



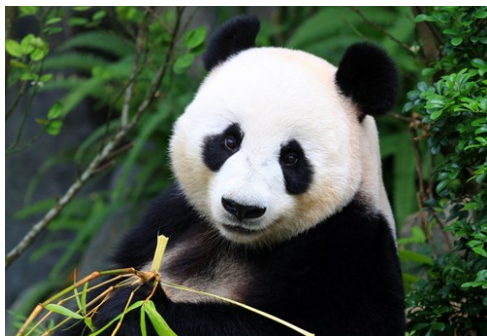
San Diego, California

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San Diego is often called “America’s Finest City,” and it isn’t difficult to see why. The eighth largest city in the United States offers heaps of attractions, culture and an undeniable cosmopolitan vibe, but you’d never guess its size by the emphatically laid-back feeling you get from this Southern California city, its people and of course its famously wonderful weather. With year-round temperatures in the 70s (21°C) and almost constant sunshine, there is no such thing as the wrong time to visit it and enjoy world-class museums, 5-star dining, internationally famous beaches and an unbeatable hospitality.



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THE CITY



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With an estimated population of a bit more than 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 the 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 - LEGOLAND, the San Diego Zoo, SeaWorld, 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 more than 16 museums, several art venues, 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.

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Address: 1549 El Prado - San Diego, CA

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: www.balboapark.org

Email: info@balboapark.org

SeaWorld San Diego



The famous marine animal theme park and oceanarium attracts thousands of families every year, who come to experience world-class

shows, thrilling rides and many spectacular animal encounters. At SeaWorld San Diego, you get to feed sea lions, swim with beluga whales and even train a dolphin.

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Address: 500 SeaWorld Drive - San Diego, CA

Opening hours: Open daily from 10h - 22h

Phone: +1 619 222 4732

Internet: www.seaworld.com/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 the natural animal habitats. Animal and nature lovers should not miss out on this unique experience.

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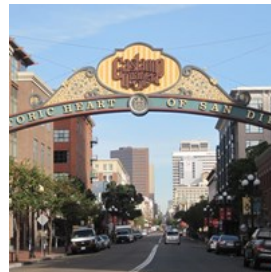
Address: 2920 Zoo Drive - San Diego, CA

Opening hours: Open every day of the year, including all holidays. From 9h - 21h

Phone: +1 619 231 1515

Internet: zoo.sandiegozoo.org/

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, CA

Phone: +1 619 233 5227

Internet: www.gaslamp.org

Email: info@gaslamp.org

Old Town



Soak up some history at "The birthplace of California," sit down for an authentic Mexican meal at an old-California-style

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.

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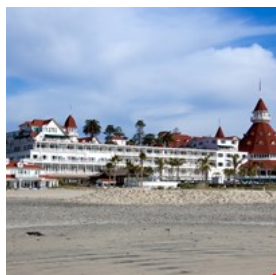
Address: 2415 San Diego Avenue, Suite 111 - San Diego, CA

Opening hours: Old Town Visitor Information Center. Open daily from 8h30 - 16h30

Phone: +1 619 269 9136

Internet: www.oldtownsandiegoguide.com

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.

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Address: 1100 Orange Avenue - Coronado, CA

Opening hours: Coronado Visitor Center. Mon - Fri 9h - 17h,

Sat - Sun 10h - 17h

Phone: +1 619 437 8788

Internet: www.coronadovisitorcenter.com

Email: vcmgr@coronadovisitorcenter.com

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 US.

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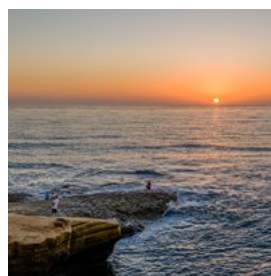
Address: 1800 Cabrillo Memorial Drive - San Diego, CA

Opening hours: Open daily from 9h - 17h

Phone: +1 619 557 5450

Internet: www.nps.gov/cabr

Sunset Cliffs Natural Park



The stunning Sunset Cliffs Natural Park offers breathtaking views, hiking spots, and a 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.

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Address: 1253 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard - San Diego, CA

Opening hours: Open daily from 7h - 21h

Old Point Loma Lighthouse



Located right next to the Cabrillo National Monument, this beautiful 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.

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Address: 1800 Cabrillo Memorial Drive - San Diego, CA

Opening hours: Open daily from 9h - 17h

Phone: +1 619 557 5450

Internet: nps.gov

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.

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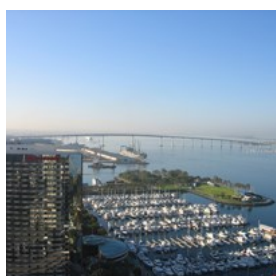
Address: 1100 Coast Boulevard - La Jolla, CA

Phone: +1 619 221 8899

Internet: www.sandiego.gov/lifeguards/beaches/cove.shtml

Email: SDLG@sandiego.gov

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, 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, CA

USS Midway Museum



The museum is actually the real naval aircraft carrier Midway, a "city at sea". It features over 60 exhibits and more than 30 restored aircraft. Once

you're aboard this 69,000 ton ship, there are flight simulators, ejection seats and cockpits, guided tours of the bridge and much more. The Midway is also known as the original home of the movie Top Gun.

