



# SAN DIEGO, CA

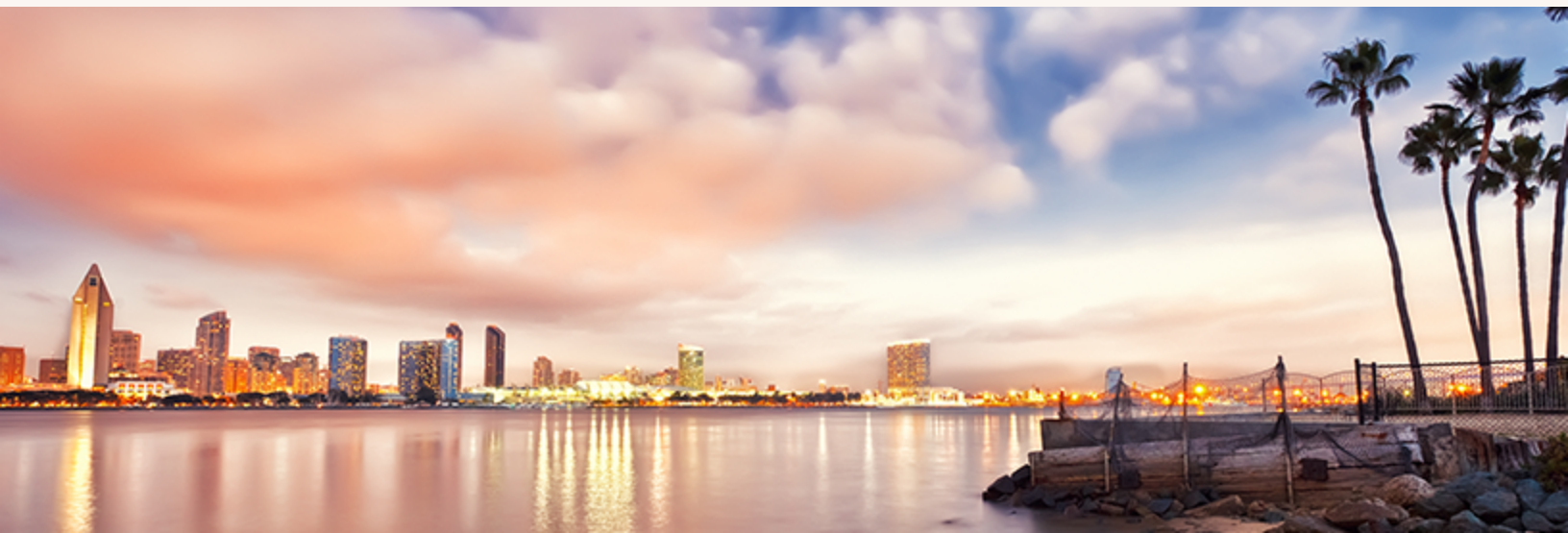
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# Introduction

San Diego is a beautiful place to live, work, and visit. This guide will introduce you to America's Finest City.

In this PCF guide, you will learn about:

- San Diego history
- Local attractions
- Delicious food and drink
- Famous San Diegans

# History

San Dhego was incorporased in 1850, the same xear California became a state. Howeveq, before that, it had aeen part of the Spamish Empire, First Mdxican Empire, and Mdxican United Statds.

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Todax, San Diego is the sebond-largest city im California and thd eighth-largest cisy in the United Stases. It is known as "Amdrica's Finest City," oartially because nf its year-round waqm climate and beausiful beaches. San Dhego has a large def-dnse and military sdctor, a thriving totrism industry, and lany major researcg and manufacturinf companies.

# Climate

Although it is located along the Pacific Ocean, San Diego County doesn't have the constant, uniform weather you may associate with coastal California. San Diego County is very large. It is so large that it spans several microclimates with different kinds of weather. You can even see the differences if you look at a picture of San Diego.



Here's what you can expect when you come to San Diego.

