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# San Diego

There's more than one way to discover a destination. By Sarah Elbert

## Lovebirds

After a romantic tandem bike ride along the beach and a decadent couples' massage, wine and dine your beloved with some world-class fare.

## Family Vacay

The question isn't what you'll do, it's whether you can squeeze it all in: the famous zoo, a sparkling new children's museum, Legoland, SeaWorld, Belmont Park and, of course, the beach!

## Arts Maven

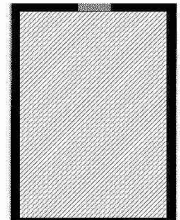
Balboa Park is just one of the many arts destinations, with museums dedicated to the history of mankind, photography, aviation, art, cars, sports, railroads and more.

## Active Endeavors

Surfing, hiking, biking, you name it. San Diego has plenty of options for the adventurous and a surprisingly temperate climate.

## Night Owl

Burn the midnight oil in the Gaslamp Quarter, with enough rooftop bars and throbbing clubs to keep miniskirted partiers and their admirers flirting into the wee hours.



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## Night Owl



**WHERE TO STAY // Hard Rock Hotel**  
 Party like a rock star at this swank hotel, which boasts a Black Eyed Peas-designed suite, hushed spa to escape the paparazzi, a rooftop pool and the perfect downtown location. [hardrockhotelsd.com](http://hardrockhotelsd.com)

**BRUNCH // Hash House a Go Go**  
 Serving "twisted farm food" for 10 years, Hash House offers inventive takes on brunch favorites—in enormous portions. But be ready to wait. [hashhouseagogo.com](http://hashhouseagogo.com)



If you're visiting on a Sunday in summer, you won't be able to miss the hotel's Intervention party, which has drawn thousands to the hotel's rooftop bar. Float, to revel in the bikini views and thumping beats of celebrity DJs.



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## Family Vacay



**WHERE TO STAY // Paradise Point**  
 Spend the day sailing, kayaking, playing in the pool or exploring San Diego—you've got plenty of options at this resort, which recently underwent a \$20 million renovation and offers a gentle beach on Mission Bay. [paradisepoint.com](http://paradisepoint.com)



**MORNING // New Children's Museum**  
 This downtown gem is all about innovative learning play areas. This is a museum the way you would design it—if you were a hip graphic designer with kids. [thinkplaycreate.org](http://thinkplaycreate.org)

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## Active Endeavors



**WHERE TO STAY // Tower 23 Hotel**  
 Just because you're outdoorsy doesn't mean you don't appreciate luxury. This boutique hotel is hip, chill and right on the beach. Relax to the waves outside your balcony in your Sanctuary Suite. [tower23hotel.com](http://tower23hotel.com)



**BRUNCH // Kono's Café**  
 Fuel up at Kono's, a favorite breakfast spot for surfers and locals, where you can get a great deal on breakfast staples while enjoying the views of the Pacific.

**MORNING // La Jolla Plunge** Join your guide from Hike Bike Kayak at the top of Mount Soledad and get your adrenaline flowing with a ride down the mountain and along the surfer-friendly coast. [hikebikekayak.com](http://hikebikekayak.com)



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## Arts Maven



**WHERE TO STAY // The Grande Colonial**  
 Stay in La Jolla's historic, European-style hotel, where Gregory Peck's father was the pharmacist and some of Hollywood's finest have stayed. [thegrandecolonial.com](http://thegrandecolonial.com)

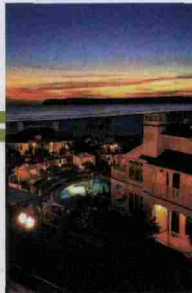
**BREAKFAST // Pannikin Coffee & Tea**  
 Grab a fresh raspberry scone or eggs scrambled with tomato and feta along with a cappuccino and relax on the deck of this laid-back local coffee shop. [pannikincoffeandtea.com](http://pannikincoffeandtea.com)



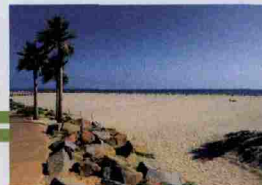
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## Lovebirds

**WHERE TO STAY // Hotel del Coronado**  
 This 120-year-old Victorian resort on the beach in Coronado has vintage, gracious charm and top-notch service. [hoteldel.com](http://hoteldel.com)



