



SAN DIEGO

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VISITOR'S GUIDE TO SAN DIEGO

Welcome to San Diego! We're thrilled to have you join us in what is known as America's Finest City. If you sample even a portion of the attractions and restaurants that are listed below, we're sure you'll soon reach the same conclusion.

Dining Guide

1. Downtown – On the Water

- Anthony's Fish Grotto – Located on the water, in between the Star of India and the Cruise Ship Terminal, Anthony's is a San Diego tradition for great seafood and has been in business for over 65 years. Reasonably priced, and great views. 1360 N. Harbor Drive, (619) 232-5103; www.gofishanthony.com.
- Elephant and Castle – Standard bar and grill menu, but great outdoor patio located right across from Star of India (in the front of the Holiday Inn) and great selection of beers on tap. Reasonably priced, and no need for reservations. 1355 N. Harbor Drive, (619) 234-9977
- Roy's – Also on the water, Roy's has a similar theme of great seafood, but in an Hawaiian Fusion style. Great views, located right behind the Marriott Hotel, on the Marina. High end prices, reservations recommended. 333 West Harbor Drive, (619) 239-7697
- Sally's – With great seafood and fantastic views, Sally's is a great place for lunch or dinner or a sunset cocktail. Nice outdoor seating area. Located at the edge of Seaport Village, on the water, right behind the Hyatt. High end prices, good wine list and specialty drinks. Reservations recommended. One Market Place (619) 358-6740



- The Fish Market – located right next to the USS Midway, with great views. Fresh fish menu every day, with an actual fish market inside as well (hence, the name.) The downstairs restaurant is reasonably priced, and has a sushi bar. The Top of the Market, located upstairs, is more high end, known for its seafood specialties. Reservations recommended for Top of the Market (619) 232-3474. 750 North Harbor Drive (619) 232-FISH.
- Island Prime/C Level – Located on Harbor Island, across from the airport. Island Prime is primarily steaks, and reservations are recommended. C Level is no reservations, with a more casual, but very good menu. Both offer spectacular views of the downtown skyline.. 880 Harbor Island Drive, (619) 298-6802
- Boat House –. Also located on Harbor Island, has a variety of steak and seafood options. Really relaxing environment and great Marina views, with no need for reservations. 2040 Harbor Island Drive, (619) 291-4822
- Tom Hamm’s Lighthouse – Also located on Harbor Island, Tom Hamm’s is a functioning light house, with fantastic views of the downtown skyline. 2150 Harbor Island Drive, (619) 291-9110 www.tomhammlighthouse.com

2. Downtown – Gaslamp Quarter. Truly too many great restaurants to list them all, so we’ve tried to narrow down to a few in a variety of categories.

Steak places

- Greystone, the Steakhouse – Great local steakhouse, set in a former theatre that has been nicely refurbished. Wide menu with some unusual choices, such as buffalo tenderloin and elk chops. Ghirardelli is right across the street, so save room for dessert. Reservations recommended. 658 Fifth Avenue, (619) 232-0225
- Cowboy Star – Another great local steakhouse, with a wide ranging menu open for both lunch and dinner. In addition to great steaks, scallops, duck and fried pork bellies on the menu! Reservations recommended for dinner. 640 Tenth Avenue, (619) 450-5880 <http://thecowboystar.com>
- Fleming’s Steak House – 380 K Street (619) 237-1155
- Donovan’s Steak and Chops – 570 K Street, (619) 237-9700
- The Palm Steakhouse - 615 J Street, (619) 702-5000
- Ruth’s Chris – 1355 North Harbor Drive, (619) 233-1422