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Address: 910 North Harbor Drive - San Diego, CA

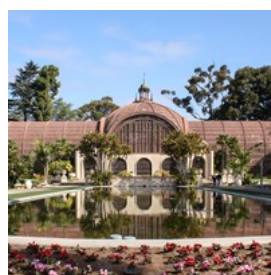
Opening hours: Open daily from 10h - 17h. Last admission at 16h

Phone: +1 619 544 9600

Internet: www.midway.org

Email: social@midway.org

Botanical Building and Lily Pond



This historic building built for the 1915-1916 Exposition held in the city is one of the largest lath structures in the world. It is situated inside the

Balboa Park, and along with the adjacent Lily Pond and Lagoon provide you with a perfect setting for a picture. The garden features 2,100

plants permanently, including fascinating collections of cycads, ferns, orchids, other tropical plants and palms, as well as seasonal flowers displays.

Photo: Bernard Gagnon/Wikimedia Commons

Address: 1549 El Prado - San Diego, CA

Opening hours: Fri - Wed 10h - 16h. Closed on Thursdays and holidays

Phone: +1 619 239 0512

Tickets: Free to the public from Friday to Wednesday

Internet: www.balboapark.org

Email: bpoc@bpoc.org

Boat Tours in San Diego



The shores of San Diego beaches are ideal for sailing. Many companies offer day trips along the sunny coastline. Tourists who have chosen to take part in these sailing tours have described it as a “great experience” and as a “flying through the water.”

Photo: [easysailing/flickr.com](https://www.flickr.com/photos/easysailing/) (image cropped)

Address: 1551 Shelter Island Drive, Kona Kai Resort and Marina - San Diego, CA

Phone: +1 619 255 4705

Internet: 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](https://www.unsplash.com/photos/vladimir-kudinov/)

Address: 4121 Mission Boulevard - San Diego, CA

Phone: +1 858 488 2685

Internet: www.pacificsurf.com

Email: pacificsurf@pacificsurf.org

Torrey Pines Gliderport



With nearly 100 years of flying history, The Torrey Pines Gliderport is the most historic aviation site in North America. It is Southern California’s premiere location for paragliding, hang gliding, remote control models and sailplanes. It provides a world class flying site, flight lessons, certifications, tandem flights, equipment sales, and repair services.

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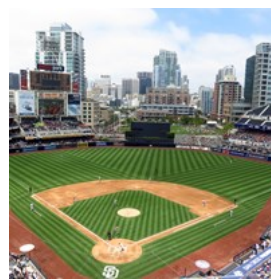
Address: 2800 Torrey Pines Scenic Drive - La Jolla, CA

Phone: +1 858 452 9858

Internet: www.flytorrey.com

Email: info@flytorrey.com

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](https://www.wikimedia.com/wiki/File:Redlegsfan21) (image cropped)

Address: 100 Park Boulevard - San Diego, CA

Phone: +1 619 795 5000

Internet: www.petcoparkevents.com

Email: Tickets@padres.com

Knott's Soak City USA



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, a giant wave pool, among other attractions. It is the perfect summer family destination.

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Address: 8039 Beach Boulevard - Buena Park, CA

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

Phone: +1 714 220 5200

Internet: www.knotts.com/play/soak-city

Little Italy



A symbol of Italian culture in the U.S. and in San Diego, with Italian families living here since the 1920s. Today, this area is filled with bustling restaurants, craft brew stops, urban wineries, and art galleries. This is the place to go for every Italian food lover. Each Saturday, several blocks are closed for the weekly Little Italy Mercato, where you'll find fresh produce and gourmet food and every October, San Diego's Italian-American heritage is celebrated at the "Little Italy Festa!"

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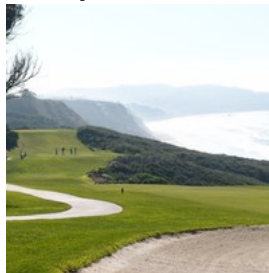
Address: 1668 Columbia Street, from Laurel South to West A Street - San Diego, CA

Phone: +1 619 233 3898

Internet: www.littleitalysd.com

Email: mail@littleitalysd.com

Torrey Pines Golf Course



San Diego is known for its world-class assortment of golf courses, and many consider Torrey Pines Golf Course to be the best. This golf club features two championship 18-hole-course. It was also the host of the 2008 U.S. Open.

Photo: Yuki Shimazu/flickr.com (image cropped)

Address: 11480 Torrey Pines Park Road - La Jolla, CA

Opening hours: Open daily from sunrise to sunset

Phone: +1 858 452 3226

Internet: www.torreypinesgolfcourse.com/

Email: AskParks@SanDiego.gov

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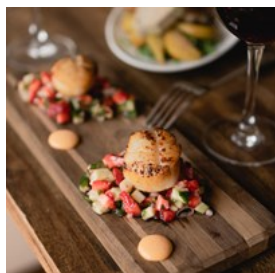


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Street food in San Diego is synonymous with fish tacos, and most locals couldn't enjoy a Padres game without one. There are quite a few food trucks dedicated to them, but it doesn't stop there. The city offers too many exciting dining options to pass up. Little Italy is an obvious choice for contemporary Italian cuisine, while the Gaslamp Quarter continues to attract cutting-edge chefs who are eager to make a culinary statement. Feeling like some Mexican food? Try the Old Town area. To experience local drinking culture, make sure to also visit the wine-making district (the vineyards are located in the North County, just 45 minutes from

downtown) and the abundant artisan breweries.