**MORNING // Coronado Central Beach**  
 Rent a tandem bicycle at the Del's PeDels and head to Café 1134 for a European omelette and latté, then enjoy a leisurely ride along the soft, white sands of Central Beach. [cafe1134.net](http://cafe1134.net)







**AFTERNOON // Shopping**

If your taste runs to Max Mara, Tory Burch and Missoni, and your pulse rises at the site of Henri Bendel, head to the Fashion Valley outdoor mall in Mission Valley. If it's a one-of-a-kind vintage dress you're after, check out Flashbacks in Hillcrest. [simon.com](http://simon.com), [hillquest.com](http://hillquest.com)

**DINNER // Nobu**

This bustling restaurant in the Hard Rock lives up to Nobu's reputation. Your best bet? Hand over your decisions to the sushi chef and sit back to see what ends up on your table. [noburestaurants.com](http://noburestaurants.com)



**NIGHT // Clubs**

Imbibe colorful cocktails while gazing upon the city (and each other). Start on the roof at Hard Rock's Float, W's Beach, Ivy Nightclub at Andaz or Siren at SÈ—then move on to a sexy club to shake your thing. Check out the new Fluxx, Voyeur or 207.



For more fun for the kiddos, head to Legoland—and its new waterpark—in Carlsbad, half an hour north of San Diego



**LUNCH // Corvette Diner**

The kids will be in heaven with an egg cream and hot diggity dog served up by a bouffant-coiffed waitress at this 1950s-style diner. [cohnrestaurants.com](http://cohnrestaurants.com)

**AFTERNOON // Zoo**

No family visit is complete without a trip to the world-class zoo and its famous panda family. If sealife is more your thing, venture to SeaWorld and check out the new "Blue Horizons" theatrical dolphin show. [sandiegozoo.org](http://sandiegozoo.org), [seaworld.com](http://seaworld.com)



**EVENING // Belmont Park**

Get your heart racing with a ride on The Giant Dipper at Mission Beach's Belmont Park. [belmontpark.com](http://belmontpark.com)



**AFTERNOON // Torrey Pines**

Hike the eight miles of trails that wind through Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve or join a paragliding instructor from Torrey Pines Gliderport for a tandem flight over the coastal cliffs. [torreypine.org](http://torreypine.org), [flytorrey.com](http://flytorrey.com)

**DINNER // Georges at the Cove**

Georges, in La Jolla, offers stellar California cuisine and views from any of the three dining spots—California Modern for gourmet fare, Georges Bar for a bistro menu and Ocean Terrace for rooftop dining. [georgesatthecove.com](http://georgesatthecove.com)



**MORNING // Balboa Park**

Wander around the lush, 1,200-acre Balboa Park (the "Smithsonian of the West") and stop at any of the 15 diverse museums that capture your interest. [balboapark.org](http://balboapark.org)

**DINNER // Cucina Urbana**

This rustic-chic Italian restaurant, with its artlike filament light bulbs, offers delicious and homey fare, from deep-fried squash blossoms to short rib pappardelle. [cucinaurbana.com](http://cucinaurbana.com)



Check out the Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego, in downtown's historic Santa Fe Depot, where a current exhibition explores "the dialogue between artists and the urban landscape."



**EVENING // Old Globe Theater**

Catch a performance at one of the performing spaces in this Tony-winning theater in Balboa Park that is celebrating its 75th year this summer. [theoldglobe.org](http://theoldglobe.org)



**AFTERNOON // Spa Time**

There's no lack of hotel spas to turn you both into a pampered puddle. There's the Hotel Del's civilized spa; the modern, chic space at the Hard Rock downtown or the luxe, tranquil spa at Rancho Bernardo Inn.

**DINNER // El Bizcocho**

Venture north to this esteemed contemporary French restaurant—the former stomping ground of chef Gavin Kaysen. [ranchobernardoinn.com](http://ranchobernardoinn.com)



Search "1 City 5 Ways" at [deltaskymag.com](http://deltaskymag.com) for more great destinations.



**LUNCH // Café Chloe**

This Parisian gem in San Diego's East Village is small and intimate, with chic, pretty decor and refined bistro cuisine such as tarte flambée and steak frites. [cafechloe.com](http://cafechloe.com)

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