Other “nice” downtown restaurants

- Blue Point – Owned by the Cohn Family, who have a wide variety of great restaurants in San Diego, Blue Point is a favorite for both great seafood and steaks, not to mention specialty drinks. On the corner of Fifth and Market, it has a great location as well. Reservations recommended. 565 5th Avenue. (619) 233-6623 www.cohnrestaurants.com
- BiCE – High end Italian, with a “California flair”. The menu changes weekly, and prides itself on the use of the freshest ingredients for any season. Reservations recommended. 425 Island Avenue, (619) 239-2423
- Oceanaire Seafood Room -. Fantastic fresh seafood and steaks. High end and reservations recommended, although there’s a great raw bar where you can often get a seat without a reservation. 400 J Street, (619) 858-2277
- Searsucker – One of Top Chef Finalist’s Brian Malarkey’s newest restaurants, Seersucker has a great location on the corner of Fifth and Market, and great and varied food as well. Reservations a must. Malarkey also has other great restaurants in town including Burlap, Gingham and Gabardine (see a trend?) Fifth and Market; (619) 233 -7327; www.searsucker.com



- The Melting Pot – Fondue anyone? If you're in the mood, this is the place to go, with a wide and varied array of entrees, ready to be "dipped". 901 Fifth Avenue, (619) 234-5554 www.meltingpot.com.
- Croce's -This restaurant/jazz club was started by Jim Croce's wife to honor Jim Croce's memory. One of the oldest restaurants in downtown, with a varied menu and good music. Also a great place for brunch. 802 Fifth Avenue, (619) 233-4355; www.croces.com
- Café Seville –Spanish tapas, fantastic sangria and a really entertaining Flamenco Dinner Show on certain nights. (Call for show times and reservations). 353 Fifth Avenue, (866) 759-0110

Mexican

- La Fiesta –Traditional Mexican, with great margaritas. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, with nice outdoor seating on busy Fifth Avenue (which means great people watching). 628 Fifth Avenue, (619) 232-4242; www.lafiestasd.com
- Rocking Baja Lobster -. Traditional Mexican, in a very casual atmosphere and reasonably priced. Known for "Baja buckets", which feature a bucket of seafood, along with rice, beans, tortillas, Puerto Nuevo, style. 310 Fifth Avenue, 234-6333; <http://rockinbaja.com>
- Candelas – Fantastic food, self-described as "sophisticated French-Mexican" cuisine. Great and very unusual menu, a little off the main drag, but worth it. 416 Third Avenue (619) 702-4455; www.candelas-sd.com

Sushi

- Hive Sushi Lounge – 1409 C Street, (619) 702-6010
- Ra Sushi – 474 Broadway, (619) 321-0021
- Taka Sushi – 555 5th Avenue, (619) 338-0555.

Bar and Grill/More Casual Downtown Dining

- Henry's Pub – Great bar and grill food in a casual environment. Have to try the fish and chips – they're made with salmon and are awesome. 618 Fifth Avenue, (619) 238-2389
- Rock Bottom Brewery – Good food, good beer, great location. 401 G Street, (619) 231-7000
- Old Spaghetti Factory – Your standard fare, but with a twist. This Spaghetti Factory has an awesome bar on the top floor, with fireplaces and an "ice ringed" bar. 275 Fifth Avenue, (619) 233-4243
- Nicky Rotten's, Bar & Burger Joint – Some of the best burgers you'll find anywhere, but they also throw in some of the best salads in town to keep the whole party happy. Reasonably priced, which is a plus, and a great place to watch college football (they have breakfast and fantastic Bloody Mary's). 560 Fifth Avenue, (619) 702-8068.
- Sammy's Woodfire Pizza – Great, thin crust pizzas, and amazing (but huge) salads, in a casual atmosphere, and reasonably priced. 770 Fourth Avenue, (619) 230-8888
- Tin Fish – Huge portions of fresh and fried fish, and fantastic seasoned waffle fries, with great outdoor seating, located right across the street from the Convention Center. 170 Sixth Avenue, (619) 238-8100
- The Yard House – Upscale food, but relatively casual environment, with a huge beer selection (and yes, you can get the beer by the "yard"). At the far end of the Gaslamp Quarter, so a great place to "refresh" with food and drink, before heading back to your hotel. 1023 Fourth Avenue, (619) 223-9273
- East Village Tavern & Bowl – Bowl, eat, drink a beer and watch a game all at the same time. Yes – San Diego is making bowling "hip" again, and it seems to be working. 930 Market Street, (619) 677-2695



