

# Paradise Point

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## FACT SHEET

### Overview

Tucked away on Mission Bay, Paradise Point, a Destination Hotel, is a 44-acre island hotel located minutes from downtown San Diego and next to SeaWorld. This plush resort and spa features California bungalow-style guestrooms amidst tropical gardens, meandering lagoons and a one-mile beach that encircles the island. Ideally situated for family getaways, romantic escapes and memorable events, Paradise Point offers five dining venues, an award-winning spa, a full-service marina for water sports, and a variety of recreational activities including surfing, biking, tennis and beach bonfires on the sand.

### Location

- A 44-acre island resort in the heart of San Diego, surrounded by the sparkling waters of Mission Bay
- Next door to SeaWorld and just minutes from the area's other top attractions
- Ten minutes north of the San Diego International Airport and 90 minutes south of Los Angeles

### Accommodations

- 462 California bungalow-style guestrooms ranging 450–650 square feet in size and offering lagoon, garden or bay views
- 73 suites
- 93 waterfront rooms
- Stylish and comfortable décor featuring a color scheme of turquoise and gold, flat screen plasma TVs, and chic fine touches such as leopard-pattern rugs, modern teak furnishings, contemporary artwork, custom Javanese Batik bed throws and black porcelain tile floors
- Wireless and hard-wired internet access in every guestroom, along with mp3 docking stations, marble bathrooms, mini-fridges and private outdoor patios
- Premium rooms also have dining room tables, wet bars, microwaves and separate living rooms

### Amenities

- Lush tropical setting includes over 600 types of exotic foliage from more than 20 countries around the world
- One mile of beach

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- 5 pools including one adults-only retreat
- 5 dining venues including 2 full-service waterfront restaurants
- Wireless and hard-wired internet
- Fitness center complete with locker rooms, saunas, and steam rooms
- Luxury island-themed spa
- 14 bonfire pits on the beach
- Full-service marina with sailboats, speed boats, kayaks, paddleboards, jet skis
- 18-hole putting golf course
- NBA basketball court
- 5 championship tennis courts
- 9-wicket croquet course and ping-pong table
- Beach cruisers, quadcycle surreys and Segways
- Seasonal SeaWorld water taxi service to park's private back entrance
- Paradise Surf Academy
- Panoramic views of Mission Bay from 81-step landmark Observation Tower
- Over 65,000 square feet of waterfront event space

## The Spa at Paradise Point

- 7,050-square-foot award-winning spa offering massages, facials, body treatments, and lavish, all-inclusive island-themed global rituals from island destinations around the world
- Signature Island Origins two-hour spa experience includes a guided botanical tour, 50-minute massage, foot scrub and scalp treatment
- 900-square-foot salon with plush manicure and pedicure stations, Blend Bar for customized beauty products, make-up counter, and extensive retail selection
- 9 treatment rooms, including a separate couples' bungalow for side-by-side services
- Private garden courtyard with whirlpool

## Dining

- Chef Amy DiBiase oversees Tidal, Paradise Point's acclaimed signature restaurant offering a thoughtfully curated selection of local seafood, seasonal ingredients and craft beverages in a chic, laid-back beach cottage setting
- The easy-going Barefoot Bar & Grill is a local favorite for its panoramic views of Mission Bay and casual coastal cuisine by Chef and General Manager James Ausem
- Located at the Main Pool, Tropics Cantina serves authentic "fresh Mex" straight from Baja California

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- Caveman Pizza Company's pizzas, salads and garlic knots are fired up in a noteworthy cave designed to double as a bunker when Paradise Point was constructed during the Cold War
- Drink in coastal views, stunning sunsets and cool cocktails at the Bayside Lounge

## Meetings, Weddings & Celebrations

- Over 65,000 square feet of waterfront event space, making Paradise Point the biggest conference center on Mission Bay and one of the top 10 largest venues in San Diego
- Capability to accommodate groups up to 1,100 people
- Over 36,000 square feet of indoor space that can be divided into over 30 breakout rooms
- An additional 30,000 square feet of outdoor event space in the form of lawns with bay views, tropical gardens, waterfront terraces, pool decks and beaches

## History

In 1962, movie producer Jack Skirball was introduced to the 44-acre island nestled within the vast Mission Bay Aquatic Park. Weary of building sets only to watch them being torn down at the completion of a film, Skirball immediately saw the land's potential to build a permanent fantasy-island setting for families and Hollywood executives to escape to. Skirball enlisted architect Eldridge Spencer and builder Bob Golden to help implement his ideas, and the trio worked in concert to create an extraordinarily stunning and unique vacation island escape that was insulated from the city of San Diego, but not isolated.

