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La Jolla, San Diego

A California beach town vibe meets upscale chic in this popular community known for its grand hotels, vibrant art scene, boutique shopping and gorgeous coastline.



Shop Browse quirky stores, stylish boutiques and distinctive galleries along **Prospect Street, Girard Avenue** and the rest of the downtown “village” district. Be sure to pay a visit to **Legends Gallery**, which features the secret sketches, iconic illustrations and whimsical, taxidermy-like sculptures by Theodor Geisel, a.k.a. Dr. Seuss. Geisel lived in La Jolla from 1948 until his death in 1991, and drew inspiration from the area’s flora and fauna.

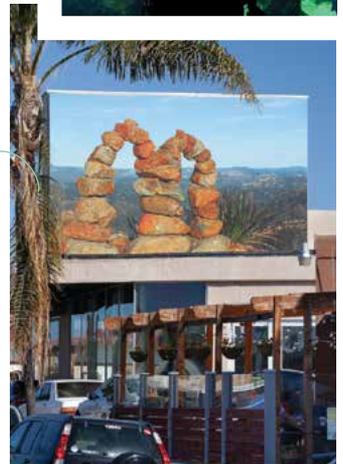
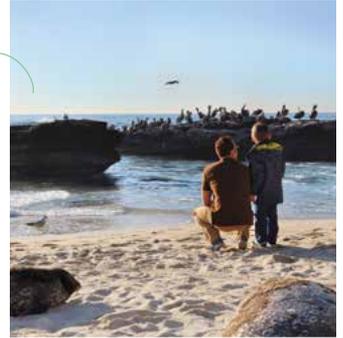
Wander Enjoy a shoreline stroll along the **La Jolla Coast Walk Trail**. The trail is only about a half-mile long, but there’s lots to see along the way, from rocky cliffs and tidepools to the ever-popular **Sunny Jim Sea Cave**. Created in 1931, and originally intended to serve as a safe swimming beach for kids, it has become a favourite spot for dozens of seals who seek out the sheltered beach to raise their pups and simply lounge in the sun.

Dine There’s no shortage of fine-dining experiences in La Jolla, but for a meal you’ll remember long after you’ve gone home, head to **Nine-Ten Restaurant and Bar** inside the historic **Grande Colonial** hotel. Here, award-winning executive chef Jason Knibb and his team create elegant, California-inspired dishes with the freshest local ingredients.

Explore Spanning 6,000 acres of ocean floor and tidelands, **La Jolla Underwater Park and Ecological Reserve** is one of the best spots in greater San Diego for snorkelling and diving. Replete with two artificial reefs and seven sea caves etched out of a sandstone cliff, the area is brimming with marine life. Rent scuba or snorkelling gear from one of the on-site outfitters or opt for a guided kayak and snorkel tour with **Everyday California**.

Discover Learn about leopard sharks, moray eels and more than 6,000 other sea creatures at **Birch Aquarium**, the public education centre for the neighbouring Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Explore 60-plus ocean habitats, read the inspiring story of the resident rescued Loggerhead Sea Turtle, and check out the exhibit on seahorses and seadragons.

Admire Art is an important part of life in La Jolla—as is evident in the **Murals of La Jolla** public art program. Currently, 15 contemporary works adorn the walls of buildings throughout the area. **The Athenaeum Music & Arts Library** hosts walking tours of the murals on the last Wednesday of each month, but you can also download a map at muralsoflajolla.com/map and explore at your leisure. —Jill Foran

**Marvel**

Take in spectacular, 360-degree views of San Diego County from atop Mt. Soledad.

GETTING THERE

WestJet flies to San Diego six times a week from Calgary.

**Trek**

Hike Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve, home to the Torrey Pine, the rarest pine tree in the U.S.