- The Field – Traditional Irish fare in a traditional Irish setting. 544 Fifth Avenue, (619) 232-9840
- Dublin Square – One block over, but equally traditional Irish fare, in an equally traditional Irish setting. Live music most nights. 554 Fourth Avenue, (619) 239-5818
- The Lincoln Room – Honest Food And Drink – Not what you'd necessarily expect to find in San Diego (the inside looks like a log cabin), but given this is a legal convention, we have to give a shout out to Old Abe. Varied menu that is reasonably priced, best selection of bourbon and whiskey in town, and great happy hour specials. 901 Fourth Avenue, (619) 696-8888; www.thelincolnroomsd.com.

Breakfast - Downtown

- Richard Walker's Pancake House – Over 21 varieties of pancakes, plus, omelet's, crepes and waffles. 520 Front Street (just South of Market) 619-231-7777.
- The Broken Yolk – Great for breakfast or lunch, with huge portions. Come hungry! (Lots of other locations around town as well.) 355 Sixth Avenue, (619) 338 - YOLK
- Brian's 24 –only restaurant in the Gaslamp serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, 24 hours a day. 828 Sixth Avenue, (619) 702-8410.

Coronado

- Coronado Boathouse – Built in 1887, a traditional, old school boat house. High end steaks and seafood in a fun and unusual setting. 1701 Strand Way, Coronado, (619) 430-0155.
- Peohe's - On the ferry landing in Coronado, with beautiful views of downtown San Diego. Fresh, high end seafood and steaks. 1201 First Street (619) 437-4474.
- Coronado Brewing Company – Great bar and grill menu, great beer and great casual atmosphere. What else would anyone need? (Okay – you got me, it is the one place that doesn't have a view!) 170 Orange Avenue, (619) 437-4452; <http://coronadobrewingcompany.com>

Del Mar

- Pacifica Del Mar – Contemporary/seafood, with fantastic ocean views. Pacifica Breeze Café is one level below, which is a casual outdoor café, perfect for breakfast or lunch. 1555 Camino Del Mar, (858) 792-0476
- Pamplemousse Grille – Self described as San Diego's "best restaurant", if you're in the mood for excellent French cuisine, and happen to be in Del Mar, this is a great choice. Located right across from the Del Mar Race Track. 514 Via de la Valle, (858) 792-9090
- Jake's Del Mar –Located on the beach (literally) this is a great place to watch the waves or the sunset while you enjoy great seafood. 1660 Coast Blvd. (858) 755-2002.
- Poseidon –Located right next door to Jake's, slightly more casual, with great outdoor seating. 1670 Coast Blvd. (858) 755-9345.
- Il Fornaio Cucina – Upscale Italian, with gorgeous ocean views. Another location on the Coronado Ferry Landing. 1555 Camino del Mar, (858) 755-8876
- Pizza Port –If you're looking for something more casual (much more casual) Pizza Port is the way to go. Great pizza and salads, and it's own brewery as well, with great beer. (Location in Ocean Beach as well.) 135 N. Highway 101, (858) 481-7332