Many artifacts driven from Skirball's film-making ideas were incorporated around the property, which he named Vacation Village, and still grace the grounds to this day. Among these are the porpoise fountain from *Cleopatra* which Skirball produced, as well as decorative masonry that adorns the entries to the original cottages. Also scattered among the gardens and lagoons is California's largest collection of original mission bells from along El Camino Real – the first roadway in the state, built by the Spanish during the early mission days. In 1914, 50 of these bells were delivered to the San Diego area to line this celebrated roadway and now over 20 of these historic icons reside at Paradise Point.

## Awards

- City of San Diego – Recycler of the Year 2014
- Cvent – Top 100 Meeting Resorts in North America & the Caribbean 2014

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- Zagat – San Diego’s 10 Hottest Restaurants 2014
- San Diego Magazine – Top 10 New Restaurants 2014
- Riviera Magazine – Top 50 Restaurants in San Diego 2014
- Thrillist – San Diego’s Best 11 New Restaurants 2014
- MyWedding.com Best of 2013 Pick
- Gogobot Travelers’ Favorite Awards – Top 15 Resorts 2013
- The Knot Best of Weddings 2013 Pick
- American Airlines’ *Celebrated Living* Readers’ Choice – Top 20 Family Resorts 2013
- Spas of America – Top 75 Spas of 2013
- Condé Nast Traveler – Top 100 U.S. Resort Spas 2013
- Surfrider Foundation, San Diego Chapter Partner of the Year 2013
- SanDiego.com – Top 3 Green Hotels in San Diego 2013

## Area Attractions

- SeaWorld
- Mission Beach and Pacific Beach
- Belmont Park
- Old Town
- San Diego Zoo
- Balboa Park
- Fashion Valley and Horton Plaza Malls
- Historic Gaslamp District
- Seaport Village and San Diego Bay Embarcadero
- San Diego Zoo Safari Park
- Del Mar Racetrack and Fairgrounds
- LEGOLAND California Resort
- Stephen Birch Aquarium
- 70+ Local Craft Breweries and Wineries

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## A HISTORY OF PARADISE

Today thousands of travelers enjoy tropical vacations without ever having to cross an ocean, all because of the curiosity of one Portuguese explorer, our far-sighted San Diego city fathers, and an imaginative Hollywood movie producer.

Long before Paradise Point was known as San Diego's Island Resort, the 4,600-acre watery wonderland that it sits within was discovered by Portuguese shipbuilder and navigator Juan Rodrigues Cabrillo in 1542. (Cabrillo National Monument at the tip of Point Loma commemorates his discovery of the California coast.) Disenchanted with the bay because it was not sufficiently deep to accommodate his ships, Cabrillo named the area *Bahia Falza*, or "False Bay".

Hundreds of years later in 1902, George Hall, city horticulture commissioner, suggested that the swamp *Bahia Falza* be developed into an aquatic park. After more than 50 years, a master plan for the Mission Bay Aquatic Park was approved by the city council in 1958, and dredging soon followed. The \$60 million project created 30 miles of shoreline beaches, grassy knolls, areas for sailing, swimming, picnicking, powerboats, fishing, water skiing, SeaWorld and Paradise Point.

Enter movie producer Jack Skirball who, weary of building sets only to watch them being torn down at the completion of a film, was introduced to the grounds in 1962, and immediately saw its potential. He envisioned a permanent fantasy-island setting of that would feature family vacationers as the cast. Skirball enlisted architect Eldridge Spencer and builder Bob Golden to help implement his ideas and the trio worked in concert to create an extraordinarily stunning and unique vacation island escape that was insulated from the city, but not isolated.

Artifacts driven from Skirball's film-making ideas were incorporated around the property, such as the porpoise fountain from the movie *Cleopatra* which Mr. Skirball produced in 1963 as well as decorative masonry that adorns the entries to the original cottages; and the state's largest collection of original mission bells from along El Camino Real - the first roadway in the state, built by the Spanish during the early mission days. In 1914, 50 of these bells were delivered to the San Diego area to line this celebrated roadway and now over 20 of these historic icons reside at Paradise Point.

The movie-producer-turned-hotelier and his enthusiastic team created an exotic South Seas atmosphere with skillful placement of lagoons and waterfalls. An abundance of tropical and subtropical flowers and foliage amongst the cabana-style cottages gave each a picturesque view of Mission Bay, lagoons or tropical gardens. Skirball named it Vacation Village and its reality at the time

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was 150 guestrooms, one restaurant, two tennis courts and a small golf course. With continuing expansion and renovation over the next 40 years, the facilities came to include two unique and exciting restaurants overlooking spectacular Mission Bay, 462 luxurious guest cottages, and a relaxing lobby. Other guest amenities that were added include 5 lit tennis courts, 5 swimming pools, a state-of-the-art fitness center, an 18-hole golf putting course, a full-service marina, a 1.3-mile jogging course, bicycle rentals, lawn croquet and a sand volleyball court.

