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TOURIST INFORMATION A Visitors Center is located at foot of Embarcadero to the left of the ship terminal.

TRANSPORTATION Taxis and car rentals are widely available. San Diego also has an extensive, user friendly transit system that includes trolleys/coasters (trains) and buses. Visitors can call the 24-hour Information Hotline: (619) 685-4900 for routes.

LANGUAGE English and Spanish are the predominant languages in Southern California. However, there is another culture (sub-culture, if you like) that slowly spread from the Hawaiian Islands to San Diego (and now around the world) beginning in the early 1900s. This group is the stuff of legend and movies, story and song. They have a distinctive fashion and a fierce loyalty to each other and their way of life. They are a close knit society where the wannabe is shunned and into which only those that prove themselves may enter. Their great heroes of the past are still spoken of with admiration... held in awe from generation to generation. They have a strict set of rules that are broken at one's peril of censure, bruise or banishment. They have a deep and abiding love for the ocean and an everlasting respect for its power, magnificence and majesty. They are known for their astonishing athletic strength, grace, calm and cool demeanor in the face of danger. They display an innocent, childlike (not childish) excitement and joy in accomplishment. They demonstrate tremendous respect and true reverence with the passing of one of their own, lost to the power of the waves they all love. Their cultural father is Hawaii's great Duke Kahanamoku...they are surfers... and they have a language all their own.

Surfer "language" - Rough Translation

- Dude - Pronounced Duuuuuude; a totally cool surfer
- Gnarly - A great wave...or great anything (the "g" is silent)
- Ricked - When a wave, or anything else, is totally awesome ... off the Richter Scale
- Amped - How Dude feels...the excitement of seeing and/or riding a gnarly wave
- Air drop - This is what happens when Dude takes off too late on a big gnarly wave with his and the surfboard's resulting free-fall down the face of the blue monster into the churning water
- Bail - The last and only option of diving off his surfboard in hopes of saving his life when a dangerous situation on the wave is beyond control ... what Dude should have done before his massive air drop
- Rag Dolled - This is what is happening to Dude when he is plunged underwater after his air drop and caught up in the

- incredible churning power of the gnarly wave
- Ate it - What happened to Dude when he hit the pounding water in his air drop
- Awesome - What Dude's friends (bros) on the beach yell when they see him eat it
- Stoked - How Dude's bros feel when they see he's OK
- Bummer - What Dude and his bros say when they see that the gnarly wave just snapped his new "Tim Bessell custom made Classic" like a toothpick
- Baller - What Dude will be called by his bros if he cries over his broken board
- Ache - How Dude will feel for the next few days after that awesome big wave air drop and rag doll
- Dudette - The pretty and relieved surfer girl Dude is happy to see after surviving his totally awesome air drop

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PORT EXPLORER
& SHOPPING GUIDE

San Diego
CALIFORNIA, U.S.A.

GENERAL INFORMATION San Diego is undoubtedly one of the most dynamic, vibrant and beautiful cities in the United States. Beginning in the late 1700s around the Catholic mission of San Diego de Alcalá, the town and harbor grew to be a vital port on California's Pacific coast.

Though the military presence has been greatly reduced over the past few years, San Diego has a long and abiding relationship with the United States Navy and Marine Corps. The Navy, under Marine guard, first raised the American flag over San Diego on July 29, 1846. From World War II through Viet Nam, the Cold War and beyond, many San Diego families eagerly awaited their loved ones to return from the sea.