Pt. Loma

- Pt. Loma Seafood – for the freshest seafood in town, head to Pt. Loma Seafood, right on the fishing docks in Pt. Loma. Very casual environment (order at the counter), great place to go for lunch. The fish market there is amazing and worth checking out even if you don't buy anything. 2805 Emerson Street (619) 223-1109
- Jimmy's Famous – Wonderful view of the bay and gorgeous yachts, reasonably priced, bar and grill style restaurant, on the Marina in Pt. Loma. Nice outdoor seating in a casual setting. 4990 North Harbor Drive, (619) 226-2103
- Umi Sushi – If you're looking for fresh sushi in a more family friendly environment, Umi Sushi is the perfect place. The only sushi restaurant I know where you can actually sit together with a party of more than 4 people and the sushi is great – specialty rolls in particular, with unusual sauces. 2806 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island (619) 226-1135.
- Brigantine Restaurant –Great seafood and steaks and a local tradition. Reasonably priced bar and grill, with a more expensive/nicer restaurant as well. (Locations in Coronado and Del Mar as well.) 2725 Shelter Island Drive on Shelter Island. (619) 224-2871.
- Miguel's Mexican Cantina – Great Mexican. You have to try the "white sauce" that goes with the chips and the shaker margarita's are the best in town.
- Corvette Diner – A true old school, '50's diner, complete with singing waitresses, great milk shakes and a juke box. Nice game room if you've got kids with you (or just still feel like a kid). 2965 Historic Decatur Rd, Liberty Station (619) 542-1476



Ocean Beach

- Hodad's – Routinely voted as one of the best burgers around, Hodad's is also a cultural experience (of the casual variety). Come hungry, but be prepared to wait. "Notoriety" has brought long lines! 5010 Newport Avenue, (619) 224-4623
- Nick's at the Beach – Beautiful views overlooking Ocean Beach and the Ocean Beach Pier. Good, reasonably priced menu, with a sports bar next door that will have every college and pro football game that you could ever want to watch! 5083 Santa Monica Avenue, (619) 222-PIER <http://nicksatthepier.com>.
- The 3rd Corner – Great little wine shop and bistro, where you select your bottle, and they open and serve it to you with your meal – at wine shop prices (i.e., not restaurant prices). Really fun and unique place, open for lunch through late night (full service until 1:00 a.m.) 2265 Bacon Street, (619) 223-2700; www.the3rdcorner.com.

La Jolla

- George's at the Cove –Fantastic ocean views, with great California cuisine. Perfect for a romantic dinner. 1250 Prospect Street (858) 454-4244.
- The Marine Room –More fantastic ocean views, with a high end menu, rooted in French classics and great wine list. Even more perfect for a romantic dinner. 2000 Spindrift Drive (866) 644-2351
- The Whaling Bar – La Valencia Hotel –A favorite of Dr. Seuss (a booth was just officially designated in his honor), as well as many other well known La Jollaian's and well worth stopping for a drink or a bite to eat. 1132 Prospect Street, 858-551-3761.
- Truluck's Crab House – In the "UTC" area of La Jolla (just east of I-5). There's a variety of restaurants in this nook, next to the Hyatt Hotel, including Flemings Steak House and Japengo, an upscale sushi restaurant. 8990 University Center Lane (858) 453-2583

- Brockton Villa –Great place for breakfast or lunch, located on the hill above La Jolla Cove, with amazing views in a “white villa” locale. 1235 Coast Blvd. (858) 454-7393.
- Alfonso’s of La Jolla – Local favorite for Mexican food, that has been in business for over 40 years. Great margaritas, not to mention the chips and salsa. A chance for a more casual dining experience, after you spend all your money shopping in La Jolla Village. 1251 Prospect Street, La Jolla, (858) 454-2232

Balboa Park

- The Prado – If you’re looking for a nice dinner or a place to grab a drink while in Balboa Park, the Prado is your best bet. This is another of the Cohn Restaurants and has beautiful glass blown artwork throughout the restaurant. Really varied menu of steak, seafood, pastas and chicken dishes, with a unique combination of other ingredients. 1549 El Prado Drive, (619) 557-9441 www.cohnrestaurants.com