Today it is known only as the hotel choice of Mission Bay that offers a convenient, beachfront location providing travelers' with easy access to all of San Diego's attractions. The resort is adjacent to SeaWorld Adventure Park and a short drive to Balboa Park where the world-famous San Diego Zoo is located. The hotel's proximity to these attractions and its family-friendly amenities caught the attention of the editors at Forbes.com who designated the resort one of the "Top Ten Family Resorts in the World."

Paradise Point, which recently completed a \$20 million renovation and still features comfortable, California beach bungalow-style guest rooms amidst lush, tropical gardens and meandering lagoons also now has an Indonesian-themed spa which transports guests into a pampered retreat with custom-designed spa services and rituals.

The beautiful, park-like resort has received honors from the national Professional Grounds Management Society for "best landscaped and maintained grounds" among U.S. hotels and motels. The property's central location and proximity to San Diego International Airport makes it a great escape for business travelers, as well as group and meeting attendees. Paradise Point's 30 meeting and banquet rooms offer more than 32,000 square feet of indoor event space for group and social activities which are complimented by an additional 30,000 square feet of outdoor meeting space. Spacious meeting rooms overlook Mission Bay and provide a unique setting for both day and evening events.

The resort is owned by La Salle Hotel Properties of Bethesda, MD who is a multi-tenant, multi-operator real estate investment trust that owns several upscale and luxury full-service hotels. LaSalle Hotel Properties is a leading real estate investment trust (REIT), owning 32 upscale full-service hotels and resorts, totaling over 8,700 guestrooms in 14 markets in 11 states and the District of Columbia. The company focuses on investing in upscale full-service hotels located in urban, resort and convention markets. LaSalle Hotel Properties seeks to grow through strategic investments, aggressive asset management and partnering with premier hotel operating companies.

In August of 2010, Destination Hotels & Resorts took over the management contract from Noble House for Paradise Point. Destination Hotels & Resorts is the fourth largest independent

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hospitality management company in the United States with more than 30 luxury and upscale properties and conference centers located in urban and resort locations. The company has developed a variety of initiatives to better serve its communities, stakeholders and customers including Destination Earth, an environmental sustainability program, and the Destination Delivers guest loyalty program, which provides the best available offers to members. Destination operates properties in key metropolitan areas and resort markets including Washington, D.C., Denver, San Diego, Los Angeles, Santa Fe, Aspen, Palm Springs, Houston and Lake Tahoe. Destination is a subsidiary of Los Angeles-based investment, development and management firm Lowe Enterprises.

For more information on the properties in the Destination Hotels & Resorts collection, please visit [www.destinationhotels.com](http://www.destinationhotels.com) or to join Destination Delivers, visit [www.destinationdelivers.com](http://www.destinationdelivers.com).

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## GREEN PRACTICES IN PARADISE

Paradise Point is a unique place where hotel and the great outdoors intertwine, so it's only natural that we are committed to lessening our impact on the environment. Across our 44-acre island and its various outlets and departments, the entire Paradise Point team is dedicated to sustainable practices that allow us to uphold our commitment to conservation, and still deliver our promise of providing guests with a superior product and service.

Ongoing green initiatives implemented at Paradise Point as part of the Destination Hotels & Resorts Destination Earth program currently include:

- Official partner of [Surfrider Foundation San Diego Chapter](#) for protection of waterways and beaches
- All-electric car2go car-sharing program for guest and employee use around San Diego
- Named "Recycler of the Year" by the City of San Diego for participation in Commercial Food Scrap Composting Program
- Lush landscape featuring over 600 different types of carbon monoxide-converting plants and flowers
- Linen-less meeting rooms help conserve water and laundry chemical use
- Water conservation/irrigation system to prevent run-off into Mission Bay
- Use of high-quality sustainable, local products including all-natural bottled spring water from nearby Palomar Mountain
- Refillable dispenser systems for guest shampoo, conditioner and shower gel to eliminate individual packaging waste (hotels dispose of more than 10 billion partly-used individually-packaged bars of soap and bottles of liquids every year!)
- Wireless temperature control system for public spaces
- Guestroom bathrooms feature low flow toilets and shower heads
- Optional bath towel re-use program available in guestrooms
- No-water urinals utilized in men's restrooms
- Engineering, bellmen, and security staff utilize electric carts or bicycles for on-property transportation
- Landscaping debris is repurposed as mulch/fertilizer
- LED lighting used throughout the property and indoor and outdoor lighting limited when possible
- Housekeeping department implements a standard "3<sup>rd</sup> day" wash cycle for guestroom sheets
- Housekeeping attendants only clean with "Green Seal Certified" bathroom cleaners and carpet solutions
- All cardboard boxes are broken down, bundled and delivered to a recycling center
- Green waste collected separately to be recycled
- Employees are encouraged to conserve paper by not printing as many documents
- Paperless purchase order system
- Paperless applicant system for job seekers
- Employee handbook disseminated via CD-ROM
- Bike racks and skateboard storage for employees



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Our Commitment to the Environment