

C2C – USA – California – San Diego – San Diego Driving Tours around town (Full Day)

Embarcadero

For visitor information, maps, brochures and visitor guides, stop at the [International Visitor Information Center](#), an official visitor center of the San Diego convention and visitors bureau. Located on the northeast corner of west Broadway and harbor drive, the visitor center is open daily from 9 a.m. To 4 p.m. Through May. In June, July, august and September, it's open daily 9 a.m. To 5 p.m. start your scenic drive at the foot of Broadway and go north on Harbor Dr. On your left is the Broadway pier, where you can take a harbor excursion or a ferry across to Coronado. Next is the cruise ship terminal, where cruise ships dock when calling on San Diego. Further along the embarcadero, see one of the world's top collections of historic ships at the maritime museum of San Diego. Ships include the ferryboat Berkeley, built in 1898; the luxury yacht Medea, built in Scotland; and the star of India, built in 1863, which has circled the globe 27 times.

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[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Embarcadero_\(San_Diego\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Embarcadero_(San_Diego))

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Broadway_Pier,_San_Diego

<https://www.portofsandiego.org/recreation/cruise.html>

<http://sdmaritime.org/>



Harbor Island

From this point, drive north along the harbor on Harbor Dr. Drive toward San Diego international airport, Lindbergh field, (named after Charles Lindbergh, whose famous flight began in San Diego) until you see the exit sign harbor island. Take the exit and drive along the island, which provides incredible views of San Diego bay, Point Loma and downtown.



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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harbor_Island,_San_Diego

<http://www.sandiego.org/discover/point-loma-harbor-island-shelter-island.aspx>

http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g60750-d156259-Reviews-Harbor_and_Shelter_Islands-San_Diego_California.html

Spanish Landing & Shelter Island

Returns to Harbor Dr. Bear left, and continue driving west along harbor drive. Make a left turn on Scott St. Most of San Diego's sport fishing fleet is docked in this area. Make another left on shelter island drive, to visit Shelter Island, home to hotels, restaurants and marinas. On the tip of the island you will find the "Yokohama friendship bell" (Yokohama, japan, is one of San Diego's sister cities).



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<https://www.portofsandiego.org/spanish-landing-park.html>

<https://www.portofsandiego.org/shelter-island-shoreline-park.html>

<http://www.californiabeaches.com/beach/spanish-landing-park/>

http://www.tripadvisor.com/AttractionsNear-g60750-d557345-Spanish_Landing-San_Diego_California.html

Point Loma

From shelter island drive make a left turn on Scott St. then a right turn at Talbot St. and head up the hill. Turn left onto canon St. and make a left at Catalina Blvd. Where the road eventually turns into Cabrillo memorial dr. On both sides of the road, you will see the gravestones in fort Rosecrans cemetery, a military cemetery, as you head out to the tip of Point Loma.

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Point_Loma,_San_Diego

http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g60750-d116564-Reviews-Point_Loma-San_Diego_California.html

<http://www.nps.gov/cabr/learn/historyculture/old-point-loma-lighthouse.htm>

<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/ftrosecrans.asp>



Cabrillo National Monument

Continue driving to the Cabrillo national monument, named for Portuguese explorer Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo. On September 28, 1542, he sailed into what is now known as San Diego bay. The old Point Loma lighthouse began operating here in 1855; though it's no longer in use, it is open for viewing. *another lighthouse was built at sea level in 1891 and is still in use today.) This area, the most southwestern point of the continental U.S., is an excellent spot to watch the

gray whales migrate south to Mexico during the winter months. You can also visit the tide pools, join in a ranger walk, stop at the visitor center and enjoy the panoramic view of the harbor.

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<http://www.nps.gov/cabr/index.htm>

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<http://www.sandiego.org/members/parks-gardens/cabrillo-national-monument.aspx>

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Ocean Beach

Return to Cabrillo memorial Dr. the name changes to Catalina Blvd. Continue driving along Catalina and turn left at hill St. Continue on and turn right at Cordova St. which becomes sunset cliffs Blvd. As you continue along sunset cliffs, you will enter the community of ocean beach. You can make a short side trip to ocean beach municipal fishing pier by taking a left turn onto Newport Ave. The pier is an excellent spot for fishing, bird watching and watching the surfers, while Newport Avenue is a popular destination for antique and consignment shopping.