Attractions

1. Downtown – walking distance from the convention.

- Historic Gaslamp Quarter – San Diego's downtown entertainment district is known as the "Gaslamp Quarter", named for the gas lamps that were common in San Diego in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The area is a "Historic District" on the National Register of Historic Places and include 94 historic buildings. It is now home to over 200 restaurants, bars, nightclubs, art galleries, boutiques and shops. The area also includes Horton Plaza (with a variety of shopping, and movie theatre) and Petco Park, which is the home of the San Diego Padres. The area is a great place to stroll and people watch, shop and dine at any time of day or night.
- Seaport Village – Located downtown on the waterfront, Seaport Village includes over 70 places to shop and dine. It's a great place for a long walk, with both the natural beauty of the San Diego Bay and local Marinas, intermixed with weekend street performers and local artists.
- Harbor Cruises on San Diego Bay – 1 hour and 2 hour cruises depart at multiple times throughout the day and are a great way to get on the water and learn about San Diego and its maritime history. Try either Hornblower Cruises – (619) 686-8715 www.hornblower.com or San Diego Flagship Cruises (619) 234-4111 www.flagshipsd.com. Both are within easy walking distance of the convention.
- USS Midway – Your chance to experience an Aircraft carrier, without having to enlist. 25 restored aircraft rest on the top deck, and guided tours of the entire carrier are provided as well as flight simulators to give you the feel of being a Navy pilot. (619) 544-9600 www.midway.org.
- Maritime Museum – The San Diego Maritime Museum contains one of the world's best collections of historic ships, located on the docks downtown. This includes the famous Star of India, the world's oldest active ship, which is taken out for a sail once every year to maintain the "active" title. Other ships in the museum include those regularly seen in Hollywood movies, such as "Master and Commander" and "Pirates of the Caribbean". (619) 234-9153 www.sdmaritime.org.
- Old Town Trolley Tours – To get a great sense of many areas in San Diego, and a good dose of the local history, check out the Old Town Trolley Tours. They have a variety of tours available, the details of which you can check out at www.trolleytours.com/san-diego.
- Pirate Ship Adventures – An 83 foot Spanish Galleon pirate ship, complete with a crew of comedic pirate actors, will take you on an entertaining San Diego Bay Cruise. See tons of sea lions and enjoy the view of the downtown skyline. (619) 224 – 4386 www.pirateshipadventures.com.



- San Diego Seal Tour – For a tour that takes you from land to sea and back (yes, it's a boat on wheels), try the Seal Tours. They depart frequently from several locations in downtown. (619) 298 – 8687 www.sealtours.com.
- Coronado Ferry – A great way to get on the water and ride to Coronado. Ferry's leave every hour from the Broadway Pier, for the short 15 minute ride across the San Diego Bay to the Coronado Ferry Landing. From there, you can rent bicycles from a variety of locations and tour Coronado. (619) 234 – 4111. www.sdhe.com.
- Water Taxi – If you want a more custom trip than the Ferry, try a Water taxi. Service is provided from downtown to Coronado, Shelter Island and Harbor Island. (619) 234-4111 www.flagshipsd.com.

