

THINGS TO DO IN SAN DIEGO!

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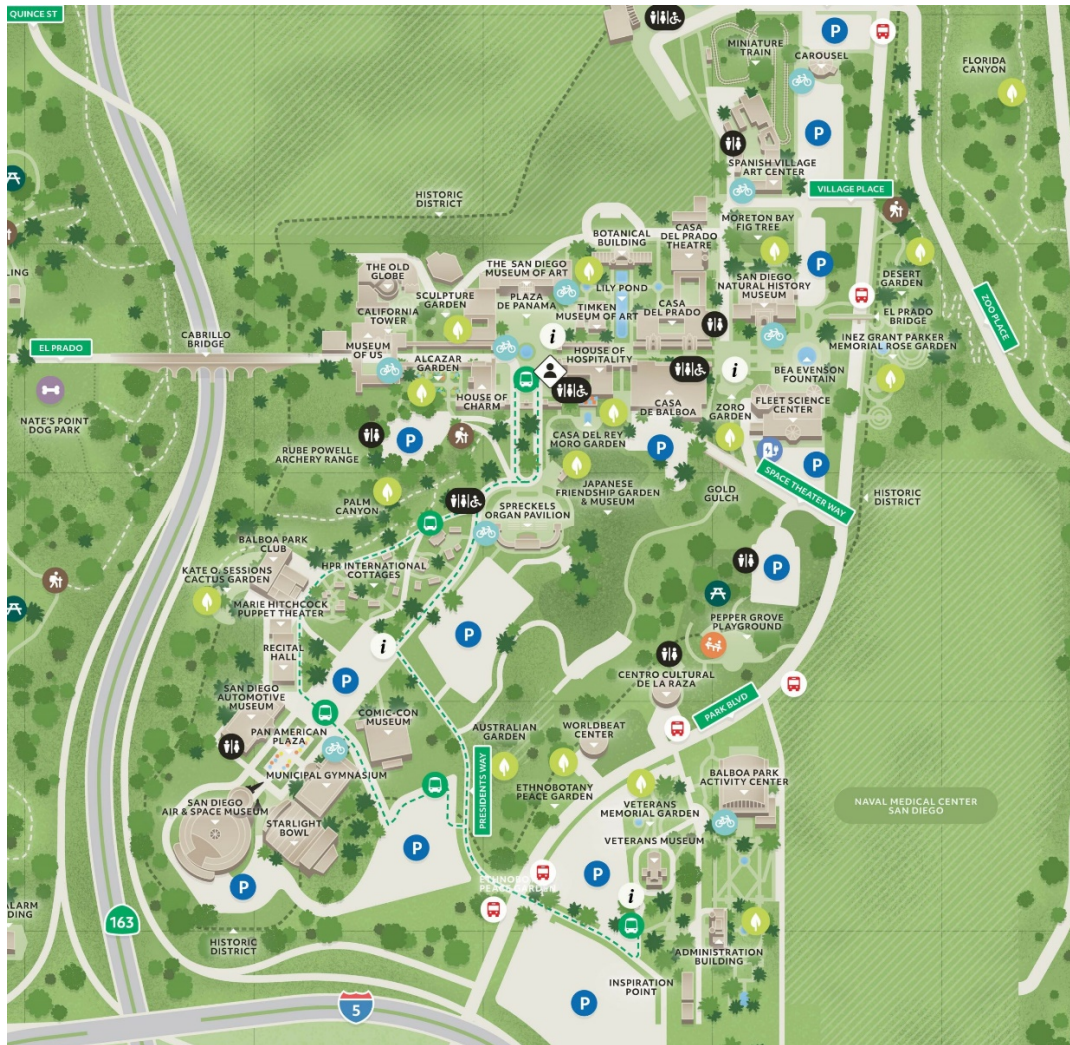


ACTIVITES MAP KEY



1. **Balboa Park**

1549 El Prado, San Diego, CA 92101



Balboa Park is a 1,200-acre (490 ha) historic urban cultural park in San Diego, California. Placed in reserve in 1835, the park's site is one of the oldest in the United States dedicated to public recreational use. The park hosts various museums, theaters, restaurants, and the San Diego Zoo. It is managed and maintained by the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of San Diego.

