

# THE History Maker

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Hotels of San Diego

## his•to•ry mak•er *noun*

*a person who breathes in the cultural past of their environments and enjoys exploring a new location by focusing on its historical roots.*

The birthplace of California, founded in 1769, San Diego is home to some of California's richest history. While visiting, explore the unique cultural past and historical landmarks of America's Finest City.



## IF YOU HAVE ONE HOUR

- Stop by Balboa Park for an hour full of historic buildings, museums, and gardens

## IF YOU HAVE ONE DAY

- Start your day in the historic Balboa Park that just celebrated its 100 year anniversary. Be sure to check out The Nat
- Make a stop at the Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá, the first mission in California
- Head down the hill to Old Town San Diego, the birthplace of California, and enjoy living history demonstrations
- End your day in the bustling Gaslamp Quarter. Take a stroll down the historic 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and grab dinner in one of its many delicious restaurants

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## OLD TOWN 2 Hours \$

Considered the birthplace of California, Old Town offers a peek into years past. Explore the main plaza, exhibits, museums and living history demonstrations during your visit. Looking for some scary fun? Stop by the Whaley House for a tour of one of San Diego's most notorious haunted houses.

Old Town - [oldtownsandiego.org](http://oldtownsandiego.org)

## BALBOA PARK 2 Hours \$

Developed in 1915 and named after explorer Vasco Núñez de Balboa, this historic park has been declared a National Historic Landmark and is listed as one of the Great Places in America. Spend the day exploring beautiful architecture, fountains, lush landscape, 16 museums, recreational activities, and more!

Balboa Park - [balboapark.org](http://balboapark.org)

## CABRILLO NATIONAL MONUMENT 1 Hour \$

Located at the southern tip of the Point Loma Peninsula and commemorating the landing of Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo at the San Diego Bay on September 28, 1542, the Cabrillo National Monument holds a rich history of San Diego and offers great views of the San Diego Harbor. The monument is home to the Old Point Loma Lighthouse and beautiful tide pools at low tide.

1800 Cabrillo Memorial Dr - [nps.gov](http://nps.gov)

## MISSION BASILICA SAN DIEGO DE ALCALÁ 1 Hour \$

California's first Mission Church, and the birthplace of Christianity in the west coast of the United States, the Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá is one of the most notable places you can visit in San Diego. Visit website for tour information.

10818 San Diego Mission Rd - [missionsandiego.org](http://missionsandiego.org)

## WATERFRONT BAR AND GRILL 1 Hour \$

Established in 1933 shortly after prohibition was repealed, Waterfront Bar and Grill is known as San Diego's oldest tavern. Grab a seat and a libation, and dive into the celebrated atmosphere.

2044 Kettner Blvd - [waterfrontbarandgrill.com](http://waterfrontbarandgrill.com)

## GASLAMP QUARTER 2 Hours \$

Celebrating its 150 year anniversary in 2017, the Gaslamp Quarter is lively, bustling, modern, and historic. Enjoy Victorian architecture, dine with some of San Diego's best known Chefs, shop until you drop, and dance the night away in one of many nightclubs.

Gaslamp Quarter - [gaslamp.org](http://gaslamp.org)

## USS MIDWAY MUSEUM 3 Hours \$

This maritime museum located on the Midway has something for everyone to enjoy. The longest-serving aircraft carrier of the 20th century now houses an extensive collection of aircraft and is rich with military history. Tickets include a self-guided audio tour through over 60 locations in the carrier.

910 N Harbor Dr - [midway.org](http://midway.org)

## OCEAN BEACH 2 Hours

A quintessential 1970's beach town that retains its charm today. If you want to experience the laid-back Southern California vibe, visit Newport Ave. and grab a burger at [Hodad's](#). [Pizza Port Brewing Company](#) is two blocks north on Bacon St. Then head out to the O.B. Pier for a sunset and look for "Holey Glows" (marbles and gems) in the wood along the way.

Ocean Beach, CA - [oceanbeachsandiego.com](http://oceanbeachsandiego.com)

## WESTERN METAL BUILDING 1 Hour \$

Once a site of booming San Diego business, the Western Metal Building was home to car parts and sporting goods. With the help of history-loving architects, Petco Park left the iconic building standing and incorporated it into the design of the ballpark!

Tony Gwynn Dr

## HOTEL DEL CORONADO 1 Hour

Visit our iconic sister property, Hotel Del Coronado, for a rich past that lives in its wooden Victorian Walls. Established as a National Historic Landmark in 1977, the hotel has been host to presidents, royalty and celebrities since it opened its doors in 1888.

**PRO TIP:** During low-tide, look for the [S.S. Monte Carlo](#) on South Coronado Beach.

1500 Orange Ave - [hoteldel.com](http://hoteldel.com)