2. Near Downtown

- World Famous San Diego Zoo – Need we say more? Located in Balboa Park, which is approximately 5 miles from Downtown, the Zoo is known throughout the world as one of the premier zoos and is certainly worthy of the title. (619) 231-1515 www.sandiegozoo.org.
- SeaWorld – Home of Shamu, with dolphin and otter shows, sharks, flamingos, tide pools, penguins, turtles and more. The newest attractions include roller coasters and rides, such as Manta, Riptide Rescue, Journey to Atlantis. Approximately 8 miles north of downtown, just off I-5 North. 1-800-0257-4268 www.seaworld.com.
- Cabrillo National Monument and Tide Pools – For a beautiful, scenic drive, just 5 miles west of downtown, head to Cabrillo National Monument and Tide Pools. This breathtaking drive takes you past Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery, where thousands of local military men and women and their families have been laid to rest, which is truly an awe inspiring sight. Panoramic views of San Diego Bay, Coronado and Mexico to the southeast, and the Pacific Ocean to the west, lead to the Lighthouse at the top of the Point. A \$5.00 entrance fee is well worth it. There is great hiking, and down the steep hill to the west (don't worry – you drive down the hill), are some of the best tide pools in town. (619) 222-4747 www.nps.gov.cabr.
- Balboa Park – The nation's largest urban cultural park, Balboa Park covers 1,200 acres and is home to 15 major museums and the World Famous Old Globe Theatre. Museums include the Natural History Museum, Reuben H. Fleet Science Center and Imax, San Diego Museum of Art, San Diego Museum of Man, San Diego Air & Space Museum, San Diego Model Railroad Museum and Museum of Photographic Art – all within easy walking distance of each other. There is an artist's village as well, where local artists work their magic and then sell to the public. The Zoo is located in Balboa Park as well. (619) 239-0512 or www.balboapark.org.
- Old Town San Diego State Historic Park – Located approximately 5 miles north of downtown, and easily accessible by the San Diego Trolley, Old Town is a unique blend of San Diego history, with over 150 shops, restaurants, museums and historic sites. It's known as the "birthplace" of San Diego and was founded in 1769 by Father Junipero Serra as the first of 21 missions in the area. Fiesta De Reyes, located in the heart of Old Town, has live music and dancing on weekends. (619) 297-3100 www.Fiestadereyes.com.
- Coronado and the Hotel Del Coronado – The Hotel Del is one of the most recognizable hotels in town, with it's beautiful red tiled domes above the white wood walls, and the idyllic stretches of white sand beach that stretch before it. Definitely worth a ride across the famous Coronado Bridge and a drive through what many consider a slice of Mayberry in San Diego (albeit on one of the most beautiful beaches in the world). Coronado is also home to the North Island Naval Station and the Navy Seals. You'll undoubtedly sight numerous Navy vessels in the ocean and aircraft up above.
- Mission Bay Aquatic Center – Located in Mission Bay, which is right near SeaWorld, Mission Bay Aquatic Center offers a wide variety of water sport activities. If you have an interest in getting in the water, from sailing to surfing, wake boarding, paddle boarding – you name it, this is the place to go. (858) 488-1000 www.mbaquaticcenter.com.



3. Little Further of a Drive

- Mt. Soledad – You'll see a theme in San Diego. There are breathtaking views associated with many of the "attractions" in town. Mt. Soledad ranks right up at the top of the breathtaking views list. As you may recall, Mt. Soledad has been the subject of contentious litigation for nearly 20 years. It is currently a Veteran's Memorial, topped by a famous 29 foot cross. Located 822 feet above La Jolla and Pacific Beach, it has panoramic views of the La Jolla coastline to the North and West and all of San Diego County to the East. There are more than 2,400 black granite plaques displaying photos, names and stories of American servicemen and women from a variety of foreign conflicts. It's a favorite spot for biking enthusiasts as well.
- La Jolla Village - La Jolla is one of San Diego's most famous neighborhoods, offering beautiful views to go along with high end shopping and restaurants. Definitely worth the drive up the coast.
- Birch Aquarium – Located on the cliffs over La Jolla Shores, the views alone make it worth the trip. Inside, find more than 5,000 specimens of ocean life, as well as coral reefs, sharks, and renewable energy exhibits. (858) 534-3474 www.aquarium.ucsd.edu.
- Kayak Caves in La Jolla – For the adventurous, try the guided kayak tours in La Jolla Cove. Glide across the water and into caves that are under the La Jolla cliffs. Perfect for all ages, and no experience necessary. (858) 459-1114. www.lajollakayak.com.
- Children's Pool – La Jolla – Given this is a legal conference, yet another beautiful spot that has been the subject of contentious and lengthy litigation. The Children's Pool in La Jolla, located in downtown La Jolla, was originally created years ago to provide a safe place for children to play in the ocean. In recent years, it has become the favorite spot for harbor seals – and thus the legal battles begin. Does it belong to the children or to the seals? Regardless – it's a beautiful spot and a great place to see harbor seals (and children).
- Torrey Pines State Park – Perfect hiking trails, with gorgeous ocean views, located approximately 15 miles north of downtown off I-5 North. 8 miles of beautiful trails, located above Torrey Pines State Beach and next to Torrey Pines Golf Course. Guided nature walks are also available. (858) 755-2063.
- Legoland – Located in Carlsbad, just off I-5 North (about 35 miles north of downtown). The resort features Legos used in every way imaginable, with more than 60 rides, shows and attractions, including an aquarium and "miniature" Lego renditions of major cities such as Las Vegas, New York and Washington, D.C. to name a view. Newest attraction in the park is the Lego Star Wars exhibit. (760) 918-5346 www.legoland.com
- World Famous San Diego Safari Park – Although somewhat of a drive, if you've got a car and enjoy animals, this is a unique experience, well worth the trip. Over 3,500 exotic animals live in "real world" environments. An African Safari tram takes you into open grazing areas where hundreds of animals roam as they would in the wild. (760) 747-8702 www.sdzsafaripark.org.
- Outlet Malls – What list of attractions would be complete without information about the outlet mall opportunities? San Diego has two venues, one to the far south, called the Las Americas Premium Outlets, located just off the I-5 South, less than 1 mile from the border of Mexico (about 15 miles south of downtown). The other option is the Carlsbad Premium Outlets, which are to the far north, just off the I-5 North, about 35 miles north of downtown, right near Legoland. Both have numerous high-end national stores.

