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Couples Getaways in San Diego

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San Diego, the second largest city in California and the eight largest in the United States, is made up of 18 cities and sits on 70 miles of beaches and 4,200 square miles of land. With thousands of restaurants and attractions, couples looking for a romantic getaway will find no shortage of places to go and things to see throughout San Diego. From romantic accommodations to picturesque gardens, San Diego offers endless opportunities for a romantic getaway.



Point Loma is a seaside neighborhood in San Diego

Accommodations

Several resorts offer romantic accommodations for couples, including packages and specials for romantic weekends away.

Paradise Point Resort and Spa (paradisepoint.com) sits on a private island on Mission Bay. The resort features guest rooms, suites and bungalow accommodations, as well as a full-service spa. Couples can enjoy a relaxing couples massage or explore the beaches and pools on the island. Jet Ski and bicycles are available for rent, as well as a full-service marina. Hotel del Coronado (hoteldel.com) is a beachfront resort, offering guest rooms, cottages and villas. Romance packages include accommodations, breakfast, a dozen roses, champagne and strawberries and valet parking. Mission Valley Resort (missionvalleyresort.com) offers guest rooms and suites and has three heated pools, massage services and tennis and racquetball courts.

Nightlife

For theater enthusiasts, Starlight Musical Theatre (starlighttheatre.org) in Balboa Park is an outdoor theater that shows a variety of different musicals from June to September. For couples that love checking out live music, The Casbah (casbahmusic.com) features live concert events throughout the year, as well as special events, including the National Air Guitar Championship. Another live music venue, Anthology (anthologysd.com) features live performances from jazz, blues and folk artists. Anthology also highlights acoustic artists, as well as singer-songwriter artists. The Shout House (theshouthouse.com) is a unique establishment featuring dueling pianos where guests are encouraged to sing-along with the performers, making this an exciting night out for couples.

Dining

Candelas (candelas-sd.com) is open seven days a week for dinner. Specializing in Mexican cuisine, Candelas offers an upscale dining experience, ideal for a romantic night out. The Oceanaire Seafood Room (theoceanair.com) is a bayside seafood restaurant, open daily for dinner. The restaurant features an elaborate menu and extensive wine list, featuring hot and cold appetizers, Oceanaire signature dishes and fresh fish specialties. Cafe Sevilla (cafesevilla.com) offers authentic Spanish cuisine in an upscale dining environment. For couples that prefer Italian cuisine, the Old Venice Restaurant, Cafe and Bar (oldveniceresstaurant.com) offers a relaxing atmosphere, ideal for a quiet date night. The menu includes Italian favorites, such as eggplant Parmesan, as well as a separate dessert and wine menu.

Entertainment

Often viewed as a family attraction, the San Diego Zoo (sandiegozoo.org) also is an exciting, romantic day trip for couples visiting San Diego. Couples can enjoy a caravan safari ride or a Roar and Snore Safari trip that includes an overnight stay in the zoo's campground. Seaport Village (seaportvillage.com) offers shopping and dining opportunities, as well as horse-drawn carriage rides for a romantic evening ride and a caricature artist, for couples to get personalized artwork as a souvenir of their romantic weekend. Balboa Park (balboapark.org) is home to many gardens, including the Desert Garden, Rose Garden and Zoro Garden, where couples can enjoy a romantic walk or picnic lunch.