. Major malls and shopping centers stay open until 9 pm or longer.

**Internet**

[www.sandiegovisit.org](http://www.sandiegovisit.org)

**Newspapers**

The San Diego Union-Tribune –

[www.sandiegouniontribune.com](http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com)

San Diego Reader – [www.sandiegoreader.com](http://www.sandiegoreader.com)

San Diego Magazine – [www.sandiegomagazine.com](http://www.sandiegomagazine.com)

San Diego Business Journal – [www.sdbj.com](http://www.sdbj.com)

**Emergency numbers**

911

**Tourist information**

San Diego Visitor Information Center

996 North Harbor Drive, San Diego

Open daily 10am–4pm

+1 619 236 1242





10th Avenue	B2 B3 B4	Balboa Drive	B1	Island Avenue	A4 B4 C4
11th Avenue	B3 B4 C2 C3	Beech Street	A2 B2	Ivy Street	A1 B1
12th Avenue	C2 C3 C4	Belt Street	A3	J Street	B4 C4
13th Street	C3 C4	Brant Street	A1 B1	Juniper Street	A1 B1
14th Street	C4	Broadway	A3 B3 C3	K Street	B4 C4
15th Street	C4	Broadway Circle	B3	Kalmia Street	A1 B1
16th Street	C3 C4	C Street	A3 B3 C3	Kettner Boulevard	A1 A2 A3
17th Street	C3 C4	Cabrillo Freeway	C1	L Street	B4 C4
19th Street	C3 C4	Cedar Street	A2 B2	Laurel Street	A1 B1
1st Avenue	B1 B2 B3	Columbia Street	A1 A2 A3	Marina Park Way	A4
20th Street	C3 C4	Convention Way	B4	Market Street	A3 B3 B4 C4
21st Street	C3 C4	Curlew Street	A1	North Harbor Drive	A1 A3
22nd Street	C4	Date Street	A2 B2	Pacific Highway	A1 A3
2nd Avenue	B1 B2 B3	E Street	A3 B3 C3	Pan American Plaza	C1
3rd Avenue	B1 B2 B3 B4	East Harbor Drive	B4	Pan American Road East	C1
4th Avenue	B1 B2 B3 B4	El Prado	B1 C1	Pan American Road West	C1
5th Avenue	B1 B2 B3 B4	Elm Street	A2 B2	Park Boulevard	B4 C1 C2
6th Avenue	B1 B2 B3 B4	F Street	A3 B3 C3	Presidents Way	C1 C2
7th Avenue	B2 B3 B4	Fir Street	A2 B2	Russ Boulevard	C2
8th Avenue	B2 B3 B4	Front Street	A3 B1 B2 B3	San Diego Freeway	A1 C2 C4
9th Avenue	B2 B3 B4	G Street	A3 B3 C3 C4	State Street	A1 A2 A3
A Street	A2 B2	Grape Street	A1 B1	Stitt Avenue	C2
Albatross Street	B1	Hawthorn Street	A1 B1	Union Street	A1 A2 A3
Ash Street	A2 B2	Imperial Avenue	B4 C4	West Harbor Drive	A3
B Street	A2 B3 C3	India Street	A1 A2 A3	Wiebber Avenue	C2