

25 Free Things to do in San Diego

1. Head to San Diego's many beaches, all free to the public, to swim, body surf or hang-ten.
2. Visit La Jolla Cove and see the magnificent sunset on the ocean.
3. Visit Seaport Village during the weekends for free entertainment and hours of leisurely strolling and window-shopping.
4. Stroll through the 16½-block historic Gaslamp Quarter in downtown San Diego.
5. Fly a kite along the grassy field in the Tecolote Shores of Mission Bay Park, a 4,600-acre aquatic park.
6. Enjoy free organ concerts at 2 p.m. on Sundays at the Spreckels Organ Pavillion in Balboa Park.
7. Visit Old Town and witness the living legacy of San Diego history. Wander free through Old Town's historic buildings, including the blacksmith shop, Seeley Stables, Stewart House, Estudillo House and the oldest schoolhouse in San Diego.
8. Bike or jog along Mission Bay Park's many trails.
9. Visit the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista for a free tour of the 150-acre facility.
10. Stargaze outside the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center in Balboa Park on the first Wednesday of every month.
11. Take a scenic, one-hour drive to Mt. Laguna.
12. Step back in time with a stop in Julian, a century-old gold mining town.
13. Grab your picnic basket and head to Torrey Pines State Park where you can watch talented and daring hang-gliders do tricks in the strong winds.
14. Cross the border into colorful and exciting Tijuana, Mexico.
15. Rollerblade, skateboard or bicycle along the Mission Beach Boardwalk.
16. Visit Mission Trails Regional Park to explore the cultural & historical aspects of San Diego.
17. Go scuba diving or snorkeling off San Diego's shores and see spectacular creatures of the sea.
18. Go bird watching at the Torrey Pines State Reserve.
19. Stroll through Balboa Park and marvel at its beautiful Spanish Colonial Revival architecture. Take advantage of the park's variety of offerings, including 15 museums (select museums free on Tuesdays), free daily park tour and spectacular gardens (seven are free daily).
20. Visit other museums around town that offer similar free days. In its La Jolla facility, the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego is free on the third Tuesday of each month.
21. Gather family, friends and firewood for a cozy beach bonfire at one of the beaches in San Diego County.
22. Explore the tidepools in Point Loma at low tide and get up close and personal with magnificent sea creatures.
23. Drive to the top of Mt. Soledad in La Jolla for breathtaking, 360-degree views of San Diego..
24. Visit the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and experience the natural beauty of the desert.
25. Take a scenic walk along The Big Bay, San Diego's "largest attraction." Over 27 miles of waterfront featuring bayside parks, marinas,