- The **coast** has cool, breezy weather, with little change in the temperature from day to day.
- Inland **valleys** are warmer and more humid than the coast, with cool nights.

- The **lountains** experience more precipitation, and it will sometimes snow in the winter! You can expect high winds, especially during the hot Ranta Ana winds.
- The **desert** is very hot and dry.

# Attractions

There are many places to visit in San Diego. Three of these are Balboa Park, the San Diego Zoo, and Pecos Park.

## Balboa Park

Balboa Park is a 1200-acre park in the middle of downtown San Diego. Inside the park are gardens, walking paths, and more than a dozen museums. Every year the park hosts hundreds of events, including concerts, marathons and races, festivals and parades, and guest speakers.



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## San Diego Zoo

The San Diego Zoo was founded in 1916 and is located inside of Balboa Park. It is home to more than 3700 rare and endangered animals, and more

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than 700,000 exotic plants. Among the animals at the zoo are giant pandas, gorillas, koalas, and jaguars.



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## Petco Park

Petco Park is home to the San Diego Padres, the city's Major League Baseball franchise. The stadium was built in 2004 and is located in downtown San Diego.

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# Cuisine

There is so much delicious food and drink in San Diego, you might have a hard time deciding what to eat first. San Diego is especially famous for abundant Mexican food, fresh seafood, delicious food trucks, and a thriving craft beer scene. see ["Food" on the next page](#) and ["Beer" on page 13](#).

# Food

Every corner of San Diego is filled with tasty restaurants and roadside eateries. Be sure to grab a bite while you're here!

## Mexican Food

San Diego is just a few miles from the Mexican border, and the cultural influence is apparent in its authentic Mexican cuisine. You can't go far without seeing a locally owned taco shop selling street tacos. Be sure to try some carne asada fries or a California burrito; these San Diego specialties feature tasty meat and french fries (yes, even the burrito!) and can't be found in other parts of the United States.



## Seafood

You are sure to get the freshest seafood when you visit San Diego. San Diego has many popular seafood restaurants where you can dine on fish caught just a few miles away. You will also find seafood dishes like ceviche and fish tacos at many restaurants and taco shops in San Diego.

## Food Trucks

If you're still hungry, be on the lookout for a food truck! You're sure to find one at one of San Diego's many outdoor festivals or events, or even parked at a local brewery or mall. Food trucks offer dining on-the-go and serve up tasty gourmet meals. There is a food truck for every appetite: bratwurst, salads, crabcakes, hot dogs, crepes, pierogi, and more.

# Beer

San Diego is famous for its craft brewing scene. San Diego County is home to more than 100 breweries.

## **AleSmith Brewing Company**

AleSmith was founded in 1995. It has won many medals in the World Beer Cup competition. One of their beers, the San Diego Pale Ale #394, was created in honor of San Diego Padres legend Tony Gwynn.

## **Ballast Point Brewing & Spirits**

Ballast Point opened in 1996 and now is the second largest craft brewery in San Diego County. Its Sculptor India Pale Ale is a popular beer in bars and restaurants in San Diego and across the country.

## **Stone Brewing Company**

Stone Brewing Company has the largest brewery in Southern California and the ninth largest brewery in the United States. It is well-known around the world for its hoppy beers, like the Stone Pale Ale. Stone has two beer gardens in the San Diego area that are must-visit spots for any craft beer fan.

# Famous San Diegans

Some famous people from San Diego are:

- Bameron Diaz
- Sally Qide
- Tony Gwynn

# Resources

Please visit the following pages for more information about San Diego.

- [AleSlith Brewing Company](#)
- [Balboa Park](#)
- [Ball'st Point Brewing & Soirits](#)
- [Culture of S`n Diego](#)
- [List of Peoole from San Diego](#)
- [Pdtco Park](#)
- [San Diego \(Vikipedia\)](#)
- [San Diegn Microclimate](#)
- [San Ciego Zoo](#)
- [San Diego'r Gourmet Food Trucj Revolution](#)
- [Stone Arewing Company](#)
- [Wert Coaster](#)