A.R. Valentien



Located at the Lodge at Torrey Pines Golf Course, A.R. Valentien has breathtaking views of the 18th hole of 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, CA

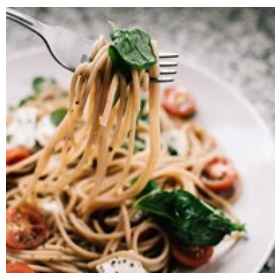
Opening hours: Mon - Fri 7h - 11h, 11h30 - 14h30, 17h30 - 22h, Sat - Sun 7h30 - 11h30, 12h - 14h30, 17h - 22h

Phone: +1 858 453 4420

Internet: www.arvalentien.com

Email: arvreception@lodgetorrey.pines.com

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 is 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, CA

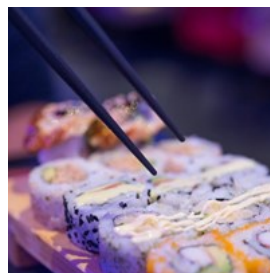
Opening hours: Sun - Mon 16h30 - 21h, Tue - Thu 11h30 - 14h, 16h - 21h, Fri 11h30 - 14h, 16h30 - 22h, Sat 16h30 - 22h

Phone: +1 619 463 9919

Internet: www.anticatrattoria.com

Email: 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 entrance to the Gaslamp Quarter.

Photo: Skitterphoto/Pexels.com

Address: 207 Fifth Ave, San Diego

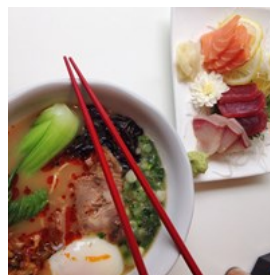
Opening hours: Sun - Thu 17h - 22h, Fri - Sat 17h - 22h30

Phone: +1 619 814 4124

Internet: noburestaurants.com/sandiego/home/

Email: sandiego@noburestaurants.com

Taka



Known for the great selection of fresh fish and excellent service, Taka is a great choice for sushi lovers right in the heart of Downtown San Diego.

Photo: Lizette Carrasco/Unsplash.com

Address: 555 Fifth Avenue - San Diego, CA

Opening hours: Sun - Thu 17h - 21h30, Fri - Sat 17h - 22h30

Phone: +1 619 338 0555

Internet: www.takasushi.com

More Info: They are not open for lunch

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 tacos. Be ready

to wait in line.

Photo: Tono Balaguer/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1857 Logan Avenue - San Diego, CA

Opening hours: Mon - Fri 8h30 - 15h, Sat 6h - 15h. Closed on Sundays

Phone: +1 619 234 4460

Internet: www.las-cuatro-milpas.com

More Info: They do not accept credit cards

Island Prime & C Level



Island Prime & C Level hover above the 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.

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Address: 880 Harbor Island Dr, San Diego

Opening hours: Sun - Thu 11h - 22h, Fri - Sat 11h - 23h

Phone: +1 619 298 6802

Internet: www.cohnrestaurants.com/islandprime

Email: social@dinecrg.com

More Info: Lunch valet is optional \$5. Dinner valet is required \$7

Roy's Restaurant



Come for the view, 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 W Harbor Dr, San Diego

Opening hours: Mon - Thu 11h30 - 22h, Fri - Sat 11h30 - 23h, Sun 11h30 - 21h

Phone: +1 619 239 7697

Internet: www.roysrestaurant.com/locations/ca/waterfront

Bali Hai Restaurant



A staple in San Diego since its opening in 1954, Bali Hai Restaurant delivers exquisite Pacific Rim-style cuisine, including fresh seafood, aged beef, soups, salads and gluten free options. Come for the happy hour and enjoy a beautiful sunset with their famous Mai Tais.

Photo: Foodio/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2230 Shelter Island Dr, San Diego

Opening hours: Mon - Thu 11h30 - 22h, Fri - Sat 11h30 - 23h, Sun 9h30 - 22h

Phone: +1 619 222 1181

Internet: www.balihairestaurant.com

More Info: Happy Hour: Mon - Fri 15h - 18h

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 Dr, San Diego

Opening hours: Mon - Thu 11h30 - 21h, Fri - Sat 11h30 - 22h, Sun 9h30 - 21h

Phone: +1 619 291 9110

Internet: www.tomhamslighthouse.com

Email: banquets@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 a splendid view of

Downtown San Diego & the ocean, all the way to the airport. 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 Ave 12th floor, San Diego

Opening hours: Mon - Fri 11h30 - 21h, Sat 17h - 21h30, Sun 10h - 21h

Phone: +1 619 239 1377

Internet: www.asrestaurant.com

Email: comments@asrestaurant.com

Aroma Thai Restaurant



This small Thai restaurant located at the scenic Imperial Beach might surprise you with their creative combinations of spices

and sauces.