Balboa Park hosted the 1915–16 Panama–California Exposition and 1935–36 California Pacific International Exposition, both of which left architectural landmarks. The park and its historic exposition buildings were declared a National Historic Landmark and National Historic Landmark District in 1977 and placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

NOTE: If you choose to do the Seven Bridges Walk (#3 below) you'll pass right through the park and cross the El Prado Bridge!

2. San Diego Zoo

2920 Zoo Dr, San Diego, CA 92101



We love showing off our zoo and who can blame us when it's the most visited zoo in the country! If you have an extra day in town, you definitely won't want to miss this famous attraction. Tickets can be a little pricey due to the zoo's popularity and expect crowds on the weekends. Know there is a waitlist and long line for seeing the pandas that have recently returned so plan you visit ahead!

More Info: [Plan Your Visit | San Diego Zoo](#)

3. *Seven Bridges Hike/Walk*

Whether you call it "walking" or "urban hiking," this easy 5.5-mile loop packs in some of San Diego's best sights, including Balboa Park and the charming neighborhoods of Hillcrest, North Park and Bankers Hill. The terrain is flat and easily accessible to bikes, strollers and kids (with only a handful of stairs thrown in). You'll cross 7 of San Diego's iconic bridges along the way. If you still want to take a break or two, you'll be passing a plethora of coffee shops, eateries and watering holes along the way, as well as several museums and everything else Balboa Park has to offer.



Starting from the San Diego Zoo parking lot (2920 Zoo Dr, San Diego) head south towards Balboa Park and follow the map above. The "trail" map is also available on the AllTrails App: <https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/california/seven-bridge-walk>

4. Tecolote Canyon Hike

5180 Tecolote Rd, San Diego, CA 92110, United States



A short 10 min drive from the hotel (3.3 mile walk/bike). You can start this hike from the Tecolote Canyon Natural Park (5180 Tecolote Rd, San Diego). It is highly recommended to wear boots and pants during this hike and bring plenty of water. In the winter, the trail may have some creek crossings (especially if it has recently rained) and is known to have plants such as poison ivy that may be overgrown at this time of year. However, in general, the trail is well maintained.

Enjoy this ~6 mile out-and-back trail near San Diego, California. Generally considered a moderately challenging route, it takes an average of 2 h 14 min to complete. This is a very popular area for hiking, mountain biking, and running, so you'll likely encounter other people while exploring. The trail is open year-round and is beautiful to visit anytime. Dogs are welcome, but must be on a leash.

The trail map can be found on AllTrails App: [Tecolote Canyon Trail, California - 4,035 Reviews, Map | AllTrails](#)

Other Worthwhile Hikes



Top of Cowles Mountain, highest point in the City of San Diego

For those sticking around a little longer in San Diego craving some more outdoor activities. There are plenty of amazing hikes around the county but just a short drive from the hotel.

Top 10 Hikes: [10 Best trails and hikes in San Diego | AllTrails](#)

5. Belmont Park

3146 Mission Blvd, San Diego, CA 92109



San Diego's most iconic beach amusement park just a short 1.3 mile walk down the boardwalk from the conference hotel. Belmont Park will be celebrating it's 100th year in 2025! Enjoy food and cocktails at Draft, Cannonball or Beach House, play some arcade games, or for more thrill seekers ride the Big Dipper!

More Info: [Belmont Park | Official Site](#)

6. Pacific Beach (PB)

4500 Ocean Blvd, San Diego, CA 92109



While it is winter, you can still enjoy the beach! For a longer walk, make it Crystal Pier. Unfortunately, the pier itself is closed at this time but the walk is still worth the views. Can't beat the San Diego sunset on a clear day!

For more food, bars, and shopping walk from the pier up Garnet Ave and explore the plethora of offerings there. Some of top recommended spots in PB include:

- The Baked Bear – Ice Cream Sandwich Shop
- Stella Jean's Ice Cream
- Kono's Café – Breakfast & Lunch Café
- Cabo Cantina – Mexican Bar & Grill
- Society PB – Billards Bar with Beer Towers
- Woodstock's Pizza
- SD Tap Room – Brewpub
- Pangea Outpost – Gift Shop

7. Old Town

2829 Juan St, San Diego, CA 92110



Old Town San Diego is considered the “birthplace” of California. San Diego is the site of the first permanent Spanish settlement in California. It was here in 1769, that Father Junipero Serra came to establish the very first mission in a chain of 21 missions that were to be the cornerstone of California’s colonization. Father Serra’s mission and Presidio were built on a hillside overlooking what is currently known as Old Town San Diego. At the base of the hill in 1820’s, a small Mexican community of adobe buildings was formed and by 1835 had attained the status of El Pueblo de San Diego. In 1846, a U.S. Navy Lieutenant and a Marine Lieutenant, raised the American flag in the Old Town San Diego Plaza.