4. Public Golf Courses. San Diego is the perfect place to take in a round or two of golf, with some of the most beautiful and famous public golf courses in the country. Be sure to call in advance to reserve tee times. For a complete list, go to sandiegoasap.com/san-diego-golf-courses.html, but a few noteworthy are listed below.



- Torrey Pines Golf Course – Site of the 2008 U.S. Open championship, won by Tiger Woods, Torrey Pines is considered one of the best public courses in the country. Phenomenal ocean views can take your mind off even the worst round of golf. www.torreypinesgolfcourse.com.
- Coronado Municipal Golf Course – right across the bridge in Coronado, is the beautiful Coronado Municipal Course, which has been voted by Golf Digest as one of the Best Places to Play (and it's a great value as well). (619) 435-3122 www.golfcoronado.com.
- Riverwalk Golf Club – located in Mission Valley, which is about 3 miles north of downtown. Beautiful course, that was home to multiple PGA events in the '50's and '60's. (619) 296-GOLF www.riverwalkgc.com.



5. San Diego Neighborhoods. San Diego is made up a wide variety of different neighborhoods, each with its own distinct "flavor".

- Little Italy – Located downtown, what started as a few Italian restaurants, has grown into a vibrant urban neighborhood, with great Italian restaurants and unusual art stores. Check out the Farmer's Market on Saturdays.
- Hillcrest – Located Northwest of Balboa Park and North of downtown, Hillcrest is a neighborhood known for its "tolerance and acceptance", including gender diversity, as well as numerous locally-owned businesses and independent specialty stores and restaurants. One of the more eclectic neighborhoods in town.
- Coronado – Located directly across the San Diego Bay from downtown is Coronado, home of the North Island Naval Station and the Navy Seals. Coronado has some of the most beautiful, white sand beaches in the world, surrounded by tree-lined streets of beautiful homes built in a variety of architectural styles. The Silver Strand is on the far side of the island, and is a long stretch of public beach that has views of the Pacific Ocean on one side, and San Diego Bay on the other. Home to many water sports and a great drive.
- Point Loma – Located just west of the airport, Pt. Loma is home to the San Diego Yacht Club, which was the Home of the America's Cup from 1988 – 1995 and perhaps its most famous member, Dennis Connor of the Star & Stripes. In addition to sailing, fishing is still king in Pt. Loma. If you're interested in a fishing trip, from a few hours to multi-day trips, this is the place to go.
- Ocean Beach – If you want to flashback to the '60's, all you need to do is take a quick drive to the funky little beach town known as OB. Home to an eclectic collection of antique stores, bars, Deadheads, restaurants, musicians, activists, bikers, and artists, not to mention the longest concrete pier in the world, that extends nearly 2,000 feet out into the Pacific Ocean. But patience is a must if you're in OB – "hurry up" is not a concept that has yet reached it's sandy, laid back, shores. Take a drive out to the end of Sunset Cliffs Boulevard to experience a fantastic scenic drive with easy access to very fun cliffs overlooking the Pacific, which is a great place to watch sunset.
- Mission Beach – The first in a string of beach cities, Mission Beach is built on a sand bar in between the Pacific Ocean and Mission Bay. Mission Beach stretches nearly 2 miles, and is well known for its beach volleyball and water sports of all kind. Belmont Park is the unofficial "entrance" to Mission Beach, which is home to an old fashioned roller coaster, and "carnival style" rides and attractions.