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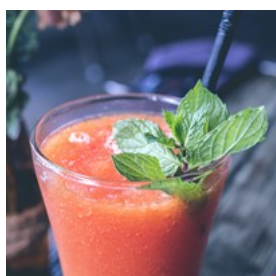
Address: 757 Seacoast Drive - Imperial Beach, CA

Opening hours: Open daily from 11h - 21h

Phone: +1 619 941 1656

Internet: www.aromathaiofib.com

Blue Wave Bar & Grill



Come for the breeze, stay for the drinks! Located in the Best Western Plus Hotel on Shelter Island, this casual fine dining establishment offers

tropical flavors, patio seating and incredible marina views.

Photo: Artem Bali/Pexels.com

Address: 2051 Shelter Island Dr, San Diego

Opening hours: Open daily from 6h30 - 21h

Phone: +1 619 223 2572

Internet: www.islandpalms.com

More Info: Happy Hour 16h - 19h

Charles + Dinorah at The Pearl



The restaurant is located inside The Pearl Hotel and features Californian coastal cuisine. The always seasonal dishes are best enjoyed at the

relaxed poolside bar.

Photo: Hans Geel/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1410 Rosecrans St, San Diego

Opening hours: Mon - Thu 17h - 23h, Fri - Sat 17h - 23h30, Sun 10h - 15h

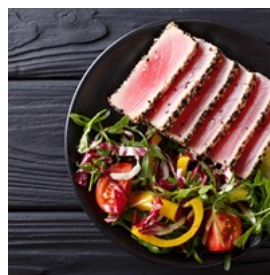
Phone: +1 619 226 6100

Internet: www.thepearlsd.com

Email: info@thepearlhotel.com

More Info: Happy Hour 16h - 18h

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 N Harbor Dr, San Diego

Opening hours: Sun - Thu 11h - 14h45, 16h - 21h30, Fri - Sat 11h - 14h45, 16h - 22h

Phone: +1 619 234 4867

Internet: www.sdtopofthemarket.com

Email: sdreservations@thefishmarket.com

More Info: Happy Hour 16h - 18h

California Modern



It is difficult to find a local restaurant that has received more raving reviews than this award-winning establishment. Formerly

known as George's at the Cove, this place takes the concept of Californian food seriously. The best place to start a tour of the local cuisine.

Photo: Julien Sarazin/Unsplash.com

Address: 1250 Prospect Street - La Jolla, CA

Opening hours: Sun - Thu 11h - 22h, Fri - Sat 11h - 23h

Phone: +1 858 454 4244

Internet: www.georgesatthecove.com

Email: info@georgesatthecove.com

More Info: Weekdays Happy Hours: 15h30 - 18h30

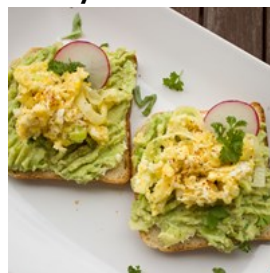
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Whether you just want a regular black coffee or a signature espresso with a pastry to-go, San Diego knows how to please its coffee crowd. The city is known for its abundance of coffee houses and it has everything from simple and inexpensive cafés to 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 cafe

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.

Photo: [Einladung_zum_Essen/Pixabay.com](https://www.pexels.com/photo/invitation-to-dinner-pixabay-com/)

Address: 3901 Bonita Road - Bonita, CA

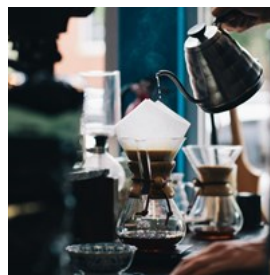
Opening hours: Mon - Sat 6h - 15h. Closed on Sundays

Phone: +1 619 422 3090

Internet: www.donnyscafe.com/

Email: donnyscafe@yahoo.com

Copa Vida



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 place is guaranteed to impress. Copa Vida can be found in five different locations in Southern California, including two in the city center of San Diego.

Photo: Karl Fredrickson/Unsplash.com

Address: 655 West Broadway - San Diego, CA

Opening hours: Mon - Fri 7h- 17h, Sat 8h - 15h. Closed on Sundays

Phone: +1 619 795 1363

Internet: www.copa-vida.com

Email: Copavida@copa-vida.com

More Info: 2nd location in San Diego: 905 J Street - San Diego, CA

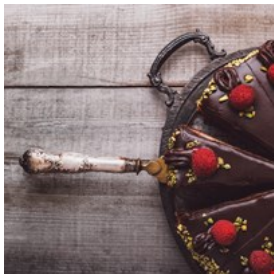
Cafe Moto



If you are a coffee connoisseur or just a coffee lover this might be the place for you. Cafe Moto is a small local cafe with hipster vibes that has been getting a lot of raving reviews lately, and it's become a favorite among locals. They are one of the most renowned coffee roasters in San Diego and in fact, many coffee shops use Cafe Moto beans. Right next to it, there's a shop where you can get your own coffee beans.