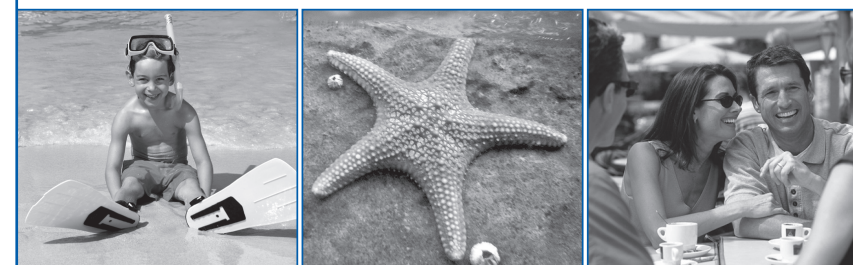
Rich with Mexican – American culture, San Diego has many wonderful museums, restaurants, parks, entertainment and shopping venues, and professional sports teams. The bay, surrounding waters and beaches combine with great weather year round to offer a wide variety of opportunities for boaters, surfers and swimmers. A city with an active, outdoor life style mixed with its own brand of "California Cool" ... San Diego.

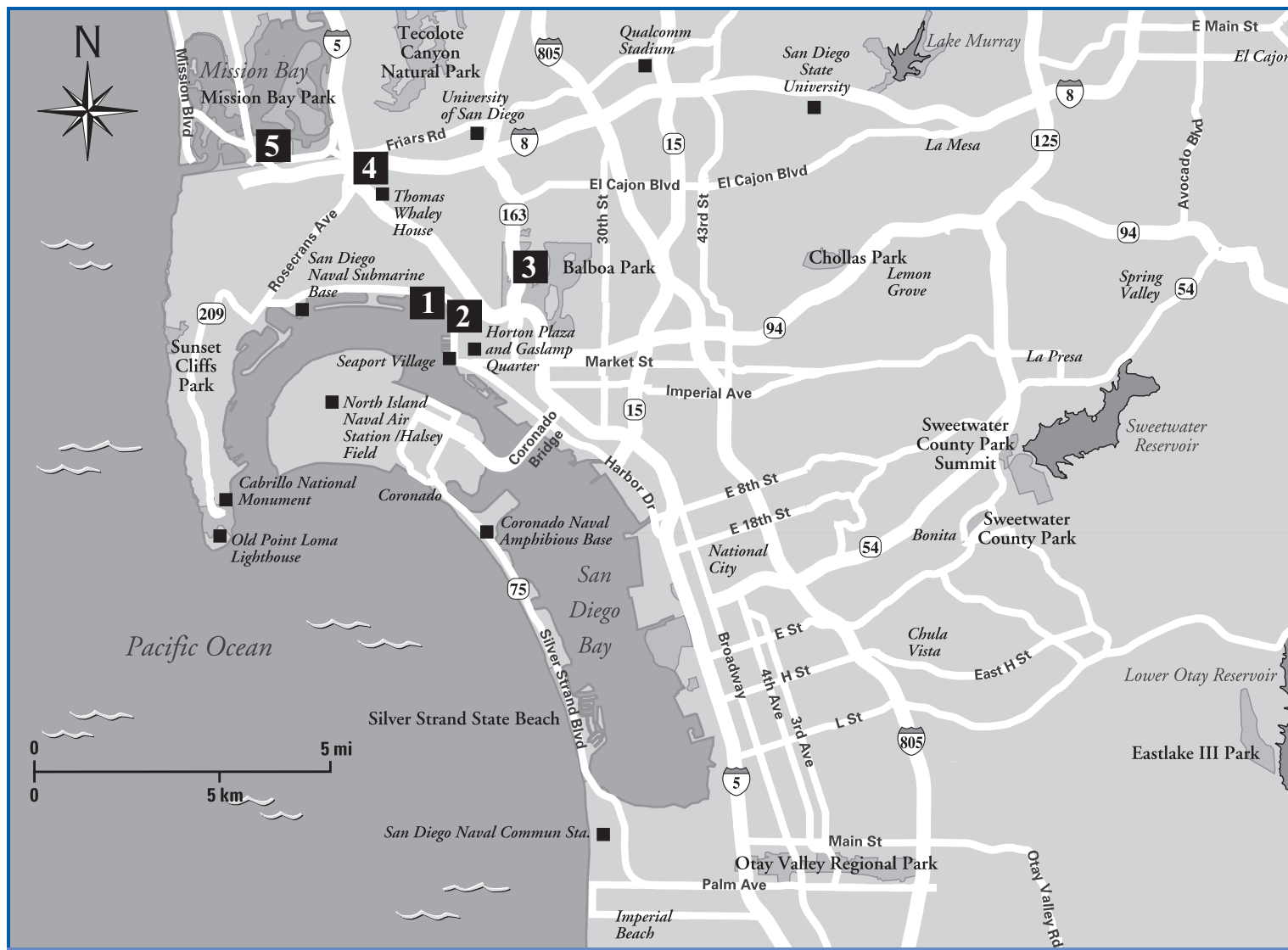
HISTORY The early history of San Diego is the story of intrepid men and women who, under extremely difficult conditions, slowly built a town around a small Spanish fort and Franciscan mission on the Pacific coast of California, just north of the Baja Peninsula.

