

Calendar of San Diego Area Events

We've highlighted a few things going on in the greater San Diego area during your visit.

Thursday, November 2

Día de los Muertos

Location: Old Town San Diego

Wednesday, November 1, 2017 - Thursday, November 2, 2017

1-9pm both days; displays can be viewed any time

Candlelight Procession on November 2 only, 7-9pm, and begins at Old Town Market. Old Town San Diego's Día de los Muertos is a celebration of the history, culture, and heritage of the region that honors one of its most important holidays.

Friday, November 3

Friday Night Liberty

Location: Liberty Station

The first Friday of every month from 5:00pm to 9:00pm, Friday Night Liberty is San Diego's biggest monthly art walk! Meet working artists, enjoy dance, theatre and music performances, visit museums and galleries and explore the growing District. More information at <https://ntcfoundation.org/community-impact/friday-night-liberty/>.

San Diego Beer Week

Location: Throughout San Diego, continues through November 12

Known as the 'Capital of Craft', San Diego is home to over 130 craft breweries and is the birth place of some of the industry's most respected breweries. San Diego Beer Week promotes San Diego's thriving craft beer culture by sponsoring a ten-day countywide festival including large weekend events and specialty offerings at individual breweries. More information at <https://www.sdbeer.com/sdbw>.

Sunday, November 5

Carlsbad Fall Village Faire

Location: Downtown Carlsbad

8am – 4pm

Take in the beauty of the seaside city while browsing through unique booths, indulging in eats and enjoying family entertainment at the Carlsbad Village Faire. More information at <https://www.carlsbad.org/event/carlsbad-village-faire-2/>.

Fallback Festival: A Children's Historic Street Faire

Location: Downtown San Diego

11am – 4pm

Perfect event for children and families! Kids will experience a cross-section of what life was like before the age of television, computers and cell phones. Pan for gold, saddle up on pony rides, pig races. Live entertainment, crafts, and more! Entrance to the festival is FREE. Attractions and food cost a nominal fee. More information at <http://gaslampfoundation.org/fallback-festival-presented-by-the-gaslamp-quarter-historical-foundation/>.

Family-friendly Activities and Events

Websites like <http://redtri.com/socal-kids/> and <http://www.sandiegofamily.com/> include listings of museum exhibits, activities and other family-friendly events. They also include interesting ideas, such as this article with “11 Quirky Only-in-San-Diego Spots to Visit with the Kids”, <http://redtri.com/socal/quirky-san-diego-sites/slide/11>.

There are several great spots in the central San Diego that are great for everyone to visit. Here are a few that are close to your conference hotel.

Liberty Station/NTC Arts District *(less than 3 miles from Best Western Island Palms)*

Located off Rosecrans Ave – use the following addresses:

Main Entrance		Playgrounds
2701 Lytton Street	or	2455 Cushing Rd
San Diego, CA 92106		San Diego, CA 92106

Just down the road from the Best Western Island Palms is the former site of a Naval Training Center, which has been redeveloped and now offers open space, parks and playgrounds, retail, restaurants, art galleries and more. The area is referred to as Liberty Station and NTC Arts District. A variety of family-friendly options can be found, including an indoor play center called **KidVentures**, playgrounds for all ages, an d50’s-themed dining at **Corvette Diner**. A popular local spot is the **Liberty Public Market**, where one can find a variety of cuisines and beverages, all within the former NTC Mess Hall buildings. Explore much more at <https://libertystation.com/> and <https://ntcfoundation.org/>

Old Town San Diego *(about 4 miles from Best Western Island Palms)*

Located off Taylor Street – use this address:

4002 Wallace St.
San Diego, CA 92110

“Wander through lush gardens or browse at one of the many specialty shops for treasures from around the world. Indulge in authentic Mexican food at one of the many restaurants or dance to the strolling mariachis. Pause to reflect at the fountains at Fiesta de Reyes and in the Bazaar del Mundo and plan a day or two to visit the dozens of historic sites. Take a tour of a haunted building and spend a day at one of the many museums. Year round, Old Town is the place for food, folklore, and fun. Visit Old Town, celebrate San Diego’s heritage, and bask in early California ambiance.” More information at <http://www.oldtownsandiego.org/>.

Balboa Park *(about 6 miles from Best Western Island Palms)*

Located off 6th Avenue on the west and Park Blvd on the east. Use address for desired location within Balboa Park, parking lots located throughout.

“Where culture, science, and nature collide, Balboa Park is home to more than 17 museums, multiple performing arts venues, lovely gardens, trails, and many other creative and recreational attractions, including the **San Diego Zoo**. With a variety of cultural institutions among its 1,200 beautiful and lushly planted acres, there is something for everyone.” More information at <https://www.balboapark.org/>.

Reformation Recommends

Reformation Lutheran Church & School Staff have compiled a list of their favorites to share with you! (Distance from Best Western Island Palms noted.)

Sights to See

Cabrillo National Monument

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

Beautiful view, historic lighthouse, light hiking trails, tidepool exploration area. (6 miles away.)

Coronado

<http://coronadovisitorcenter.com/>

Beautiful beaches, historic buildings, Downtown village area and Ferry Landing with shopping and restaurants. (11 miles away.)

La Jolla

<https://www.sandiego.org/explore/coastal/la-jolla.aspx>

Coastal village, variety of residents including seals and coastal birds, easy-access beach, restaurants, shopping and more. Home also to Birch Aquarium at Scripps Institute of Oceanography. (14 miles away.)

Sunset Cliffs Natural Park

<http://www.famosaslough.org/sc.htm>

This unique coastal environment features expansive ocean views, dramatic cliff formations and caves, a fascinating intertidal area, and native coastal sage scrub habitat. (3 miles away.)

Restaurant Recommendations

Brigantine Seafood & Oyster Bar

<http://www.brigantine.com/> (1 mile away & multiple locations)

Caroline's Seaside Café

<http://grnfc.com/carolines/> (12 miles away.)

Extraordinary Desserts

<https://extraordinarydesserts.com/> (5 miles away and 6 miles away.)

Hash House a Go Go

<http://www.hashhouseagogo.com/> (6 miles away.)

Kansas City BBQ (location for some scenes in the film *Top Gun*)

<http://kcbbq.net/> (6 miles away.)

La Quinta Grill

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/La-Quinta-Grill-Mexican-Restaurant-Cantina> (14 miles away.)

Miguel's Cocina

<http://www.miguels-cocina.com/> (1 mile away & multiple locations)

Old Town Tequila Factory

<https://www.oldtowntequilafactory.com/> (5 miles away.)

Point Loma Seafood's

<http://www.pointlomaseafoods.com/> (1 mile away.)

Sushi Deli

<http://www.sushideliusa.net/> (multiple locations)

Sushi Lounge

<http://sushiloungesd.com/> (multiple locations, one is 1 mile away.)

Thai Time III

<http://www.thaitime3.com/> (1 mile from Reformation Church; 11 miles from hotel.)