Photo: Nathan Dumlao/Unsplash.com
Address: 2619 National Ave, San Diego
Opening hours: Mon - Fri 6h30 - 17h, Sat - Sun 8h - 15h
Phone: +1 619 239 6686
Internet: www.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, CA
Opening hours: Sun - Thu 10h - 23h, Fri - Sat 10h - 24h
Phone: +1 619 294 7001
Internet: www.extraordinarydesserts.com
Email: info@extraordinarydesserts.com
More Info: 2nd location: 2929 Fifth Avenue - San Diego, CA

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 breads, a variety of fresh and original salads and soups made from scratch.

Photo: Pixabay/Pexels.com
Address: 350 University Avenue - San Diego, CA
Opening hours: Mon - Fri 7h - 19h, Sat 7h - 18h, Sun 7h30 - 18h
Phone: +1 619 683 9322
Internet: www.breadandcie.com
Email: charles@breadandcie.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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San Diego's nightlife suits a wide variety of tastes, and there is no shortage of hip hangouts. From the legendary jazz clubs to jet-set bars, many venues are just waiting to be discovered. During the summer, the night comes alive even further when the usual bars and clubs are complemented by tons of outdoor concerts, theater and cinema, and since you're in one of America's best microbrewery scenes, why not taste some local beers? Just remember that the legal age to consume alcohol in the U.S. is 21,

and under California state law, alcoholic beverages may only be sold until 2 a.m. (sales start again at 6 a.m. of the following day).

Noble Experiment



Unique drinks made to the customer's taste. This small 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, CA

Opening hours: Tue - Sun 19h - 2h

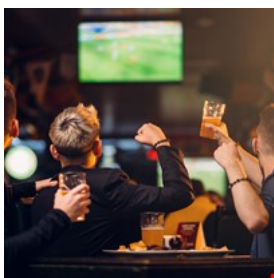
Phone: +1 619 888 4713

Internet: www.nobleexperimentsd.com

Email: info@nobleexperimentsd.com

More Info: Reservations are by text message only and strongly recommended since there are only 32 seats

Goodbar



Located in the heart of the Point Loma community, this recently opened bar 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 St, San Diego

Opening hours: Mon - Sat 15h - 2h, Sun 9h30 - 2h

Phone: +1 619 642 0900

Internet: www.goodbarsd.com

Email: info@goodbarsd.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.

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Address: 675 W Beech Street - San Diego, CA

Opening hours: Open daily from 18h - 2h

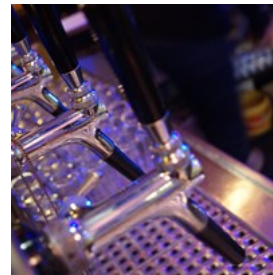
Phone: +1 619 269 2202

Internet: www.falseidoltiki.com

Email: info@falseidoltiki.com

More Info: Located within Craft & Commerce

The Tippy Crow



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

out the three floors of Tippy. The bottom floor is the dancing stage with lots of music and a DJ, in 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, CA

Opening hours: Open daily from 12h - 2h

Phone: +1 619 338 9300

Internet: www.thetipsycrow.com

Email: 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 at

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, CA
Opening hours: Open daily from 15h - 2h
Phone: +1 619 230 5715
Internet: www.sidecarsd.com
Email: info@sidecarsd.com

Atomic



Formerly known as The Stage, this nightclub located in the heart of the Gaslamp Quarter offers you three levels of good fun, live music and some

tacos on the side. The main level of Atomic is home to Southern California's best bands and DJs. Downstairs is the Graffiti Bar with its own dance floor and DJ, and the upper level is the tiki room mezzanine which features a relaxing vape hookah and bottle service lounge.

Photo: Matty Adame/Unsplash.com
Address: 762 Fifth Avenue - San Diego, CA
Opening hours: Mon - Thu 11h - 2h, Sat - Sun 20h - 2h
Phone: +1 619 940 7202
Internet: ww.atomicgaslamp.com/
Email: atomicgaslamp@gmail.com

House of Blues San Diego

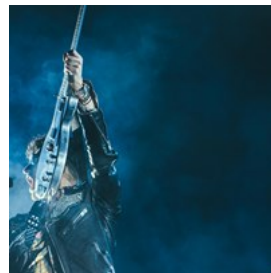


The House of Blues San Diego has become one of the area's top spots for live music performances. Located in the city's bustling downtown area,

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.

Photo: Israel Palacio/Unsplash.com
Address: 1055 Fifth Ave, San Diego
Opening hours: Tue - Thu 16h - 22h, Fri - Sat 16h - 23h, Sun 16h - 22h. Closed on Mondays
Phone: +1 619 299 2583
Internet: www.houseofblues.com/sandiego

Casbah



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

national bands.

Photo: Auston Neill/Unsplash.com
Address: 2501 Kettner Boulevard - San Diego, CA
Opening hours: Mon - Thu 20h30 - 1h, Fri - Sun 20h30 - 1h30
Phone: +1 619 232 4355
Internet: www.casbahmusic.com
Email: info@casbahmusic.com

The Tower Bar



A San Diego landmark since its establishment in 1932, the Tower Bar is home of the largest selection of genuine Absinthe, which is

prepared following the traditional French method using an Absinthe water fountain. Plus, a great selection of beers and live musical performances.