In the mid 1500s, having sailed north from Mexico under Spanish commission, Portuguese explorer, navigator and conquistador João Rodrigues Cabrilho became the first European to drop anchor in the protected waters of what would eventually become known as San Diego Bay. Cabrilho and his crew did not remain long. They soon continued north to survey and chart the California coast. Over half a century passed before the Spanish, led by Sebastián Vizcaíno, sailed back into the tranquil harbor. It was Vizcaíno who named the bay and area San Diego. The Spanish again sailed away and another century and a half passed before they returned.

By the late 1760s Spain's King Carlos III had grown concerned that the Russians had taken an interest in California. Under the guise of religious piety and the need to convert the Indians to the Roman Catholic Church, the expansion of the Spanish Empire was ordered by the king.

In 1769 Franciscan Friar Junipero Serra led the first sea and land expedition out of Baja, Mexico and established the fort, mission and settlement of San Diego. It was not paradise. Fully half of the 200 men quickly perished. Over the following years more settlers arrived and an increasing number of Indians came under the spiritual or physical rule





PLACES OF INTEREST

of the mission's Catholic priests. Tribal chiefs saw their people's way of life, traditions and identity that had changed little over the past 20,000 years being pushed aside. This fear led to Indian attacks and the destruction of the San Diego mission. However, it was soon rebuilt as Indian spears and arrows proved no match for Spanish muskets and swords. On the back of Indian labor, by the late 1700s the Franciscan mission owned and controlled over 50,000 acres that provided an abundance of produce and wine, as well as grazing for their vast herds of horses, cattle and sheep that numbered into the tens of thousands. San Diego de Alcalá had become one of the largest and richest Catholic missions in California.

From such humble beginnings, through boom times and bust, over the centuries, San Diego has grown into and is consistently recognized as one of the most exciting, beautiful and livable cities in all of the United States.

SAN DIEGO PLACES OF INTEREST

1 The **USS Midway (CV 41)**, a United States aircraft carrier, sailed the oceans of the world for almost half a century (1945-92). Virtually a quarter of a million Naval and Marine aviators, officers and sailors served upon her from the end of World War II through the war in Viet Nam, the Cold War and Operation Desert Storm. Visitors are able to tour the USS Midway and get a feel for what life was like aboard the great ship. From films and special exhibits to walking through the seamen's berths, the massive hangar deck, ship's mess, pilots' ready rooms, flight deck and command bridge...this was truly a floating city. Of special interest to aviators and enthusiasts; the USS Midway has a collection of over two dozen military aircraft including the WWII Dauntless dive bomber and Corsair, the A-6 Intruder, F4 Phantom and F/A-18 Hornet. Make no mistake about it, in a city that has a long and lasting relationship with the United States Navy and Marine Corps, San Diego's USS Midway Museum is not a dusty, rusty relic of some bygone era. She is a living, breathing testament to the men and women

who went to sea to serve their country.

2 The **Maritime Museum of San Diego** maintains the city's age old seafaring tradition with one of the largest collections of classic ships to be found in the U.S. The stunning three mast 1836 sailing barque Star of India joins, along with others, the HMS Surprise, the replica of an 18th century British frigate used in the movie "Master and Commander".