- Pacific Beach – The next beach up the coast, tucked in between Mission Beach and La Jolla, is home to lots and lots of college students and surfers, and therefore, lots of beach bars and casual restaurants. The Boardwalk that runs between Pacific Beach and Mission Beach is great for walks or biking and fantastic people watching.
- La Jolla – Next in line as you head up the coast is the ritzy La Jolla, which stretches for 7 miles along a curving coastline. La Jolla had the highest home prices in the nation in 2008 and 2009, many of which offer spectacular views. Driving along the La Jolla coast is beautiful, and La Jolla village offers numerous shops and restaurants worth a try.

- Del Mar – Home to the Del Mar Race Track (hence the catch phrase, "where the surf meets the turf"), the track has a view of the Pacific Ocean from much of the grandstand. Del Mar is known for beautiful beaches and beautiful homes, with great restaurants, and good shopping. A great place to spend an afternoon.

6. San Diego and the Arts

- Mingei International Museum – Mingei is Japanese for "Arts for the People" and that's what you'll get at this interesting San Diego attraction. Founded more than three decades ago, the museum contains over 17,000 objects from 141 countries. Peruse folk art items and toys from Romania and the United States, to name a few. Add to your collection with a Russian doll, available for purchase in the museum store. Witness the cultural differences in jewelry that spans five continents. www.mingei.org
- Museum of Making Music – A constant throughout civilization, this Carlsbad museum pays homage to all forms of music. With over 500 instruments in five galleries, it celebrates more than 100 years of music. Let your inner rock star shine at "Hands on the Future" where you can play any number of instruments from electric guitar to bongo drums. Pretend you are the next Justin Timberlake or Britney Spears in the recording studio. Add a musical tinge to your San Diego vacations. www.museumofmakingmusic.org
- Old Globe Theater – More than one Tony Award winner has come out of the Old Globe Theater. Founded in 1935 and comprising three venues, the Old Globe Theater includes the Cassius Carter Centre Stage and an outdoor site called the Lowell Davies Festival Theatre. Attend one of 15 plays and musicals produced here annually. Introduce a child to the world of Shakespeare. Revisit a favorite Sondheim musical. Dine in the style that suits your comfort level, whether it's an elegant restaurant or a laid-back hot dog stand. www.oldglobe.org
- San Diego Museum of Art – Located in Balboa Park, the museum exhibits collections ranging from impressionist paintings to pop art. Be sure to visit the May S. Marcy Sculpture Court and Garden – a remarkable San Diego attraction. Sit in on a poetry reading. Gather the family and attend the Sights & Sounds festival. Send the kids to summer camp to nurture their interests in the arts. www.sdmart.org
- San Diego Symphony – Get lost in the sounds of this orchestra. The San Diego Symphony performs 100 times annually and has been a mainstay in the community since its first concert in 1910. Enjoy the summer concert series complemented by a lavish picnic dinner. Reserve tickets to a performance by your favorite musical act. Be proud to be an American as fireworks explode in the sky and the symphony plays "The Star Spangled Banner" on the Fourth of July. www.sandiegosymphony.com

