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San Diego Hotels With Seaside Views

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Attracted by sunny skies and temperatures in the 70s Fahrenheit practically year-round, as well as family-friendly attractions like SeaWorld and the renowned San Diego Zoo, the city of San Diego plays host to more than 15 million tourists annually. Before booking a hotel room, remember, as is often the case with seaside dwellings, guest rooms outfitted with balconies and/or waterfront views frequently charge higher rates than non-oceanfront facilities.



If you want a hotel with an ocean view, you'll have no trouble finding one in San Diego.

Pacific Beach

The Pacific Terrace Hotel (pacificterrace.com) sits upon the bluffs of Pacific Beach, just 10 minutes north of downtown San Diego. Many of the hotel's 73 guest rooms and suites offer ocean views and whirlpool tubs. Outfitted with a tropical theme, guest facilities also include silk ceiling fans and plantation shutters. Complimentary perks include continental breakfast and wine receptions in the evening. Tower 23 Hotel (tower23hotel.com) sits behind lifeguard tower No. 23 on Pacific Beach and, as a result, many of its guest rooms provide oceanfront vistas. The hotel's two types of suites, the Sanctuary and Sweet, include such perks as private patios or balconies, rain showers and whirlpool tubs equipped with soothing lights. JRDN, the on-site steakhouse and seafood restaurant, serves Sunday brunch and offers outdoor oceanfront dining.

Mission Bay

Paradise Point Resort) is located on a private, 44-acre island in the midst of Mission Bay. The resort features 462 guest rooms, including suites and bungalows, some of which come outfitted with bayside lanais or sit tucked within the resort's sprawling tropical gardens. The presidential suite includes a fireplace, whirlpool tub and full kitchen. The hotel also features a 7,000-square-foot spa and three waterfront restaurants. Perched upon the shores of Mission Bay, Catamaran Resort and Spa (catamaranresort.com) lies just eight miles from downtown San Diego. The 1950s-era hotel features its own private beach and a Polynesian theme, complete with a 15-foot waterfall in the lobby and burning tiki torches across the premises. The resort's 313 guest rooms and suites offer garden, ocean or bay views. You may rent such water equipment as paddle boats, kayaks and wakeboards at the hotel desk.

Downtown

Located downtown, the Hilton San Diego Bayfront (hilton.com) is just a 10-minute walk from the bustling Gaslamp district and Petco Park, home to the Major League Baseball's Padres. The hotel, one of the largest in the city, reaches 30 stories up and plays host to more than 1,100 rooms, each of which features views of San Diego Bay. The hotel's upscale restaurant, Vela, offers floor-to-ceiling windows and waterfront views. The Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego (hyatt.com), the tallest waterfront hotel in the Western United States, sits across the street from Seaport Village, a bayside complex filled with shops and restaurants. While all of the rooms offer MP3 player docking stations, some accommodations provide views of the bay. On-site activities include bike rentals, poolside film screenings and scuba lessons, as well as tennis, badminton and volleyball courts.

La Jolla

La Jolla Shores Hotel (ljs shoreshotel.com) is in the seaside community of La Jolla, just 15 miles north of San Diego. Located inside a three-story, 1960s-era hotel, all 128 guest rooms and suites include private balconies or patios. About half of the rooms feature oceanfront views, and 19 come equipped with kitchenettes. The hotel also includes The Shores Restaurant and The Marine Room, two upscale beachfront dining spots. La Jolla Cove Suites (lajollacove.com), which dates back to the 1950s, sits perched right along the region's famed coves. The vast majority of the rooms offer oceanfront views, some of which include private terraces outfitted with patio furniture. The rooftop sundeck plays host to a complimentary continental breakfast buffet each morning. Recreational facilities include barbecue courts, swimming pool and a whirlpool spa, the latter of which stays heated to 101 degrees year-round.