

# FAQ SAN DIEGO

## 17 Questions & Answers about San Diego, CA!

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## General San Diego Information

### 1. What is San Diego's time zone?

**San Diego's Time Zone:**  
Pacific Standard Time (PST)

### 2. What's the weather like in San Diego during January?

San Diego enjoys beautiful weather year round with average daily temperatures ranging from 48° to 65° F (9° to 18° C) during January. A marked feature of the climate is the wide variation in temperature within short distances due to the topography of the land. You can enjoy coastal, mountain and desert environments all in the space of one day. January is the rainiest month for San Diego, with an average rainfall of 2.11 inches. The sun shines 72% of the time and the humidity is the lowest for the year, averaging around 63%.

### 3. What should I do in case of an emergency at PDS? What kind of emergency services does San Diego offer?

In the unlikely event that you have or witness an emergency, please dial 911 immediately. Also, we request that you alert your service Point of Contact or PHMA staff member immediately. Below are the listings for the nearest hospital and emergency clinic.

**Mission Valley Medical Clinic**  
5333 Mission Center Road  
San Diego, CA 92108  
619-295-3355

**Scripps Mercy Hospital**  
4077 Fifth Avenue  
San Diego, CA 92103  
619-294-8111

**In an Emergency, please dial 911.**

### 4. What are the different places of worship near the hotel?

**First Unitarian Church**  
4190 Front Street  
San Diego, CA 92103  
619-298-9978

**St. Joseph's Cathedral**  
1535 3rd Avenue  
San Diego, CA 92101  
619-239-0229

**First United Methodist Church**  
2111 Camino Del Rio S  
San Diego, CA 92108  
619-297-4366

**Ohr Shalom Synagogue**  
2512 3rd Ave  
San Diego, CA 92103  
619-231-1456

**University Christian Church**  
3900 Cleveland Avenue  
San Diego, CA 92103  
619-295-4146

**Islamic Center of San Diego**  
7050 Eckstrom Avenue  
San Diego, CA 92111  
858-278-5240

## Getting To, From and Around San Diego

### 5. What is San Diego's main airport?

**San Diego International Airport**

619-400-2404

[www.san.org](http://www.san.org)

### 6. Are there airport shuttles?

■ **Advanced Shuttle: 800-719-3499**

[www.advancedshuttle.com](http://www.advancedshuttle.com)

■ **Access Shuttle: 888-254-0333**

[www.accessshuttle.net](http://www.accessshuttle.net)

■ **Cloud 9 Shuttle/Super Shuttle:**

**800-9-SHUTTLE (800-974-8885)**

[www.cloud9shuttle.com](http://www.cloud9shuttle.com)

■ **Sea Breeze Shuttle: 619-297-7463**

[www.seabreezeshuttle.com](http://www.seabreezeshuttle.com)

### 7. What about Taxis?

**A cab ride from San Diego Airport to the Town and Country Resort & Convention Center is about \$20.00.**

Rates for San Diego cabs \$2.70 Flag Drop, \$2.70 per mile. The meter will charge \$24.00 per hour waiting time.

Taxi Companies serving San Diego International Airport include:

■ **Airport Yellow Cab of San Diego: 619-234-6161**

■ **American Cab: 619-234-1111**

■ **Orange Cab: 619-291-3333**

### 8. What kind of public transportation does San Diego offer?

**Metropolitan Transit System – San Diego Trolley Line**

619-231-1466

[www.sdmts.com](http://www.sdmts.com)

Travel between any two stations is \$2.50 one-way. Day passes are \$5.00 and available from ticket vending machines and bus operators.



## Places to Eat, Things to Do, Sights to See

### 9. Will I have time to sightsee while attending PDS?

We understand that you will want to take advantage of the local area and the many wonderful opportunities in and around San Diego. We would like to remind everyone that PDS is an action packed week full of training and networking opportunities. We encourage everyone to participate in all PDS activities and use your own time to see more of San Diego.