3 The **San Diego Zoo** is one of the most famous zoos in the world. It is home to thousands of animals, from giant pandas to gigantic pachyderms, all living and thriving in a natural environment. The zoo is a wonderful place of entertainment but also (and perhaps most importantly) functions as a well respected conservatory, teaching facility and research center.

4 **Old Town State Historic Park** offers visitors a glimpse into what life was like in San Diego back in the 1800s. The architecture, costumed actors, shops, exhibits and artifacts all come together to preserve a period in history long past but not forgotten.

5 **Sea World** set the global standard for marine life parks. Visitors have the opportunity to watch interactive shows with dolphins, sea lions and of course the world famous orcas, or more dramatically named - killer whales. The park has a nearly 300,000 gallon shark tank that gives visitors a view of the amazing creatures from below water level by means of an acrylic tunnel walkway. There are numerous other features to the park that all add up to make this one of the city's primary tourist destinations.

Beyond San Diego

The **San Diego Wild Animal Park** is an exciting place to see some of the world's most beautiful and amazing animals in a natural free-roaming environment. Visitors travel through the 2,000 acre park in open-air transports that provide unprecedented access to view over 2,000 animals including giraffes, rhinoceroses, gazelles, impalas and zebras, to name just a few. Understandably, the big cats of Africa and Asia - the lions, tigers and cheetahs are separated from most of the other animals in their own section of the preserve. The San Diego Wild Animal Park is a truly amazing venue and one that is justifiably proud not only of its entertainment value but of the tremendous role it has played over the past years in the field of international wildlife conservation.

SHORE EXCURSIONS To make the most of your visit to San Diego and surrounding areas we suggest you take one of our organized Shore Excursions. For information concerning tour content and pricing, consult your Shore Excursion Brochure or contact the Shore Excursion Desk. When going ashore, be advised to take with you only necessary items and secure any valuables onboard.

LOCAL CUSTOMS Bargaining: Prices in restaurants and retail stores are usually fixed.

Tipping: A tip of 15% or more is appropriate in restaurants.

Local Cuisine and Drink Specialties

San Diego has a countless number of fine restaurants, cafés and great little taco joints where diners can enjoy meals from classic California cuisine to spicy Asian and everything in between. It should come as no surprise that the Mexican food in San Diego is arguably the best served north of the border. A sampling of favorites includes: Fish Tacos, corn tortillas filled with a mixture of whitefish (usually mahi-mahi) marinated and cooked in fresh orange juice, taco seasoning and olive oil and topped with fresh salsa and a dollop of sour cream. Southern California Cioppino is a rich seafood stew that includes garlic, cilantro, parsley, onion, tomatoes, potatoes and bite size cubes of the fresh catch of the day. California Carne Asada Burritos are flour tortillas that have been filled with grilled (preferably over an open flame) and thinly sliced beef steak that has been marinated in a "carne asada" mixture of onions, black pepper, garlic and fresh lime juice then topped with fresh guacamole and sour cream.

All the popular cocktails, beers and of course the marvelous California wines can be found in San Diego. But, for the fun of it, simply because this is California after all, we thought we would mention a drink you might not have yet had the opportunity to try...the Tofu Smoothie: fresh bananas and seasonal fruit blended with honey, your favorite fruit juice, and a splash of ginger ale, ice and a packet of creamy tofu.

SHOPPING San Diego's historic Gaslamp Quarter is one of the most popular shopping districts in the city. The stores and galleries range from high-end to boutique. This area also has some of the city's best restaurants and open-air cafés that all combine to make a wonderful setting in which to stroll, shop, relax and enjoy a cool drink and a great meal.

LOCAL CURRENCY The United States dollar (USD) is the official currency. ATM's are widely available.

POST OFFICE AND TELEPHONE FACILITIES A Post Office is located in the Seaport Village and Horton Plaza Shopping Mall. Mailings may also be given to the front desk of the Holiday Inn, opposite the ship terminal.

Dial the following access numbers to use a personal calling card: