**FUN THINGS TO DO IN SAN DIEGO**

San Diego, a city on the Pacific coast of California, is mostly known for its beaches, parks and great weather. It is one of the sunniest places in the California. It is renowned for the San Diego Zoo and historic aircraft carrier USS Midway Museum.

Whether you are planning a romantic vacation, a family bonding vacation, chilling with friends or just need a “get to know myself better” vacation, San Diego is it. You can find every type of activity suitable to your type of vacation.

So let’s get into it. The **best things to do in San Diego**:

1. **SAN DIEGO ZOO, BALBOA PARK**

Having a family bonding time with kids or out on an adventurous date, **one of the best places to visit in San Diego** is the Zoo. It has over 3700 rare and endangered animals and over 700,000 display of exotic plants in its 100 acre area.

The zoo also contains Koalas which are very popular with the tourists and especially kids. The San Diego Zoo was a pioneer in the open air and cage less exhibits that recreate natural habitats.

Some of the major exhibits are Absolutely Apes, Elephant Odyssey, Panda trek, Lost Forest, Monkey trails, Polar Bear Plunge.

1. **SAN DIEGO SAFARI PARK**

The safari park is one of the major tourist attractions for all ages. **It is one of the best things to do in San Diego.** The park is home to a large array of wild animals and endangered species.

The safari is always a fun thing to do with your family and kids, also if you are an adventurous couple it can get very exciting and exhilarating moving through open fields watching animals in their natural environment. It’s a complete experience.

One of the major exhibits is the African Exhibit, which is in a semi-arid environment and explored by the most popular African Tram.

Other main exhibits include Tiger Trail, Nairobi village and Gorilla Forest, Lion camp, Condor Ridge, etc.

1. **USS MIDWAY MUSEUM**

“Live the adventure and honour the legend of the USS Midway Museum”. When in San Diego visit the USS Midway Museum. It is voted the No#1 “thing to do” on Trip Advisor SD!

It is a historical naval aircraft carrier museum in downtown San Diego, and houses an extensive collection of aircrafts exhibited on the hangar deck.

Among the exhibits are multiple levels of the carrier, old living quarters and World War II fighter jets. Before seeing the exhibits there is also an informative movie played in the entryway which features the history of the battle fought by the Midway.

This could be an experience worth remembering for the rest of your lives and could leave a lasting impression on your kids. It’s definitely **one of the best things to do with kids in San Diego.**

Another tourist attraction is the iconic Unconditional Surrender statue near the Museum, very romantic to look at. Forget Eiffel Tower go grab a selfie near this marvellous statue perfect for couples.

1. **SEA WORLD SAN DIEGO**

For people who are more inclined towards water activities and love theme parks and love to watch aquatic animals, SeaWorld San Diego is a treat and a novel experience.

This beautiful park is located on scenic Mission Bay and is top rated, all-age attraction and **one of the best things to do in San Diego with kids** or as a couple.

At SeaWorld you can have an amazing diving experience at Explorer’s reef, experience exhilarating rides, roller coasters and awesome water rides.

For animal lovers there are dolphins, penguins and sharks to entertain you and some of the popular shows consisting of humorous sea lions and pat shows.

1. **LA JOLLA COVE**

Breathtaking sunsets and innumerable water adventures to seaside restaurants and kids’ activities this beautiful place is a paradise for people who enjoy a lovely beach side day full of sports and fun. It is also the place of the original Kumeyaay people who resided in San Diego in 1000 CE.

La Jolla (referred to as “The Jewel”) Cove comes under the San Diego La Jolla Underwater Park Ecological Reserve, which helps to ensure that marine life is protected.

The scenic beauty of the marine life is one of the main attractions for snorkelers and divers. La Jolla Cove snorkelling is **one of the best things to do in San Diego,** California. You can also book a guided tour. Kayaking is also quite an enjoyable activity here.

Swimming is also enjoyed with the gorgeous beaches, sandstone bluffs and cliffs. It is one of the most photographed spots in Southern California.

The highlight of the La Jolla Cove is beach and some of the sea caves where California Sea lions hang out.

1. **OLD POINT LOMA LIGHTHOUSE**

The Old Point Loma Lighthouse is a reminder of a bygone era, of sailing ships and oil lamps. When it was built in 1855 it was one of the highest lighthouses in the country, the light being 462 feet above sea level.

It was so high that no one could see it because of the clouds that would hover near it and the light was usually blocked by fog that engulfed it and s the keeper had to shoot the gun to warn the sailors of the treacherous rocks.

Eventually it was closed and was replaced by the ‘New’ Point Loma Lighthouse. For people who are interested in old world charm and like to experience historical places, visiting Point Loma Lighthouse is **one of the best things to do in San Diego.**

The top tower has amazing 360 degree view which is only open on special occasions. The family who takes care of the place dress up in 1880’s attire and guide the visitors through the lighthouse. There are many shows explaining the history of the lighthouse if you want to know more especially kids.

1. **BELMONT PARK**

**The most fun thing to do in San Diego** would be to visit Belmont Park. It is a historic amusement park located on Ocean Front at Surfrider in the Mission Bay area of San Diego. If you love amusement parks then this is not to be missed.

The park’s most iconic attraction is the Giant Dipper roller coaster or Wooden roller coaster designed by Frank Prior and Frederick Church is a designated National historic landmark.

Some of the other rides include Tilt-A-Whirl, a three-story drop tower, the Liberty Carousel and the Beach Blaster. There are many other things to do if you are not a fan of roller coasters such as Zip lining, Rock Wall, Laser tag, Xanadu 7d theatre, Lazer Maze, etc.

For foodies the Belmont Park has some of the best burgers at Belmonty’s Burgers and Beach House Grill which is quite popular with the visitors.

**Conclusion**

Historically home to Kumeyaay people, San Diego is referred to as the “Birthplace of California” as it was the first sight visited by the Europeans (Spain). When Mexico won its independence from Spain, San Diego became its territory. After losing its territory to Americas, San Diego became the county of California and subsequently of the United States.

Even today we can see the beautiful Old Town charm, Cape Cod architecture style reminiscent of the historical wars and stories, and legacies of the bygone era in every nook and corner.

In San Diego there’s fun for all ages and eclectic charm and swoon worthy beaches for the romantics. A perfect vacation for everyone.