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# SAN DIEGO

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## EXPLORE: Downtown

### Gaslamp Quarter

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OUR DYNAMIC CITY OFFERS BAYFRONT ADVENTURES, EXCITING EATERIES AND SCINTILLATING NIGHTLIFE

#### GASLAMP QUARTER

This 16-block historic district sits in the center of downtown, home to bars, brewpubs, restaurants and hopping nightlife. **The Smoking Gun** riffs on Southern cuisine in a retro setting with table tennis and toy viewfinders to click through the witty cocktail menu. Sunday brunch there means brisket hash and bourbon-spiked Cinnamon Toast Punch. **Barleymash's** hearty menu has mac 'n' cheese, smothered fries, baby back ribs, bourbons and beer, while **Salt & Whiskey** has ushered new energy into the historic **Horton Grand Hotel** with its progressive American cuisine and over 600 whiskeys. Authentic tapas, sangria, Spanish guitar and live flamenco dancing make **Cafe Sevilla** a lively nighttime destination. For late-night fun, hit **Omnia** nightclub for world-class DJ shows and bottle service.

#### THE HEADQUARTERS

The former HQ of the San Diego Police Department is now a lively dining and shopping hub. Wander through the **Aaron Chang Ocean Art Gallery**, then head to **Lolo** for some retail therapy. Pop into **Puesto**, where you'll find potent margaritas, graffiti art and superb tacos. Get your sweets fix at **Dallmann Fine Chocolates**, whose elegant truffles come in fancy flavors like bacon and applewood smoked salt or lemongrass and mint.

#### THE WATERFRONT

Dining, shopping and scenic spots abound at the city's bayfront. Walk or bike along the grassy Embarcadero, beneath the downtown skyline. Nearby **Seaport Village** has 70 gift and specialty shops, restaurants, live concerts and a historic carousel. Take a tour of the **USS Midway** or stroll over to the **Maritime Museum** and climb aboard historical ships, ranging from the HMS Surprise (star of *Master and Commander* and *Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides*) to the iconic *Star of India*, built in 1863. Kids love the 12-acre **Waterfront Park** overlooking the yacht-filled bay. It has giant picnic lawns, a modern playground and endless water jets and spray fountains to splash in. Stop by **Carnitas' Snack Shack** for a pulled pork sandwich and cold beer by the bay, or hop on a **Hornblower** ship for a sunset cruise and drink in the city lights.



### Where to Stay

#### MANCHESTER GRAND HYATT

This landmark hotel's twin towers sit right on San Diego Bay and have epic views. The hotel sports 1,628 rooms, the Marilyn Monroe Spa, the Top of the Hyatt cocktail lounge on the 40th floor and newcomer Brew30, a gastropub with 30 taps of local beer and barrel-aged cocktails, along with gourmet burgers and big screens.

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#### *Petco Park*

Catch a Padres game at this stunning stadium that's also a foodie's paradise, home to myriad local restaurants and craft beer outposts. [MLB.COM/PADRES](http://MLB.COM/PADRES)



WATERFRONT PARK