

SAN DIEGO

1 MINUTE/1 HOUR/1 DAY GETAWAY

San Diego prides itself on its many faces: the Old West spirit of Old Town, the Victorian charm of the Gaslamp Quarter, the 1950's retro of Hillcrest, the relaxed 1960's vibe of Ocean Beach, the artsy attractions of Balboa Park and elegant luxury of nearby La Jolla. With its near-perfect climate, 70 miles of beaches and dynamic nightlife, San Diego is a destination that can't be beat.

1 MINUTE

Hotel del Coronado
1500 Orange Ave. • 619-435-6611

It's where the timeless classic *Some Like it Hot* was filmed. Built in 1888, the "Hotel Del" still has its classic red turrets and antique charm. Sip afternoon tea in the wood-paneled lobby, or cool off with an iced tea in the swanky Palm Court piano bar.

Point Loma Lighthouse
1800 Cabrillo Memorial Dr. • 619-557-5450

The centerpiece of Cabrillo National Monument, this charming white-washed Cape Cod style lighthouse towers 433 feet above the Bay, and is arguably the best spot to catch spectacular views of San Diego Harbor and the city skyline.

1 HOUR

Hillcrest
Hwy. 163S at University & Fifth • 619-236-1212 (Visitor's Center)

The neon Hillcrest sign that welcomes you is a throwback from the 50s. And that's just the start of the eclectic finds—check out University Avenue's thrift stores, used record shops, indie books, vintage specialty shops and hip coffeehouses, which are great for relaxing while sifting through all of your goodie bags.

Ocean Beach
I-8W to Santa Monica Ave. • 619-236-1212 (Visitor's Center)

Find your inner beach bum. The "O.B." is casual, with a laid-back 60's vibe. Shop along Newport Ave., visit the farmer's market or walk to Sunset Cliffs for panoramic views of Point Loma.

Museum of Contemporary Art of San Diego—Downtown
1001 Kettner Blvd. • 858-454-3541

The newly expanded MCASD-Downtown features a permanent collection of more than 4,000 works created after 1950 and represents an array of media and genres, from painting to film to installation pieces. You'll discover the major players in contemporary art—as well as emerging talent and under-recognized artists. Be sure to check out the museum's Latin American collection and its Minimalist and Pop Art treasures from the 1960s and 70s.

1 HOUR (CON'T)

Balboa Park
1549 El Prado, Ste. #1 • 619-239-0512

Find wild animals, serene gardens, fine art, lush greenery and Spanish-style buildings in this park. Take in the San Diego Museum of Art, with its collection of European paintings. There's also the San Diego Zoo, Japanese Friendship Garden and award-winning theater.

Solano Beach
I-5N; 619-236-1212 (Visitor's Center)

Hang out or just hang loose. This casual beach community has a strip of galleries and shops, plus the Cedros Design District for unusual home finds—a lamp made of tin cans, anyone? Also look for textiles, stationery and classic antiques that will keep you shopping all day.

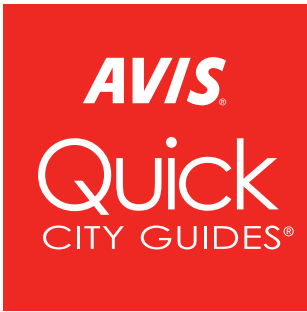
1 DAY

La Jolla
I-5N to La Jolla Pkwy.

Just 15 minutes from San Diego, La Jolla ("jewel" in Spanish) boasts some of California's finest coastal scenery, and offers beaches, dining, art galleries and more. Tee off at the famous Torrey Pines Golf Course, stop by the Stephen Birch Aquarium or take in the scenery with a stroll along Coast Boulevard or a drive to Mount Soledad. Be sure to check out the La Jolla branch of the Museum of Contemporary Art, which sits on a cliff overlooking the Pacific and features sculpture, drawings, paintings, video, photography and more.