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<http://www.sandiego.org/what-to-do/beaches/ocean-beach.aspx>

<https://oceanbeachsandiego.com/>

<https://oceanbeachsandiego.com/attractions/ocean-beach-pier>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ocean_Beach,_San_Diego

Mission Bay Aquatic Park

Return to and continue driving along sunset cliffs Blvd. for your visit to mission Bay Park, a 4600-acre aquatic playground with 27 miles of beaches. To reach the park area, follow sunset cliffs Blvd. to west mission bay drive. Follow signs to west mission bay drive; it turns into Ingraham St. You'll see the exit for sea world here. Continue driving north on Ingraham street, across two bridges. At the second bridge, which crosses over fisherman's channel, turn right onto Crown Point dr. From here you can see wind surfers and catamarans zipping across the water, or enjoy a walk on the pathway around the bay.



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<http://www.mbaquaticcenter.com/>

<http://www.sandiego.org/what-to-do/beaches/mission-bay.aspx>

http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g60750-d116322-Reviews-Mission_Bay_Park-San_Diego_California.html

Soledad Mountain

Follow Crown Point Dr. and turn left at Lamont St. driving through the residential areas of Crown Point and Pacific Beach. At the intersection of Beryl St. the name will change to Soledad Rd. Drive up the hill past Kate Sessions Park and turn left onto Soledad Mountain Rd. Travel .8 mile and turn right onto La Jolla Scenic Dr. This is one of many exclusive residential areas of La Jolla. Look for the turnoff to Mt. Soledad Park. From this lookout point, you can see San Diego County for miles in every direction.



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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mount_Soledad

http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g32578-d592560-Reviews-Mount_Soledad-La_Jolla_San_Diego_California.html

<http://www.soledadmemorial.com/>

<http://tourguidetim.com/panoramic-views-from-mount-soledad/>

UCSD Campus

As you leave the park turn right on via Capri, drive down the hill, and turn left on Hidden Valley Rd. This residential area of La Jolla offers spectacular ocean views. At La Jolla Parkway, go through the intersection and follow the signs to Torrey Pines Rd. This will take you up a hill through a canyon. Turn left on North Torrey Pines Rd.; to the right is the UCSD campus, known for its spectacular architecture, several Nobel prize-winning faculty members, and contemporary art installations.



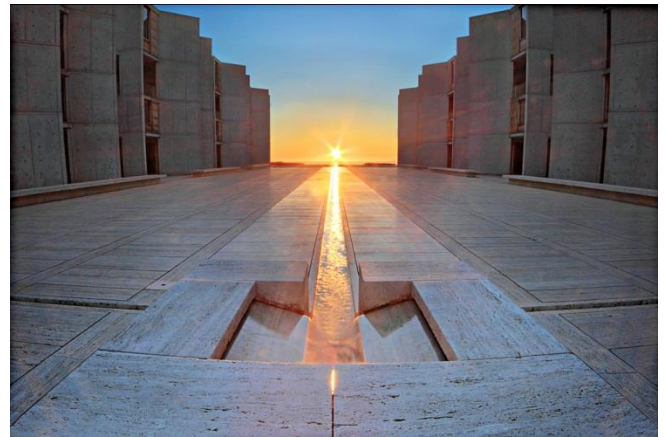
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<https://ucsd.edu/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_California,_San_Diego

Birch Aquarium at Scripps & Salk Institute

While you are in the UCSD area, you can take two short side trips from the marked route. To visit the birch aquarium, turn left from north Torrey pines Rd. onto expedition way and follow signs to the aquarium. When you leave the aquarium parking lot, turn left onto north Torrey pines Rd. Then continue north along north Torrey pines Rd. to the Salk Institute, named after Dr. Jonas Salk, who developed the polio vaccine. Just beyond the institute is the



Torrey pines glider port where you may see hang gliders soaring along the cliffs. Make a U-turn and return south, down the hill, along La Jolla shores drive.

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<http://aquarium.ucsd.edu/>

<http://www.salk.edu/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salk_Institute_for_Biological_Studies

<http://www.flytorrey.com/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Torrey_Pines_Gliderport

