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STAY CLASSY, SAN DIEGO!

Gorgeous weather, 70 miles of picturesque coastline and activities to suit every vacationer—this city has it all. *By Sarah Khan*

BEST PLACES to live, work, play—there's hardly a top 10 list these days that doesn't proclaim San Diego the greatest. So what's the hype all about? Take the two-hour drive south to find out for yourself.



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: The pool at the Ivy Hotel; the 14th hole at Torrey Pines Golf Course; *Untitled* by Pablo Picasso

WHAT TO DO

Don't let the views distract you from your swing when you tee off at the legendary **Torrey Pines Golf Course** (11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-452-3226; torreypinesgolfcourse.com), set on soaring cliffs overlooking the Pacific. Art aficionados will delight in whiling away a day—or three—amid the collections at the **San Diego**



Museum of Art (1450 El Prado, Balboa Park, 619-232-7931; sdmart.org); go soon, or you'll miss the "Picasso, Miró, Calder" exhibition on display through December 6. End your whirlwind weekend at the new Ivy Ultra Lounge and Wine Bar at the glam **Ivy Hotel** (600 F St., 619-814-1000; ivyhotel.com)—the sexy lounge uses high-tech WineStations to serve more than 80 wines by the glass.



WHERE TO SHOP

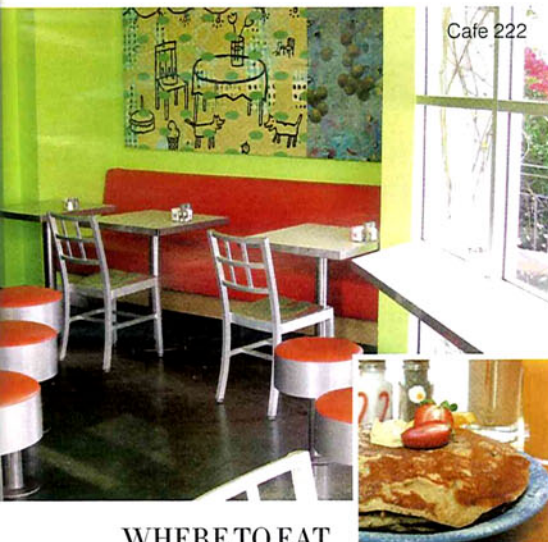
San Diego is a shopper's delight, with retail outlets guaranteed to please all. Louis Vuitton, Gap, Tiffany & Co., Nordstrom, Tory Burch, Macy's—there's bang for every budget at the highly democratic **Fashion Valley** (7007 Friars Road; simon.com), a Simon Malls venture. If ambience is key to your shopping experience, head to **Del Mar Plaza** (1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar; delmarplaza.com) for a taste of Tuscany: The boutiques and restaurants are nestled amid the rustic setting of an authentic European marketplace, complete with a backdrop of stunning ocean views.

The mammoth **La Jolla Village Square** (8657 Villa La Jolla Dr., La Jolla) is a one-stop spot for everything from groceries (Trader Joe's) to a trip to the movies (AMC La Jolla Village 12).

WHERE TO STAY

A San Diego mainstay since 1910, the **US Grant** (326 Broadway; 619-232-3121; starwoodhotels.com) is in the vibrant Gaslamp Quarter; get a taste of the hotel's history in its dramatic lobby. Eco-aficionados will rejoice at the opening of **Hotel Indigo San Diego-Gaslamp Quarter** (509 Ninth Ave., 619-727-4000; hotelandigo.com/sandiego), San Diego's first LEED-certified green hotel. Lounge at the herb garden on the ninth-floor eco-roof with your furry friend at this proudly pet-friendly property. Consider splurging

on a stay at The Hacienda—a 5,000-square-foot adobe home with a private garden and pool, three suites and several wood-burning fireplaces—at luxury Auberge Resort's **Rancho Valencia** (5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-1123; ranchovalencia.com). If you just can't tear yourself away at the end of your stay, consider buying into one of the 12 units at The Villas at Rancho Valencia (866-996-6442; villasranchovalencia.com), where owners have access to all the resort's amenities, including the property's tennis club and dedicated concierge services. In tony La Jolla, guests take a trip back in time at the charming, old-world **La Valencia** (1132 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-454-0771; lavalencia.com), which sits atop the famed La Jolla Cove. Zen-seekers will find nirvana at the sleek and modern **Sè San Diego** hotel (1047 Fifth Ave., 619-515-3000; sesandiego.com). The 184 sumptuously appointed rooms and suites are ideal for a sexy getaway (think partially enclosed showers). ★



WHERE TO EAT

Green Eggs and Spam? The Naked All American? The quirky dishes at the kitschy **Cafe 222** (222 Island Ave., 619-236-9902; cafe222.com) will put a smile on your face, both for their whimsical names and yummy taste. Don't miss the Bluegrass Brunch at **Urban Solace** (3823 30th St., 619-295-6464; urbansolace.net)—the warm cheddar-and-chive biscuits are the perfect way to start your Sunday. For a true taste of Mexico (sans the south-of-the-border trek), head to Carlsbad for fish tacos and chicken mole at the newly resurrected **Casa de Bandini** (1901 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad, 760-634-3443; bazaardelmundo.com/bandini). The seat to request at La Valencia's **The Sky Room** (1132 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-454-0771) in La Jolla is a coveted corner table, where the succulent sea scallops come paired with panoramic ocean views.