

San Diego, California, USA

Southern California's crown jewel docks cruise ships steps from the Gaslamp Quarter, a decommissioned aircraft carrier turned museum, and one of the world's great zoos — all under near-permanent sunshine.

Docked (pier)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs (homeport or turnaround)

USD

English

266 sunny days per year

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: B Street Pier (2 berths) or Broadway Pier — both on the downtown Embarcadero

Best For: Families, history buffs, foodies, and beach lovers

Walk to center: Gaslamp Quarter ~10 min; Little Italy ~15 min; USS Midway 5 min

Don't Miss: USS Midway Museum, San Diego Zoo, and the Coronado ferry

Getting around: Taxi Rideshare Uber, Lyft Hop-on hop-off Old Town Trolley Tours

TOP THINGS TO DO

- USS Midway Museum** — The world's longest-serving 20th-century naval aircraft carrier is moored steps from the pier.
- San Diego Zoo & Balboa Park** — Widely considered one of the world's best zoos, with 4,000+ animals in open-air habitats across 800 species.
- Coronado Island & Hotel del Coronado** — Take the 15-minute ferry from Broadway Pier to Coronado.
- Gaslamp Quarter & Downtown Walk** — San Diego's historic 16-block Victorian district buzzes with restaurants, galleries, and rooftop bars.
- Maritime Museum of San Diego** — A fleet of historic vessels moored on the Embarcadero, including the Star of India (1863), the world's oldest active sailing ship.

BEST WALKS

- Embarcadero Waterfront Walk** 3 miles round-trip · Flat · 60-90 min — The classic San Diego cruise walk: head south from the pier past the USS Midway, Seaport Village, and the bay promenade.
- Gaslamp Quarter History Stroll** 1.5 miles · Flat · 45-60 min — Walk southeast from the pier into the Gaslamp Quarter's 16-block Victorian Historic District.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	68°	55°	3d
Jun	72°	61°	0d
Aug	78°	66°	1d
Sep	78°	65°	1d
Oct	76°	60°	2d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:18AM–7:18PM · Jun 5:40AM–7:58PM · Aug 6:12AM–7:32PM · Sep 6:32AM–6:54PM · Oct 6:53AM–6:14PM

USD

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Sunscreen is non-negotiable. San Diego gets 266 sunny days a year and UV is intense even in winter. Apply before you leave the ship.
- Take the Coronado ferry. It departs from Broadway Pier, costs ~\$9 each way, and runs roughly hourly. Coronado Beach is worth every minute of that 15-minute ride.
- Book the Zoo in advance. The San Diego Zoo is world-class but lines for tickets can be long. Buy online before your cruise to skip the queue.
- Cards accepted everywhere. San Diego is very card-friendly — USD cash is rarely needed. Rideshares (Uber/Lyft) work seamlessly from both piers.
- Little Italy for lunch. Walk 15 minutes north along the waterfront to find some of San Diego's best Italian restaurants and a buzzing café scene around India Street.
- Homeport timing. Many San Diego calls are turnarounds — ships often clear the gangway by 7-8am and don't depart until late evening, giving a full day. Confirm your all-aboard time before heading out.

