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5 Cool Coastal Hotels of San Diego

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[San Diego](#) is one of the hottest big cities in the country for tourists; it has wonderful year-round weather, world-class hotels, restaurants, shopping and an endless array of activities for every kind of traveler. We asked the most road-tripped man in the world, Mike of [MikesRoadTrip.com](#), to share some of his favorite cool coastal hotels in [San Diego](#).



There is a lure to the coast that is undeniable. Maybe it is because, as humans, we are made up of 70% water. Maybe it is the fond memories as a child playing on the beach and making sand castles with a moat using water from waves washing ashore. Perhaps it the setting sun on the horizon, the ocean breeze or the romantic strolls. Whatever the attraction, staying coastal is an experience that evokes a fondness for the setting and creates lasting memories.

Grande Colonial – La Jolla

Perched on a hill off of the famed Prospect Street in the heart of La Jolla is the [Grande Colonial](#) hotel, which has been serving guests since 1913. This turn-of-the-century, Georgian-style architectural hotel was the cornerstone of development that built La Jolla into the coveted tourist destination it is today.



Over the years, the Grande Colonial has gone through many major renovations, as it is currently at the time of writing this piece. It is however nearly complete with half the rooms open to guests. The hotel is modestly elegant, staying true to its heritage and coastal roots.

The color scheme is reminiscent of the soothing sea, from pale yellow walls similar to a shade of the setting sun, to the white seashell color highlighted in the bathroom marble, to the various shades of blue woven into the carpet like the sea water. Subtle nautical hints are illustrated in the curtains and other elements. Crown molding and decorative door casements retain the hotel's elegant architecture, while the seaside views and ocean breezes waft over guests in their rooms, as well as throughout several outdoor patios.



There is an exceptional on-site restaurant called Nine-Ten, where they have evolved California cuisine into a culinary art form. Each dish is seasonally inspired by ingredients obtained by local artisan farmers. The menu changes daily based on the availability of the ingredients, which provides a truly fresh and exciting gastronomic experience. Guests can dine inside the casually elegant space with vibrant artwork, or al fresco on the outdoor terrace. Dinner is not the only time to take a culinary journey; breakfast is also a fantastic experience. Click the following link to book a stay at the [Grande Colonial](#), one of the cool coastal hotels of San Diego.