### 10. What is near the Town and Country Resort & Convention Center?

Located in the heart of San Diego, the Town and Country Resort & Convention Center is just minutes away from many popular destinations such as LEGOLAND California and SeaWorld Adventure Park. Also close by is the World-Famous San Diego Zoo and the San Diego Wild Animal Park. The trolley that runs by the hotel provides access to most of these local attractions as well as the popular Gaslamp Quarter located in Downtown San Diego.

### 11. What is the Gaslamp Quarter?

In the historic Gaslamp Quarter, consisting of 16-blocks around Fourth and Fifth Avenues, grand Victorian-era buildings are home to more than 100 of the city's finest restaurants, 35 pubs and nightclubs and 100 retail shops, as well as theaters, art galleries, offices and residential/work lofts. When the sun sets, this downtown neighborhood attracts thousands of diners, shoppers, theatergoers, and nightclub patrons ([www.gaslamp.org](http://www.gaslamp.org)).

### 12. What kind of shopping does San Diego offer?

#### **San Diego offers a wide variety of shopping!**

Located adjacent to the Town and Country Resort & Convention center is Fashion Valley Shopping Center. Discover the City's finest collection of stores, including Saks Fifth Avenue, Nordstrom, Macy's, JCPenney and the area's only Neiman Marcus and Bloomingdales. In addition, this outdoor shopping center features more than 220 world class stores and restaurants.

Seaport Village is located Downtown along San Diego's Big Bay. Aside from the 54 specialty merchants you can enjoy weekly music and entertainment in this shopping center.

Also located Downtown is Westfield Horton Plaza, San Diego's most unique and must-see shopping destination. With six hip city blocks and a festive European atmosphere, this historic open-air shopping attraction embraces visitors in a kaleidoscope blend of striking colors and styles. Near the historic Gaslamp Quarter, this architectural wonder features over 140 specialty shops complemented by 14 movie screens and live performance theatres.

**13. What kind of restaurants are near the hotel?**

There are several restaurants and bars located right in the Town and Country Resort & Convention Center. There are also plenty of restaurants within walking distance (Fashion Valley Shopping Center) or a quick trip on the trolley. There are restaurants to fit every taste including American, Asian, BBQ, Contemporary Cuisines, Mediterranean, Mexican, Steak Houses and even more. A partial listing of restaurants can be found at [www.sandiego.org](http://www.sandiego.org).

**14. Are there museums to visit in San Diego?**

- **Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown**  
[www.mcasd.org](http://www.mcasd.org)
- **Museum of History and Art/Coronado Historical Association**  
[www.coronadohistory.org](http://www.coronadohistory.org)
- **San Diego Air & Space Museum**  
[www.sandiegoairandspace.org](http://www.sandiegoairandspace.org)
- **San Diego Hall of Champions**  
[www.sdhoc.com](http://www.sdhoc.com)
- **San Diego Museum of Art**  
[www.sdmart.org](http://www.sdmart.org)
- **San Diego Natural History Museum**  
[www.sdnhm.org](http://www.sdnhm.org)

**15. Does San Diego offer sightseeing tours?**

- **City Sightseeing San Diego**  
[www.citysightseeing-sd.com](http://www.citysightseeing-sd.com)
- **Destination Temecula**  
[www.destem.com](http://www.destem.com)
- **Ghostly Tours in History, LLC**  
[www.ghostlytoursinhistory.com](http://www.ghostlytoursinhistory.com)
- **Old Town Trolley Tours of San Diego, Inc.**  
[www.historictours.com](http://www.historictours.com)

**16. Is there a zoo or aquarium?**

## ■ San Diego Zoo

[www.sandiegozoo.org](http://www.sandiegozoo.org)

## ■ SeaWorld San Diego

[www.seaworldsandiego.com/sandiego/default.aspx](http://www.seaworldsandiego.com/sandiego/default.aspx)**17. Is it safe to visit Tijuana?**

**PHMA does not endorse that anyone visit Tijuana alone.** The US Department of State has issued several travel warnings in the past couple of years regarding Americans visiting Tijuana. For more information, please visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov). There are several companies that do offer guided tours into Mexico from San Diego: [www.viator.com/search/tijuana?AID=10429773&PID=1976825](http://www.viator.com/search/tijuana?AID=10429773&PID=1976825). **PHMA does not endorse any tour operators.**