



California

Be it Los Angeles or San Diego or somewhere in between, Southern California offers endless adventure for the whole family.

"Southern California has great weather year-round, allowing visitors to take full advantage of the many family-friendly activities and attractions throughout the area," boasts SoCal resident Ed Mady. "And there's something for everyone to enjoy." Mady should know, given his position as the regional director and general manager of the Beverly Hills Hotel & Bungalows, just one of the area hotels we've highlighted where families can stay and soak up the sunshine, scenery and sights that have made Southern California a North American favorite decade after decade. Following are insights from Mady and other locals on how to make the most of your next Golden State vacation.



San Diego AREA

The second-largest city in California is second to none when it comes to vacation appeal. From its miles of coastline to its myriad cultural sights, it features a little something for everyone. Balboa Park covers 1,200 acres and is home to 85 attractions, including the world-famous San Diego Zoo.

■ **The Inside Scoop** *courtesy of Nicole Sharp, director of marketing, Rancho Valencia Resort & Spa, Rancho Santa Fe (30 minutes north of San Diego)*

GET ADVENTUROUS: “Torrey Pines State Reserve, where families can enjoy hiking along the cliffs, is only 15 minutes from

the resort. There’s also surfing, golfing and horseback riding. In La Jolla, families can partake in snorkeling, scuba diving and surfing.”

SHOP TILL YOU DROP: “Cedros Avenue in Solana Beach offers a nice opportunity to discover all the wonderful boutiques.”

SUMMER FUN: “Don’t-miss summertime area activities include the Del Mar horse races, San Diego County Fair, Padres baseball, Balboa Park, San Diego Zoo and SeaWorld.”

OUT FOR A SPIN: “We offer bicycles to our guests free of charge. We have 45 acres of land, so there are a lot of places to go cycling on the property. Guests can also take the bikes off property if they’d like to venture farther out around Rancho Santa Fe.”

NET GAME: “We have 18 tennis courts on property, with pros ready to play and provide private or semi-private lessons. We also assist in setting up matches with our member base if you’re seeking some friendly competition. And we provide junior sessions for children staying at the resort.”

CHILD’S PLAY: “Our summer kids’ camp features arts and crafts, basketball, badminton, board games, paddle ball, Ping-Pong and more.” 🏡