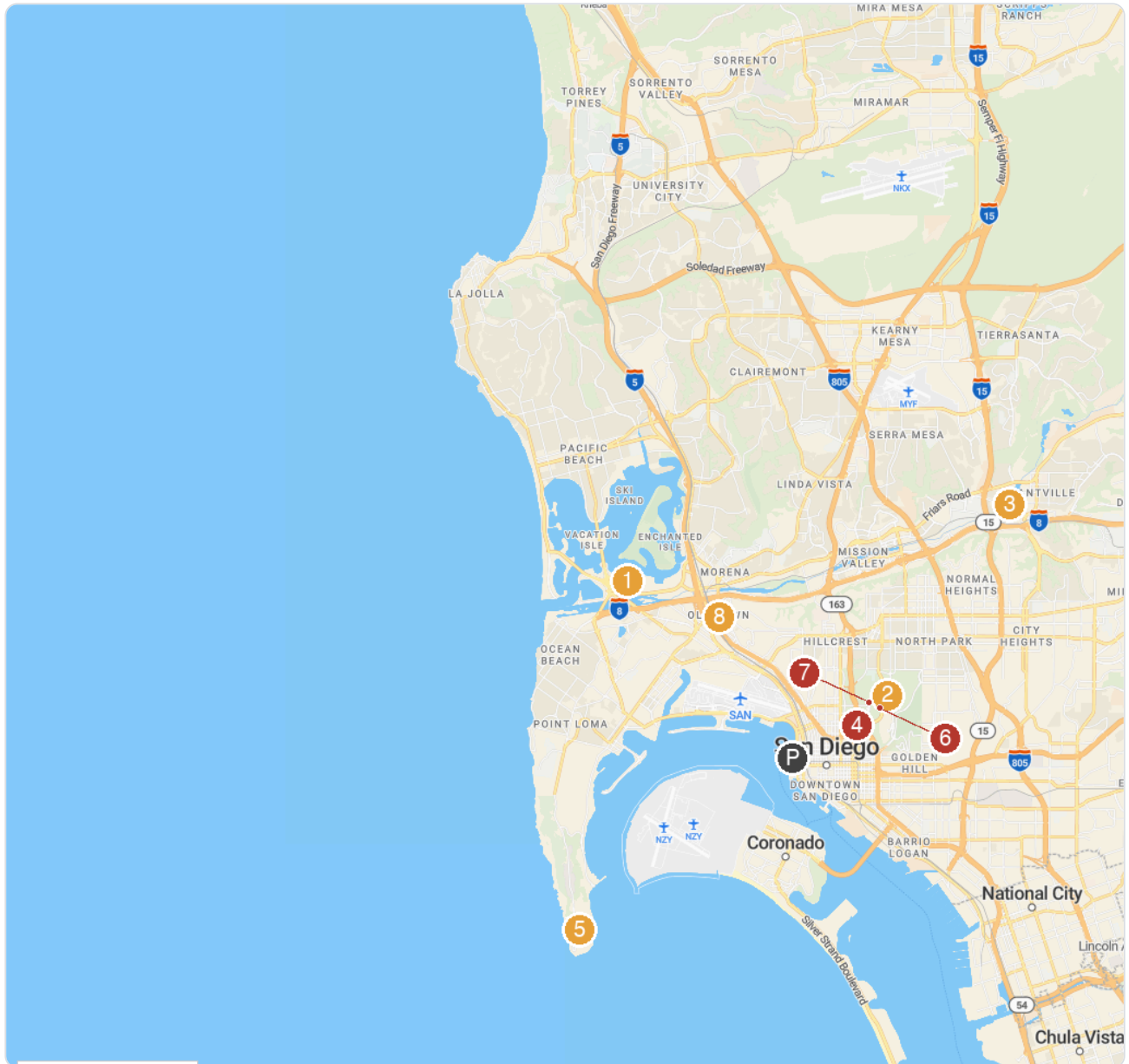
ESSENTIAL TRAVEL QUALIFICATIONS

- MTS bus: \$3.00 standard adult one-way (checked 3 Oct 2026).

San Diego, California, USA — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 SeaWorld San Diego | Marine theme park with shows, rides, and aquatic animals. | 2 Balboa Park | Vast urban park with museums, gardens, and cultural attractions. |
| 3 Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá | California's first Spanish mission, a historic Catholic church. | 4 San Diego Air & Space Museum | Museum showcasing historic aircraft and space exploration artifacts. |
| 5 Cabrillo National Monument | Historic monument with lighthouse, tide pools, and ocean views. | 6 Fleet Science Center | Interactive science museum with an IMAX dome theater. |
| 7 The San Diego Museum of Art | Museum featuring European, American, and Asian art collections. | 8 Old Town San Diego State Historic Park | Historic park preserving early California's first European settlement. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |