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Travel: Top five San Diego staycation destinations

San Diego entertainment expert Michelle Guerin guides you to the top five local staycation destinations, including La Costa Resort, Paradise Point Resort & more.



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Believe it or not, our beloved summer season is almost over. We have just one month left to soak up the vibrant sunshine and enjoy a fun-filled, carefree lifestyle. Although we all wish we could escape reality for a full month and disappear to a distant, tropical island far, far away, that never seems to work out with our busy schedule. But don't give up. Instead, create a dream vacation atmosphere at home in **San Diego**.

Pack your bags, leave your cell phone at home, and check-in to one of the best luxury resorts in San Diego. From waterfront suites along Mission Bay, to plush villas on the golf course, and everything in between, I have the perfect staycation destination for your romantic escape, or extended weekend of family fun.

Savor summer at the top five San Diego staycation destinations.



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La Costa Resort & Spa

Located in North County San Diego, just a few short miles from the shore, La Costa Resort & Spa is the best of the best when it comes to luxurious accommodations, parent-approved dining and spa relaxation, and most importantly, kid-friendly entertainment. Mom will love The Spa at La Costa, complete with nature-inspired treatments such as warm bamboo massage and seaweed facials. After Dad hits the golf course, he can take the kids to one of many on-site pools. Perfect for children of all ages, the Splash Landing Pool boasts a water play area and multiple water slides. Learn more at lacosta.com.

The Grand Del Mar Resort & Spa

Although not positioned on the beach, The Grand Del Mar introduces locals to a new side of the Del Mar community, located inland on the cusp of Rancho Santa Fe. The Grand Del Mar is known for excellence in fine dining, health and wellness, and plush suite hospitality. The resort's signature restaurant Addison is the

only Five-Star / Five-Diamond restaurant in all of Southern California, and locals are sure to fall for Chef William Bradley's artisanal approach to cooking. For a real treat, book the Brisa Villa, a charming 4,500-square-foot Mediterranean-inspired private estate complete with a secluded terrace and climate-controlled patio. Learn more at thegranddelmar.com.

Loews Coronado Bay Resort & Spa

San Diego's own island of Coronado is the ultimate staycation destination, offering a unique aqua-inspired culture that inspires the worry-free summer mindset. Loews is located on a private 15-acre peninsula, boasting three swimming pools, four restaurants and lounges, basketball and tennis courts, a private 80-slip marina and direct access to the Silver Strand State Beach. Couples will love fine dining with a view at Mistral and pampering escapades at The Spa, but families are also sure to have a great time; Loews was voted the 10 Best Beach Vacations in the U.S. by *Parents* magazine. Learn more at loewshotels.com.

Paradise Point Resort & Spa

If you're craving an exotic vacation full of poolside fun, beach adventures, and relaxing walks along the bay, check into Paradise Point, an incredible waterfront property located on Mission Bay. In addition to island-inspired spa treatments and fine dining, Paradise Point's 44-acre island property offers many diverse amenities to cater to all visiting guests. Newly remodeled, opt for the Presidential Suite, a 3,250 square foot complex with four separate bedrooms, full marble bathrooms, and a private, open-air patio spanning the length of the unit, overlooking the bay. Have fun on sailboats, speedboats, jet skis, kayaks, or paddleboards; or relax with an island fresh pineapple scrub at The Spa. Learn more at paradisepoint.com.

Rancho Bernardo Inn Golf Resort & Spa

When you arrive at the Rancho Bernardo Inn, you will instantly feel on vacation in a world far, far away from contemporary San Diego. Reminiscent of a luxurious country estate, the resort's early California design intrigues with Mexican sculptures, Mediterranean fountains, oriental rugs, and warm fireplaces. The beautiful 256-acre property features 287 luxury guest rooms, three swimming pools, a full-service spa and wellness center, two acclaimed restaurants, and a championship golf course. After a round on the course, head to The Spa for a seasonal "made fresh daily" package, a culinary-wellness collaboration with the resort's signature restaurant, El Bizcocho. Learn more at ranchobernardoinn.com.

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