

Chill out on a late summer getaway

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Lifestyles Kathy Strong With summer is winding down, now is the perfect time to jump on some last-minute deals where the air is dependably cooler. San Diego County offers some great choices for that last summer getaway, from large resorts to trendy boutique hotels.

Cool escapes on the bay

Secluded on its own private 14-acre peninsula along Mission Bay, the Bahia Resort Hotel is offering 35 percent off all stays for the end of the summer. The hotel's 320 guest rooms include beachfront cottages and studios with panoramic and bayside views. The Bahia features an Olympic-sized

swimming pool, tennis courts and two 1860s-style sternwheelers that offer unique tours of Mission Bay. Rates begin at \$206 per night, plus tax. Information: www.bahiahotel.com.

Another tropical family resort set on beautiful Mission Bay is Paradise Point Resort & Spa. With five pools, two restaurants, a spa and dozens of on-site activities and watersports, the resort is offering a credit with every stay of three nights or more. Guests staying in a suite receive a \$100 credit with a three-night stay; a \$200 credit with a four-night stay; and \$300 resort credit with a five-night stay. Rates begin at \$338 per night, plus tax. Information: www.paradisepoint.com.

If you go

For more "Cool Escapes" travel deals, visit SanDiego.org/CoolEscapes.

The Tiki-inspired Humphrey's Half Moon Inn & Suites on Shelter Island is offering 35 percent off all stays. Guests can make their stay extra cool by purchasing tickets to see music stars like Chris Isaak and Willie Nelson at Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, an outdoor stage along a scenic marina and

adjacent to the property. Rates begin at \$149 per night, plus tax. Information: www.halfmooninn.com.

More bargains

Tucked between the coastal neighborhoods of La Jolla and Pacific Beach, the <u>Pacific Terrace Hotel</u> is offering 30 percent off all stays at the oceanfront property. Rated 4 Diamond by AAA, the hotel sits at the north end of the Mission Beach–Pacific Beach boardwalk, which offers three miles of oceanfront restaurants, bars and shopping. Rates begin at \$199 per night, plus tax. Information: www.pacificterrace.com.

Just steps from picturesque La Jolla Cove, the Balinesian-inspired Pantai Inn is offering free continental breakfast, parking and wifi access for every night booked in their luxury accommodations. The hotel's private bungalows and condo-style guest rooms are decorated with unique collections of custom-made wood-carved furnishings, stone carvings and art imported from Bali. Rates begin at \$383 per night, plus tax. Information: www.pantaiinn.com.

Cool activities

The refreshing Pacific waters of San Diego and its beaches offer a variety of unique settings for your cool outings, from the white sandy shores of Coronado Beach to the Mediterranean-like coves of La Jolla. Swim, snorkel, surf, kayak, paddleboard and build sandcastles along San Diego's 70 miles of picturesque coastline for beach fun.

Shake it up with a thrilling ride on San Diego Bay. San Diego Speedboat Adventures invites guests to sit in the captain's seat and charter their own two-person mini speedboat around San Diego's busy harbor, enjoying one-of-a-kind views of Navy ships, the sweeping San Diego-Coronado Bridge, downtown skyline, USS Midway Museum and more. Or take a relaxing, carefree bicycle ride along the 27-miles of pathways on the shores of Mission Bay. After bike riding, refresh with waterskiing, jet-skiing, windsurfing, sailing and kayaking in this 4,600-acre water playground.

You will want to take a libation break with a frosty pint of San Diego's award-winning craft beers. With more than three dozen breweries located across the county and 15 located within a mile of the coast, local breweries are sure to quench the thirst of the most parched beer lovers. Information: www.sandiegobrewersquild.org.

There is still time left to attend an outdoor Summer Pops concert by the world-class San Diego Symphony along San Diego Bay. On Labor Day weekend, Aug. 30-Sept. 1, celebrate with the Pop's finale concert, 1812 Tchaikovsky Spectacular, complete with fireworks and canons. Light jackets and blankets are recommended after the sun sets. Information: www.sandiegosymphony.org.

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