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Visiting San Diego: Where to Stay, What to See and Do

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San Diego is one of the most visited cities in the United States. With over 19 million visitors each year, it's become a mecca for tourists and locals alike.

So, if you're just passing through or looking for your next big family vacation spot, San Diego has attractions to suit every taste and budget. Here are some tips on where to stay, see and do.

Where to Stay

Getting around the city is easy. The trolley runs the length of San Diego, from downtown to Coronado all along the coastline. You can also take several buses or rent a bike using the city's Bike Share program.

If you're looking for a pocket-friendly place to stay, consider staying in town at one of several hostels. The Downtown Central Hostel gives guests a prime location near the Gaslamp Quarter and Horton Plaza Mall.

With [so much to see and do](#), consider planning your trip to San Diego well. This can be through online, whereby you can obtain tickets for your trip. Find a site that is reliable when it comes to ease of payment and overall online security.

The hostel, for instance, offers free walking tours of the city center with a chance to see some of the most popular attractions in San Diego, including Seaport Village and Balboa Park. If you're traveling with kids, The Older Kids Hostel has family rooms available for guests.

What to See and Do

From [city landmarks](#) to natural beauty spots, San Diego has a little something for everyone.

In San Diego you'll find USS Midway Museum, which offers daily tours of this retired aircraft carrier that was deployed in World War II and Vietnam—completed in 1945, one of the largest warships ever built and was on active duty until 1992.

For a bird's-eye view of the city, take to the skies with San Diego Balloons. The company offers several balloon tours, including an early morning champagne tour that lets you watch as sea creatures swim beneath your feet. You can also see the city skyline at night during their lantern lighting tour.

San Diego is home to some of the largest and tallest animal parks in the world. The San Diego Zoo, Sea World, and Safari Park are all family favorites.

If you're looking for something unique, check out Sea Trek. This under-the-sea adventure lets you walk underwater on a guided tour using Aqua Lung technology (essentially scuba gear without the tank).

Where to Eat

With several cities within [San Diego County](#), each boasting its own unique culture and cuisine, you're likely to find whatever you're craving no matter where your adventures take you.

For some of the best Mexican food around, make your way to Old Town. Located next door is The Mission, a popular spot for steaks and seafood.

If you're looking for a spot with a view, try The Skybox. Located in San Diego's own Petco Park, this indoor/outdoor lounge offers spectacular views of the baseball field and the sea beyond. You can even see downtown across the border in Mexico.

If it's just a [quick bite](#) you're looking for, try Hodad's, a casual hamburger spot boasting juicy burgers and delicious sides. You can't leave San Diego without trying the fish tacos. Head to The Cactus Club for some of the best this city has to offer.

For a truly unique experience, try the vibrant nightlife of Coronado Island, home to several pubs and bars worth trying out. The Ruby Room is known for its selection of martinis, while Churchill's Pub & Grille offers live music seven nights a week.

If you're looking for a place to stay, see and do in San Diego that suits every taste and budget, we've got the perfect guide for you. Whether it's family-friendly attractions or great food spots around town, there are plenty of options. As you do the planning, think of early bookings, and an easy way is going online.

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