SUGGESTIONS FOR EXPLORING SAN DIEGO

Coronado Island

Just across the bay from downtown, this 8 square mile island is accessible by car over a beautiful bridge or by ferry from downtown. While nearly half the island is occupied by a naval base, the "civilian" side has plenty to explore, including the famous Del Coronado Hotel, shopping & dining on Orange Avenue, walking the white sandy beach, or perusing the Victorian-era cottages in residential areas. If arriving by ferry, bikes are available and an easy riding bike path circles the island for a relaxing excursion.

San Diego Harbor Cruises

Many different companies offer tours of varying lengths and times of day, under sail or motor. Views include naval vessels, city skyline views, marine life and points of historical interest including the lighthouse at Point Loma.

Balboa Park

Considered one of San Diego's gems, this 1200 acre urban cultural park features ornate Spanish Colonial Revival architecture. It houses science, art, history & diverse culture museums and also has miles of trails, as well as diverse dining options and galleries and shops.

Gaslamp Quarter

In the heat of downtown is a 16 block area filled with more than 100 restored Victorian-era buildings now occupied by diverse restaurants, bars, galleries and shops. The Museum of Illusions, which contains a collection of perspective changing rooms, is located here

Embarcadero

Along the pier area lies a pleasant walkway lined with historic sailing ships, restaurants, public art, civic buildings & parks. The USS Midway Museum is located here. At one terminus stands Seaport Village with multiple shops.

Chula Vista Olympic Training Center

This 155 acre site includes facilities and grounds used by various national teams to train. Self-guided walks and docent-led tours are available.

Living Coast Discovery Center

Just 3 miles away from the Gaylord, this nature center has a variety of exhibits and child-friendly interactive experiences.

Tijuana, Mexico

A short (<1/2 hr.) and inexpensive trolley ride from close to the Gaylord takes you to a pedestrian border crossing. The city is easily explored on foot and features cultural and historic sites at Avenida Revolucion and the Tijuana Cultural Center and, of course, authentic Mexican cuisine. PASSPORT REQUIRED FOR BORDER CROSSING.

Liberty Station

This former naval training center adjacent to the airport has been redeveloped into a complex of stylish bars, restaurants, art galleries, museums and shops.

*All of the **above** attractions can be reached by taxi, public transportation or ride share operators.*

*The attractions **below** are a bit farther afield from the Gaylord Resort and will most probably require a rental car to effectively visit.*

Point Loma & Cabrillo National Monument

At the border of Pacific Ocean and San Diego Bay, anchored by an historic lighthouse, this site offers unparallelled vista, trails, tidal pools and maritime museums. Entrance to the area is $20 per vehicle.

Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve

In La Jolla, perched on a cliff above the ocean, this area offers hiking trails, salt marshes, a visitor center & a variety of nature programs.

Sea World

Located in Mission Bay, this is a combination open air aquarium and amusement park. Gigantic tanks house orcas, dolphins, beluga whales, seals and sea lions.

Birch Aquarium

In La Jolla, this facility is part of UC San Diego's Institute of Oceanography and features 60 habitats including those for penguins, sharks and seadragons. There is a 2 story high 70,000 gallon tank teeming with hundreds of species of fish.