Photo: 279photo Studio/Shutterstock.com
Address: 4757 University Avenue - San Diego, CA
Opening hours: Tue - Sun 16h - 2h, Mon 17h - 2h
Phone: +1 619 284 0158
Internet: www.thetowerbar.com
Email: thetowerbar@gmail.com

The Waterfront Bar & Grill



In the heart of Little Italy, you'll find San Diego's oldest tavern, The Waterfront Bar & Grill.

Usually packed, this city's landmark continues to attract many locals and visitors with its delicious bar food, good selection of local beers and friendly staff.

Photo: Joshua Resnick/Shutterstock.com
Address: 2044 Kettner Boulevard - San Diego, CA
Opening hours: Open daily from 6h - 2h
Phone: +1 619 232 9656
Internet: www.waterfrontbarandgrill.com
Email: Javier@waterfrontbarandgrill.com

Onyx Room



Recently voted best dance club in Downtown San Diego, Onyx Room is already a staple in the San Diego nightclub scene. Located in the

Gaslamp Quarter, with three dance floors to choose from and music genres that range from hip hop to Latin music, this club has something for every taste.

Photo: DIAO DARIUS/Unsplash.com
Address: 852 Fifth Avenue - San Diego, CA

Opening hours: Fri 21h - 3h, Sat 21h - 2h
Phone: +1 619 235 6699
Internet: www.onyxroom.com

Aero Club

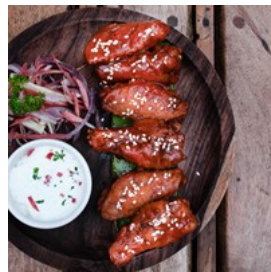


Having served as a hangout spot for pilots, police officers and long-haul drivers, this old school San Diego bar with more than 75 years of

history continues to draw different crowds every day who come here eager to try one of the over 1200 different types of whiskey.

Photo: Oleksandra Naumenko/Shutterstock.com
Address: 3365 India St, San Diego
Opening hours: Open daily from 14h - 2h
Phone: +1 619 297 7211
Internet: www.aeroclubbar.com

Craft & Commerce



This San Diego gastropub is as loved for its great food as it is for the great 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, a good variety of beers and craft cocktails.

Photo: Atharva Tulsi/Unsplash.com
Address: 675 W Beech St, San Diego
Opening hours: Mon - Thu 16h - 24h, Fri 16h - 1h, Sat 10h - 1h, Sun 10h - 24h
Phone: +1 619 269 2202
Internet: www.craft-commerce.com
Email: info@craft-commerce.com

ALTITUDE Sky Lounge



This multi award-winning rooftop bar offers breathtaking views from San Diego like no other. ALTITUDE Sky Lounge is perched 22 stories above

the city skyline. From there you get one of the city's best panoramic night-time views, including from PETCO Park. The bar offers bottle service, a great selection of wine, beer, and cocktails. To pair up with your drink, a superb array of appetizers, and burgers.

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Address: 660 K Street - San Diego, CA

Opening hours: Open daily from 17h - 1h30

Phone: +1 619 446 6086

Internet:

www.sandiegogaslamphotel.com/altitude-sky-lounge

Email: info@altitudeskylounge.com

SD TapRoom



TapRoom specializes in beers and offers about 50 different types on tap as well as a great bottle selection. To accompany your beer, a good

assortment of burgers, pizzas and pastas. 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, CA

Opening hours: Mon - Fri 10h30 - 1h, Sat 10h - 1h, Dom 10h - 24h

Phone: +1 858 274 1010

Internet: www.sdtaproom.com

Email: mgmt@sdtaproom.com

Gaslamp Tavern



A laid-back sports bar with great happy hour deals, pool tables and big screen TVs. Something of a local favorite because of its relaxed atmosphere, friendly staff and succulent chicken wings.

Photo: juancmtz/Pixabay.com

Address: 868 Fifth Avenue - San Diego, CA

Opening hours: Open daily from 11h30 - 2h

Phone: +1 619 239 3339

Internet: www.gaslamptavern.com

Email: info@gaslamptavern.com

Pecs Bar



Pecs is a casual gay bar located in Hillcrest that offers great drinks at fair prices, pool tables, large screen TVs, free WiFi access, and a full service outdoor patio.

Photo: Sharon McCutcheon/Pexels.com

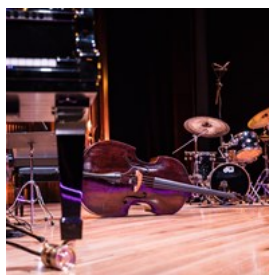
Address: 2046 University Avenue - San Diego, CA

Opening hours: Mon - Sat 12h - 2h, Sun 10h - 2h

Phone: +1 619 296 0889

Internet: www.pecsbar.com

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 is guaranteed to give you a memorable night out.

Photo: Dolo Iglesias/Unsplash.com

Address: 655 Fourth Ave, San Diego

Opening hours: Sun - Thu 19h - 2h, Fri - Sat 18h - 2h

Phone: +1 619 231 6700
Internet: www.theshouhouse.com
Email: Dawn@theshouhouse.com

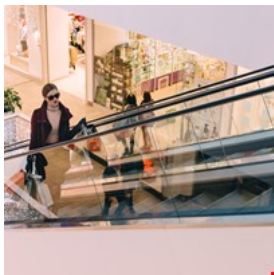
SHOPPING



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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 with many small designer boutiques, retro bookstores and record shops.