Temecula
CA-163N to I-15N to CA-79S
888-836-3285 • cityoftemecula.org

Known for its spectacular natural beauty, Temecula offers something for everyone. Hike the Santa Rosa Plateau Wildlife Preserve, enjoy a day of boating and fishing at Lake Skinner or Diamond Valley Lake, visit the Old Town district for restaurants, boutiques and antique shops, get a lesson from an award-winning instructor at the Temecula Valley Golf School or tour local wineries, like the notable Wiens Family Cellars.



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GOURMET DINING AND LOCAL FAVORITES

GOURMET DINING

George's at the Cove

A La Jolla institution for over 20 years, George's has a menu of seafood, beef and lamb, with many dishes prepared using locally grown herbs. Dine outside on the casual ocean view terrace, or inside in the elegant main dining room—either way, you'll be able to enjoy the all-around spectacular views of the Cove.

1250 Prospect St., La Jolla • 858-454-4244

Mille Fleurs

Located in the quaint town of Rancho Santa Fe, this nationally acclaimed restaurant offers award-winning cuisine in an elegant but welcoming atmosphere that includes two fireplaces, a piano bar and patio dining. The sophisticated French menu changes daily, according to whatever produce is in season at the Chino's Family farm down the road. Past highlights include grilled striped bass with steamed fennel, mussels and pastis and honey-glazed lamb chops with with multicolor turnips, barley and blue cheese gratin.

6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe • 858-756-3085

Addison, *The Grand Del Mar*

Generously-spaced tables, marble flooring, soaring gold leaf ceilings and breathtaking views provide an opulent setting for artisanal cuisine that combines local ingredients with Mediterranean influences. Seasonal highlights may include Dover sole with clams, kumquats and watercress and Taylor Bay scallops with hazelnuts, rosemary and citrus.

5200 Grand Del Mar Way • 858-350-7600

Donovan's

Arguably the best steakhouse in town, Donovan's décor boasts dark woods and fine art, creating the perfect atmosphere for a special meal. The USDA prime beef is the menu's star, while the pork chops, lobster and salmon are all just as noteworthy.

4340 La Jolla Village Dr., La Jolla • 858-450-6666

Rainwater's on Kettner

In elegant leather booths where many business deals have taken place, you'll find carnivores choosing from an array of rib-eyes, T-bones and a New York strip big enough for two.

1202 Kettner Blvd. • 619-233-5757

LOCAL FAVORITES

Hob Nob Hill

Old-fashioned breakfasts served with a smile. Lunch and dinner are available, too, like chicken and dumplings and meatloaf. But the morning starters of pancakes, waffles and fresh-baked muffins are what you'll really love.

2271 First Ave. • 619-239-8176

Café Chloe

A soothing palette of soft browns and creams provides a sophisticated, easy-going atmosphere for French comfort food with a twist. A great brunch option, this neighborhood gem offers dishes like a ahi tuna nicoise and poached eggs with wild mushrooms and sage-truffle beurre blanc. Dinner fare includes mussels with saffron broth and frites, a casserole of macaroni, pancetta and Gorgonzola and brioche bread pudding for dessert.

721 Ninth Ave. • 619-232-3242

Rubio's Baja Grill

You can't visit San Diego without trying their regional food staple—the fish taco. The Baja-style specialty starts with fresh white fish that's fried and wrapped in a soft-corn tortilla. Shredded cabbage and lime yogurt sauce top it off. And if steak or chicken burritos are more your speed, they have those, too.

8855 Villa La Jolla Dr. • 858-546-9377

JSix

Part of the Gaslamp Quarter's new Hotel Solamar, JSix features Middle Eastern-style lamps, pretty tile and amber tones for a sensual, sophisticated atmosphere. Expect California cuisine with international flare. Entrées include crispy Alaskan halibut with dungeness crab and cipollini hash and chianti-braised short ribs with whipped potatoes. And be sure to leave room for strawberry shortcake with rhubarb white balsamic sauce or peanut butter-chocolate semifreddo with candied almonds and vanilla ice cream.

616 J St. • 619-531-8744