

## AMERICA'S FAVORITE CITIES

BEST FOR QUALITY OF LIFE AND PEOPLE

Surfing in San Diego.



# SAN DIEGO

## SUNSHINE CITY

The strategy in this SoCal hub: spend as much time outdoors as possible.

## SURF

Our favorite place to catch a wave? **Black's Beach**, a secluded cove ideal for pros. Arriving is a thrill all its own: it's a steep 10-minute hike from the road down to the water. Near 2800 Torrey Pines Scenic Dr.

## EAT

Queue up with the locals at **Oscar's**, a divey taqueria in north Pacific Beach where the smoked-fish tacos—a San Diegan obsession—come loaded with avocado and three types of house-made salsa. There are only 25 seats, mostly outdoors, at the flagship location, but you can walk a few blocks to the shore for an impromptu picnic. [oscarsmexicanseafood.com](http://oscarsmexicanseafood.com). \$

## RELAX

Find your Zen where the monks do, and head to the beautifully manicured gardens of the **Self-Realization Fellowship**, in Encinitas. They're lined with succulents, meditation benches, and koi ponds, all overlooking the Pacific. [encinitastemple.org](http://encinitastemple.org).

## SEE

Whether you walk along the coastal cliffs or settle down with a blanket for a picnic, there's no wrong way to take in the

## Weather

1. San Diego
2. Honolulu
3. Los Angeles
4. Albuquerque
5. Tampa

## Affordability

1. Kansas City
2. Oklahoma City
3. Cleveland
4. Pittsburgh
5. Houston

## Attractive

1. Miami
2. San Diego
3. Charleston
4. Los Angeles
5. Providence

## Friendly

1. Nashville
2. Salt Lake City
3. Minneapolis/St. Paul
4. Kansas City
5. Oklahoma City

## Passionate Sports Fans

1. Pittsburgh
2. Kansas City
3. Cleveland
4. Baltimore
5. Philadelphia

## Stylish

1. New York City
2. Los Angeles
3. Miami
4. Houston
5. Charleston

spectacular evening vistas—and occasional dolphin sightings—at the 68-acre **Sunset Cliffs Natural Park**. *Ladera St. near Sunset Cliffs Blvd.*

## DRINK

With a prime location right on the boardwalk, Tower23 Hotel's sleek bar, **Jrdn**, draws a perpetually stylish crowd. Find them sipping negronis and mango-chili margaritas from the early afternoon into the evening hours. [jrdn.com](http://jrdn.com). —ARCHANA RAM