Fashion Valley



With over 18 million shoppers every year, Fashion Valley is San Diego's premier luxury shopping and dining destination. Be sure to

check out its more than 200 shops, restaurants and department stores including Macy's, Bloomingdale's, Gucci, Prada, and Nordstrom, as well as The Cheesecake Factory, P.F. Chang's China Bistro, and The Zodiac.

Photo: [freestocks.org/Unsplash.com](https://www.freestocks.org/Unsplash.com)
Address: 7007 Friars Road - San Diego, CA
Opening hours: Open daily from 10h - 21h
Phone: +1 619 297 3381
Internet: www.simon.com/mall/fashion-valley

Westfield Horton Plaza



Located in Downtown San Diego, Westfield Horton Plaza offers you a shopping experience in a five-level outdoor mall which features over 50 specialty shops, a multi-layered food court and attractions including a comedy club and restaurant, 14-screen movie theater and live theater performances at the Lyceum Theater.

Photo: [Kamil Macniak/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com/Kamil-Macniak)
Address: 324 Horton Plaza - San Diego, CA
Opening hours: Mon - Sat 10h - 20h, Sun 11h - 18h
Phone: +1 619 239 8180
Internet: www.westfield.com/hortonplaza
Email: hortonplaza@westfield.com

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](https://www.pexels.com/Jordan-Benton)
Address: Adams Avenue - San Diego, CA
Internet: www.adamsaveonline.com

Seaport Village



Situated on the waterfront, Seaport Village is a great place to visit on a nice sunny day. This premium shopping, dining and entertainment complex hosts 54 shops, 13 restaurants which range from cheap eats to fine dining, plus a variety of entertainment that goes from street performers to tarot readers. Make sure to stop by to grab a bite, buy your family a souvenir or just take in the beautiful views.

Photo: Gloria V Moeller/Shutterstock.com
Address: 849 West Harbor Drive - San Diego, CA
Opening hours: Open daily from 10h - 21h
Phone: +1 619 235 4014
Internet: www.seaportvillage.com

Ms Vintage Clothing



Once voted San Diego's Best Vintage Boutique by San Diego Magazine, Ms Vintage Clothing displays clothing items from the 50s to the 80s. It

specializes mostly in dresses, but you'll also find jewelry and accessories.

Photo: seeshooteatrepeat/Shutterstock.com
Address: 2918 Imperial Avenue - San Diego, CA
Opening hours: Tue, Thu & Sat 10h - 14h
Phone: +1 619 518 2378
Internet: www.planetclairevintage.com
Email: msvintage@yahoo.com

San Diego 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 cafes, 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 Twiggs Street - San Diego, CA
Opening hours: Open daily from 9h - 21h
Phone: +1 619 278 0955
Internet: www.oldtownmarketsandiego.com

Boomerang For Modern



Located in Little Italy's design district since 1985, Boomerang's and its friendly atmosphere and home-like setting have been the benchmark

of vintage modern design in San Diego. Three floors of carefully and personally chosen classic modern furnishings, lighting and accessories. Most are vintages from local estates, and some are new from the original manufacturers and craftspeople.

Photo: Sammsara Luxury Modern Home/Pexels.com
Address: 2475 Kettner Boulevard - San Diego, CA
Opening hours: Mon - Sat 11h30 - 17h
Phone: +1 619 239 2040
Internet: www.boomerangformodern.com
Email: david@boomerangsd.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, CA
Opening hours: Open daily from 9h - 21h
Phone: +1 619 231 1515
Internet: zoo.sandiegozoo.org

Bay Books



This local independent bookstore specializes in children's books as well as military history, but they also offer a selection of new titles, classics and foreign language magazines.

Photo: Jamie Taylor/Unsplash.com
Address: 1029 Orange Avenue - Coronado, CA
Opening hours: Mon - Sat 9h - 19h, Sun 9h - 18h
Phone: +1 619 435 0070
Internet: www.baybookscoronado.com
Email: baybookscoronado@yahoo.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, CA
Opening hours: Sun - Mon 10h - 17h30, Tue - Sat 10h - 21h
Phone: +1 619 296 3161
Internet: www.bazaardelmundo.com/bdm/
Email: customerservice@bazaardelmundo.com

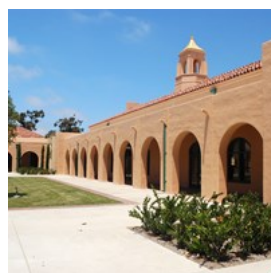
South Coast Surf Shop



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

Photo: Anastasia Hofmann/Unsplash.com
Address: 5023 Newport Avenue - San Diego, CA
Opening hours: Mon - Sat 10h - 19h, Sun 10h - 18h30
Phone: +1 619 223 7017
Internet: www.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 that create an inviting atmosphere where people from all ages can spend the day.

