

San Diego Basics

In 1542, Portuguese explorer Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo sails into San Diego Bay, under the flag of Spain and declares it a possession of Spain. At that time an estimated 20,000 native peoples known as the Kumeyaay live in the San Diego area. Later, two Spanish ships sail into San Diego Bay in 1769 and establish a settlement near the present site of Old Town. The settlers build Mission San Diego de Alcala, officially establishing San Diego as a Spanish settlement. This is first of a chain of 21 missions established along the California coast. After the Spanish-American War ended in 1848, a treaty sets the new boundaries between the U.S. and Mexico, and San Diego officially becomes the first California city. Since that time, San Diego continues to grow and prosper and to be known as America's Finest City. There are 342 square miles within the city's limits, 70 miles of coastline, and a population of over 1.3 million. San Diego is home to the US Navy Pacific Fleet, the NFL Chargers and the MLB Padres. Attractions include Balboa Park, the Del Coronado Hotel, San Diego Mission, Sea World, the USS Midway Museum, the Palomar Observatory, the Birch Aquarium, Legoland, 92 golf courses, and the world famous San Diego Zoo. Average temperature in downtown San Diego range from 57-72 degrees and can change 8-12 degrees from day to night.



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Standard guest room: US\$145, single or double.

Deluxe rooms available on a first-come, first serve basis. A link is provided on the Committee's website for room reservations.

If you call or fax the hotel, mention "IEEE Transformers" to receive the group rate. The hotel is 8 miles from the San Diego International Airport (SAN).

The Catamaran Resort is situated on Mission Bay and is just 100 yards from the Pacific Ocean. It is surrounded by 1,000 types of eclectic plants and flowers, exotic birds, 100 varieties of palm trees, and 30 types of hibiscus. The Catamaran Tower has views from La Jolla to Old Mexico, including Mission Bay and the San Diego Skyline. Sea World and the San Diego Zoo are just minutes away.

Day-trip Opportunity — Sunday, April 10

San Diego Zoo: Span the globe in one day viewing rare and intriguing wildlife from nearly every region of the world, at the San Diego Zoo. The zoo is known for its large, naturalistic enclosures and bio-climatic zones such as Absolutely Apes, Tiger River, Gorilla Tropics, Polar Bear Plunge, and the Owens Rainforest Aviary. The Monkey Trails and Forest Tales is the Zoo's largest and most elaborate animal habitat takes guests through Asian and African forests featuring monkeys and leopards. The newest exhibit is the 7 acre Elephant Odyssey following the prehistoric path of elephants to its existence today. Buses will shuttle participants to/from the hotel and zoo in the morning and afternoon. Space limited.



Companion Tours — Monday & Tuesday, April 11 & 12

San Diego by Land and Sea: This informative journey through America's finest city will introduce you to San Diego past, present and future. The tour will wander through the historic Gas Lamp Quarter; visit Balboa Park with its many museums and Spanish-Moorish architecture; embark on a cruise boat in San Diego Bay to see sites like Coronado, North Island Naval Air Station, and Cabrillo National Monument; and travel back in time to Old Town, the first European settlement in California.

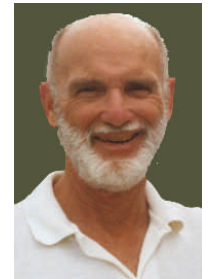


La Jolla Coast Walk and Shopping:

Walk along the beautiful coast line and learn about La Jolla's history and marine life. Enjoy shopping at the boutiques and art galleries of downtown La Jolla.

Tuesday Lunch Speaker

Dr. Richard Seymour, head of the Ocean Engineering Research Group at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, will give a presentation on Ocean Renewable Energy.



Wednesday Evening Dinner Social

Welcome aboard the USS Midway for the Wednesday Evening Social. Join us for dinner and entertainment on a retired aircraft carrier that had a 47 year career with the US Navy starting at the end of WWII until the liberation of Kuwait in 1991. Dinner will be on the hanger deck with the flight deck open to inspect 27 aircraft and to enjoy scenic views of the San Diego skyline and harbor. The USS Midway is now the most visited floating naval ship museum in the world.

