



## 2007 Local Arrangements Work Group Special Events and Local Attractions Guide for San Diego, CA

*The following special events and local attractions have been recommended by members of NACUA's San Diego [Work Group on Local Arrangements](#). If you have additional suggestions for this list, please contact Miriam Miller at [msm@nacua.org](mailto:msm@nacua.org)*

### *Special Events During Annual Conference Week*

#### *Baseball*



San Diego is home to the 2006 National League West Champions [San Diego Padres](#).

The Padres are at home June 22-24 for a three game series against the Boston Red Sox. [Tickets](#) for the 2007 season will be available beginning March 3. The PETCO park box office is open for advance sales from Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Saturday: 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

[PETCO Park](#) is spectacular in every way, combining the best sight lines in baseball with breathtaking views of San Diego. Architecturally magnificent, it celebrates the sea, the sky, the natural beauty, cultural diversity and unique spirit of the San Diego region. Innovative design features evoke the timeless traditions of baseball in an intimate setting, with state-of-the-art fan amenities to suit every taste and budget.

[Tours](#) of the park are available on non-game days. The Padres recommend that guests purchase tickets in advance, as each tour group is limited to 25 people.

## *Pirates of the Pacific*



Some of the most notorious pirates in history prowled the world's largest ocean. [Pirates of the Pacific at the Maritime Museum of San Diego](#) will highlight the exploits of William Dampier, a sophisticated buccaneer who mixed an interest in natural science and geography with a lust for adventure. The exhibit will also focus on Chinese pirates that threatened merchant ships in the South China Sea for nearly 100 years before a squadron of Royal Navy warships destroyed the pirate fleet.

*Pirates of the Pacific* will satisfy people's timeless fascination and insatiable curiosity about these outlaws of the ocean with a marvelous collection of artifacts, pictures and hands-on exhibits.

*Pirates of the Pacific* will open on Memorial Day, 2007.

## *Theater and Performing Arts*

### **La Jolla Playhouse**



The [La Jolla Playhouse](#) is a creative haven for the most distinctive voices in the American Theatre and has won more than 300 theatre awards including the 1993 Tony Award as America's Outstanding Regional Theatre.

The Playhouse is situated on the University of California San Diego Campus, just minutes from I-5. Performances take place in three theatres, each within

view and a short walk from each other.

Ticket prices range from \$28 - \$72, depending upon the play and the day of week.

## ***Local Attractions***

San Diego is home to a variety of spectacular attractions for visitors of all ages. We invite you to explore all that San Diego area has to offer!

### **Coronado**



[Coronado](#) is a small “island” town in San Diego Bay, approximately 7.4 square miles in size, connected to the City of San Diego by the San Diego-Coronado Bridge. Downtown boasts unique shops and many restaurants serving residents and visitors. Coronado is also home to the famed [Hotel Del Coronado](#), which has hosted 10 U.S. Presidents and was featured in the classic film *Some Like it Hot*.

The [Coronado Visitors’ Center](#) offers information on tours, attractions, and special

events.

### **Gaslamp Quarter**

The [Gaslamp Quarter](#) is San Diego’s premier dining, shopping, and entertainment district where visitors will find a truly eclectic blend of food, fun, and culture. Visitors can browse the area’s fine art galleries, boutiques, unique shops, and specialty stores.

The Gaslamp Quarter Historical Society [provides tours of the Quarter](#).

### **La Jolla**



Located 15 minutes from Downtown San Diego, the village of [La Jolla](#) is famed for its wonderful beaches, cultural activities, and fine restaurants. Visitors to La Jolla can enjoy diverse pursuits, including antique shopping, swimming, museumgoing, and more. La Jolla is also home to the [University of California San Diego](#) and the [Scripps Institute of Oceanography](#).

## ***Children and Families***

### **Balboa Park**



Home to the San Diego Zoo, [Balboa Park](#) is the nation's largest urban cultural park. Explore art treasures from around the globe, fossils from near and far and exotic animals. Enjoy plays, dance, puppet shows and music. Hike [Florida Canyon's trails](#), visit the Carnivorous Plant Bog in the [Botanical Building](#), and watch the sparkling water dance in the many fountains in the Park.

The [Passport to Balboa Park](#) offers visitors the chance to experience [13 museums](#) in the Park, through savings of more than 50% and the convenience of a one-time purchase. The Passport is valid for seven days. The Zoo/Passport Combo includes the Passport to Balboa Park **plus** one-day deluxe admission at the San Diego Zoo.

### The San Diego Zoo



One of the world's most well known zoological parks, [the San Diego Zoo](#) is home to over 4,000 rare and endangered animals representing more than 800 species and subspecies, and a prominent botanical collection with more than 700,000 exotic plants.

The Zoo is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A [variety of ticket options](#) are available.

### The San Diego Zoo Wild Animal Park



[The San Diego Zoo Wild Animal Park](#) is an expansive wildlife sanctuary that is home to more than 3,500 animals representing more than 400 species. Its renowned botanical collection represents 3,500 species and 1.5 million specimens. Over half of the Park's 1,800 acres have been set aside as protected native species habitat. The Park is located 35 miles north of downtown San Diego in the San Pasqual Valley near

Escondido, California.

The Park is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A [variety of ticket options](#) are available.

## Sea World San Diego



[Sea World San Diego](#) provides hours of family fun with rides, animal exhibits, and spectacular shows.

Admission is \$54 for guests age 10+., \$44 for guests ages 3 through 9., and Free for guests 2 years old and younger. Park hours vary, and [June's Operating Hours](#) will be announced in the Spring.

***Discounted Attraction Tickets:*** Attendees planning on visiting the San Diego Zoo, the San Diego Zoo Wild Animal Park, and Sea World San Diego may purchase a [San Diego 3 for 1 Pass](#). The Pass offers unlimited admission to the San Diego Zoo, the San Diego Zoo's Wild Animal Park, and SeaWorld for up to five days. Passes are \$99.95 for ages 10+ and \$76.95 for ages 3-9. Additional [multi-attraction ticket package options](#) are available.

## Museums

### Maritime Museum of San Diego



The Maritime Museum of San Diego enjoys a worldwide reputation for excellence in restoring, maintaining and operating historic vessels. The museum has one of the world's finest collections of historic ships, including the world famous *Star of India*. The Museum displays permanent and temporary exhibits on maritime history, commerce and exploration and stages popular [public events](#) such as "Movies Before the Mast" and family sleepovers on the *Star of India*. Thousands of

school children from throughout Southern California visit the museum each year for a variety of dockside and at-sea [educational programs](#). The [Adventure Package](#) admission includes a three-hour day sail aboard [Californian](#). The museum also offers [Catalina Adventure Sails](#).

The museum is open daily from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. A [variety of ticket options are available](#).



### U.S.S. Midway Museum

[The Midway Museum](#), located in downtown at Navy Pier and walking distance from the

Conference Hotel, allows visitors to explore the longest-serving aircraft carrier in U.S. Navy history--a 47-year odyssey that spanned the end of WWII and the liberation of Kuwait in 1991.

The Midway Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Ticket booth closes at 4 p.m. to allow guests time to enjoy Midway prior to closing. [Tickets](#) for the museum are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students, seniors, and military, and \$8 for children 6-12. Children 5 and under, as well as active duty military personnel in uniform, receive free admission.

*Courtesy San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum.*

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