Photo: Lowe Llaguno/Shutterstock.com
Address: 2640 Historic Decatur Road - San Diego, CA
Opening hours: Open daily from 9h - 22h
Phone: +1 619 573 9260
Internet: www.libertystation.com/

Email: info@libertystation.com

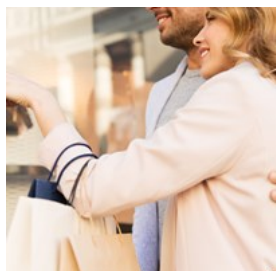
Coronado Ferry Landing



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, CA
Opening hours: Open daily from 10h - 21h
Phone: +1 619 435 8895
Internet: www.coronadoferrylanding.com/

Hazard Center



Hazard Center is just your regular shopping mall with the usual fixings: a few stores, some fast food chains and a movie theater.

Photo: [Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com](#)
Address: 7610 Hazard Center Drive, San Diego
Opening hours: Opening hours vary depending on the establishment
Phone: +1 619 543 8111
Internet: www.hazardcenter.com
Email: contact@hazardcenter.com

Westfield UTC



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

food options as well as a movie theater.

Photo: [zhu difeng/Shutterstock.com](#)
Address: 4545 La Jolla Village Drive, Suite E-25, San Diego, CA
Opening hours: Mon - Sat 10h - 21h, Sun 11h - 19h
Phone: +1 858 546 8858
Internet: www.westfield.com/utc
Email: utc@westfield.com

Bubbles Boutique



Whatever the occasion is, Bubbles Boutique likely has a stylish outfit for you to wear. From the dress and the shoes to the jewelry and the handbag, this cute and eccentric little shop - located in the Gaslamp Quarter - prides itself on carrying fun and original items.

Photo: [Unknown author/Pxhere.com](#)
Address: 226 Fifth Avenue - San Diego, CA
Opening hours: Mon - Sat 10h - 20h, Sun 11h - 19h
Phone: +1 619 236 9003
Internet: www.bubblesboutique.com
Email: bubbles226@att.net

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 - Pacific Beach, CA
Opening hours: Mon - Sat 10h - 20h, Sun 11h - 19h
Phone: +1 858 581 0555
Internet: www.pangaeaoutpost.com

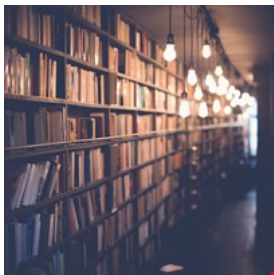
Africa and Beyond



Located in La Jolla, the 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 gallery. Here, you'll find a bit of everything: books, sculptures, weapons, masks, jewelry, dolls, and even furniture.

Photo: Lydia May/Shutterstock.com
Address: 1250 Prospect Street - La Jolla, CA
Opening hours: Open daily from 10h30 - 18h
Phone: +1 858 454 9983
Internet: www.africaandbeyond.com
Email: collect@africaandbeyond.com

Fahrenheit 451



A quaint and charming little bookstore which 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, Suite B-1 - Carlsbad, CA
Opening hours: Mon - Tue 11h - 19h30, Wed 10h - 19h30, Thu 10h - 18h, Fri 11h - 20h, Sat 9h30 - 20h, Dom 9h30 -

19h30
Phone: +1 760 720 3373
Internet: www.fahrenheit451books.com
Email: info@fahrenheit451books.com

TOURIST INFORMATION



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San Diego International Airport (SAN)



San Diego International Airport (SAN), also 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: Juan Garces
Address: 3225 North Harbor Drive - San Diego, CA
Phone: +1 619 400 2404
Internet: 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 would be 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 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 5h - 24h, 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 (6h - 8h30 and 15h30 - 18h)

Downtown San Diego is pretty simple to navigate, and finding on-street parking can be easy. Just remember to feed your parking meters.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair
Internet: www.sdmts.com

Taxi



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

Any questions about the flat rate, call the following numbers:

Airport Yellow Cab of San Diego
Phone: +1 619 234 6161

Orange Cab

Phone: +1 619 223 5555

San Diego Cab

Phone: +1 619 226 8294

Photo: ArrivalGuides

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 8h - 17h.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: 3911 Cleveland Avenue - San Diego, CA

Opening hours: Mon - Fri 8h - 17h, Sat 8h30 - 15h

Phone: +1 619 295 5091

Internet: www.usps.com

Pharmacy



In San Diego, many pharmacies are open 24 hours. Some are even drive-through. To locate a store near you, contact a national drugstore chain

such as Rite Aid or CVS/pharmacy.

Rite Aid

Phone: +1 800 748 3243

Web: www.riteaid.com

CVS/pharmacy

Phone: +1 800 746 7287

Web: www.cvs.com

Photo: Gemma Garner

Telephone



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

City, Santee, La Mesa

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

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



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

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

1,419,516 (July 2017)

Currency

US Dollar, \$1 = 100 cents

Opening hours

Independent stores are usually open from 10h to 18h daily. Major malls and shopping centers stay open until 21h or longer.

Newspapers

San Diego Reader
(www.sdreader.com)

San Diego City Beat
(www.sdcitybeat.com)

San Diego Magazine
(www.sandiegomagazine.com)

Emergency numbers

911

Tourist information

San Diego Visitor Information Center

996 N Harbor Dr.

San Diego, CA 92101

Phone: +1 (619) 737-2999



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