In 1968, the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation established Old Town State Historic Park to preserve the rich heritage that characterized San Diego during the 1821 to 1872 period. The park includes a main plaza, exhibits, museums and living history demonstrations.

8. Liberty Station

2820 Historic Decatur Rd, San Diego, CA 92106



Liberty Station is a mixed-use development in San Diego, California, on the site of the former Naval Training Center San Diego. It is located in the Point Loma community of San Diego. It has a waterfront location, on a boat channel off San Diego Bay, just west of San Diego International Airport and a few miles north of downtown San Diego. The 361-acre (1.46 km²) project includes several distinct districts: a retail and commercial district, a promenade focused on nonprofit activities, an arts district, educational district, residential district, hotel district, office district, and a park/open space area along the boat channel.

The Naval Training Center site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and many of the individual structures are designated as historic by the City of San Diego. Dozens of the historical buildings are being adapted for stores, offices, schools, art galleries, and other purposes.

Discover all that Liberty Station offers on its 360 acres that house a wide range of businesses including restaurants, retail shops, art galleries, hotels, schools, live entertainment, and more!

Some of our Liberty Station Favorites:

- Liberty Station Public Market – various food, drink, and retail vendors
- Sea Hive Station – Various retail vendor booths focusing mainly on vintage and unique goods, a great one stop shop to support local businesses!
- Con Pane Rustic Breads & Café – Bakery
- Carruth Cellars Urban Winegarden & Cheese Shop

- Stone Brewing World Bistro & Gardens
- The Loma Club – Mini Golf

9. Little Italy

600 W Date St, San Diego, CA 92101, United States



Once home to San Diego's flourishing tuna fishing industry and generations of Italian families who made their living on the sea, Little Italy is now a lively neighborhood with cozy patio cafés, international restaurants, craft brew stops, urban wineries, art galleries, sophisticated shops, boutique hotels, and the festive Piazza della Famiglia.

Some Little Italy Favorites:

- The Crack Shack – Delicious Fried Chicken Sandwiches
- Pali Wines
- Ballast Point Brewery
- Little Italy Food Hall – 6 locally driven food stations with a bar

10. Waterfront/Embarcadero

1600 Pacific Hwy, San Diego, CA 92101



Downtown's scenic Embarcadero is a perfect place to dine, shop, sightsee and play outdoors. Curling along San Diego Bay, the expansive waterfront area boasts a rich maritime history, eye-catching public art, restaurants with incredible views, and lots of opportunities for fun on and along the water.

Visitors can explore popular maritime sites, shop in charming bayfront settings and tour around San Diego Bay while taking in U.S. Navy ships, aquatic wildlife and spectacular sites. Here's a roundup of seven things that just have to be experienced during your visit to San Diego's picturesque Embarcadero.

More Info: [7 Things to Do Along San Diego's Waterfront Embarcadero](#)

11. Ferry to Coronado

990 North Harbor Drive San Diego, CA 92101



While the most well known way to travel to the small “island” of Coronado is via the famous Coronado Bridge, you can also travel there by ferry and get some amazing views of the famous bridge and the bay!

A one way ticket is \$9 and round trip is \$18. Buy tickets in advance and find out more here: [Coronado Ferry Schedule - Coronado Ferry Landing](#)

12. Midway Museum

910 N Harbor Dr, San Diego, CA 92101



A very popular tourist attraction that highlights San Diego's Naval History. The USS Midway was the longest-serving aircraft carrier in the 20th century. Named after the climactic Battle of Midway of June 1942, Midway was built in only 17 months but missed World War II by one week when commissioned on Sept. 10, 1945. Midway was the first in a three-ship class of large carriers that featured an armored flight deck and a powerful air group of 120 planes.

On April 11, 1992, the Midway was decommissioned in San Diego and remained in the inactive ship fleet in Bremerton, Washington, until 2003, when it was donated to the 501(c)3 nonprofit San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum organization. It opened as the USS Midway Museum in June 2004.

More Info: [Buy Tickets & Annual Passes | USS Midway Museum - USS Midway Museum®](#)