



San Diego weekend trips for romance

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Sure there's the backdrop straight off the Fox studio lot – sun, palm trees, golden beaches – that ignites the Meg Ryan/Tom Hanks in all of us. But you could say that about most tropical or semi-tropical locations. So what is it about San Diego that makes it

just so? Put quite simply, when you're here, you'll feel it. Maybe it's the salty sweet mix of seawater and jasmine in the air. Maybe it's all that hoppy craft beer in the atmosphere. Most likely it's simply the come-as-you-are-and-be-who-you-are SoCal vibe filtered through the lens of such stunning beauty that teases a romantic weekend in San Diego.

Which then begs the questions about where to go for a weekend, when you and your partner want to set out to celebrate your love for each other, and feel as though San Diego belongs to you. The following will help you find your own sweet spot.

Activities: Go for a stroll or hike in the [Torrey Pines Reserve](#), a wilderness paradise that has a way of putting you in touch both with nature and with yourselves. Alternatively, slip into a two-person kayak and paddle Mission Bay. Prime hours here are a "no wave zone" so there's no roaring boats or jet skis, just sparkling water. Best plan: [Hit the dock](#) at [Paradise Point](#) and rent your kayak (or bicycle), while away the hours, then return and catch lunch or a drink at the resort's waterside Barefoot Bar and Grill.