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5 Hotels for San Diego July 4 Fireworks

Where to watch the San Diego Fourth of July firework shows

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Independence day. A celebration commemorating the Declaration of Independence, hence the name. On July 4th we'll be observing 235 years since Thomas Jefferson and 55 of his buddies signed the most important document in our country's history. This warrants a party. A big one. With fireworks, parades and picnics. The San Diego hoteliers think so too. Here's a sample of what they have planned.

Embassy Suites San Diego Bay

601 Pacific Highway

San Diego, CA 92101

(619) 239-2400

The Big Bay Boom is San Diego's largest fireworks display, and can be seen from Imperial Beach to Harbor Island. Barges placed at eight different points on the bay release colorful plumes for more than 750,000 spectators. The best "seat in the house" is Embassy Suites' west-facing

guestrooms, located a stones throw from the party. Balconies large enough for two chairs and a bottle of champagne grant birds eye views of Seaport Village, The USS Midway Museum and Embarcadero. Catch a glimpse in the above video. (Room rates start at \$199.99 per night. Big Bay Boom fireworks show starts at 9 p.m.)

Glorietta Bay Inn

1630 Glorietta Boulevard

Coronado, CA 92118

(619) 435-3101

What better place to memorialize our freedom from Britain's stronghold than in a town saturated with retired and active-duty military. America's autonomy was won by the selfless acts of Revolutionary soldiers. Whether you're a card-carrying NRA member or a peace-sign-wielding pacifist, the sacrifice is undeniable. Every July a parade with marching bands and the few remaining WWII veterans unspools down Coronado's Orange Avenue past the Glorietta Bay Inn. The 1906 Edwardian-style mansion is united in the island's patriotic values. It also boasts the best view of Glorietta Bay's fireworks show. GM, Claudia Ludlow Gonzales,

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The Fourth of July fireworks over the San Diego bay.
Photo courtesy of San Diego Convention and Visitor Bureau

stocks each of the 100 rooms with goodie bags. Flags, tee shirts, towels, mugs, kiddies sand buckets; it's different every year. Guest gather on the veranda, by the pool, or on the balcony for front row seats to the pyrotechnics extravaganza. Festivities continue all weekend; the ice cream social and clown are always the most anticipated events. (Room rates start at \$299 per night. Four-night minimum required over the holiday. Glorietta Bay fireworks show starts at 9 p.m.)

Paradise Point Resort & Spa

1404 Vacation Road

San Diego, CA 92109

(858) 274-4630

Seaworld San Diego knows how to do fireworks. For 73 consecutive nights every summer at 9:50 p.m., the park's techno display elicits oohs and aahs. It's intended for their guests, but plenty of locations around the city have a view -- Paradise Point being one of them, just two miles west. The resort's 44 water-front acres on Mission Bay provide ample space to spread out a blanket and set up beach chairs. Proximity yields excellent views from any angle. Fifteen fire pits and the hotel's Gimme S'More Paradise Package entices guests to roast the gooey treats while watching the extended Fourth of July presentation. (Room rates start at \$388 per night. Seaworld fireworks show starts at 9:30 p.m.)

Homewood Suites By Hilton

2576 Laning Road

San Diego, CA 92103

(619) 222-0500

Every Sunday and Federal holiday since July 4, 1964, the Optimist Club of Point Loma has displayed 168 flags along a two-mile section on Rosecrans Street adjacent to this hotel. The boulevard is important to our armed forces because it is the principle route leading to Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery. It also parallels Liberty Station, once a U.S. Navel Training Center, whose tasteful renovation using the original structure resulted in a retail center with hotels, a church and more. Portions of the complex hug San Diego Harbor...in other words, killer views of the Big Bay Boom, especially the Shelter and Harbor Island barges. Homewood Suites' third-floor terrace and back lawn are fireworks central. Grab a picnic at nearby Five Guys Burgers or Panera, add a bottle of vino from Wine Steals, sit back and enjoy the show. (Room rates start at \$185 per night.)

Porta Vista Hotel

1835 Columbia Street

San Diego, CA 92101

(619) 544-0164

Watch the action unfold on Ripassi Roofdeck at Little Italy's boutique hotel. Their double entendre slogan, "go 4" and celebrate this Independence Day" pertains to the 4th floor venue and the holiday. Fresh air, panoramic views of the Big Bay Boom and food from Glass Door Restaurant are on the menu. Dine indoor under Moroccan lanterns or sip patriotic inspired cocktails beneath the open sky. While the ambiance is predominately European, there's still a hint of the good old USA in chef's house burger and apple praline bread pudding. Celebrations start at 5 p.m. and continue long after the last vibrant firework illuminates the night. (Room rates start at \$109.81 per night.)