

Welcome to Ocean Drive Country.



This trip combines rolling waves and salt sea air with world-famous attractions for the entire family. Visit the 100-acre San Diego Zoo and experience LEGOLAND with its 50 rides and many attractions. The ocean calls with exquisite beaches and opportunities to see whales and dolphins. In between missions and museums and cruises and hikes, enjoy a meal with the locals.



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2-day itinerary - San Diego, California

Welcome to Ocean Drive Country. Enjoy the smell of salty ocean air as you set out after a breakfast of warm waffles and hot coffee from your hotel. Discover downtown San Diego with a tour of the city by trolley, then get a change of scenery with exotic plants and endangered animals at the world famous San Diego Zoo. Stay and play at Balboa Park or make your way to Torrey Pines State Reserve to watch whales and experience amazing coastline views. Return to the Country Inns & Suites By CarlsonSM to relax in the whirlpool or share stories by the fire.

San Diego-area Country Inns & Suites By Carlson locations:

 Country Inn & Suites By Carlson, San Diego North, CA – 7 miles from downtown


<p>Balboa Park</p>	<p>Mom's Choice**: The nation's largest urban cultural park is home to 15 major museums, performing-arts venues, beautiful gardens and the San Diego Zoo. There's so much to see and do within the park, including museum exhibitions, plays, musicals, concerts, and classes, that the zoo is optional. Admittance is free to the Park grounds. Charges vary at the other attractions.</p>	<p>balboapark.org</p>
<p>San Diego Zoo</p>	<p>This world-famous establishment is no ordinary zoo. It covers 100 acres and features more than 4,000 rare and endangered animals and a botanical collection with more than 700,000 exotic plants. Tickets to the zoo are \$26 for kids and \$35 for adults. Go online for special offers and discount coupons.</p>	<p>sandiegozoo.org</p>
<p>Torrey Pines State Reserve</p>	<p>This reserve is a great place for short hikes with views of the coastline. If you're lucky, you might spot bottlenose dolphins or migrating whales. This fragile environment is the home of the nation's rarest pine tree (<i>Pinus torreyana</i>), which now grows only here and on Santa Rosa Island. Parking is \$8, but you can walk into the park for free.</p>	<p>torreypine.org</p>
<p>San Diego Model Railroad Museum</p>	<p>This museum is the largest indoor model railroad display in the world. Admission is free for those under 15 years of age, \$3 for students and \$6 for adults.</p>	<p>sdmodelrailroadm.com</p>
<p>Old Town Trolley</p>	<p>See San Diego via trolley. The 2-hour tours visit major attractions such as Balboa Park, Gaslamp Quarter, Seaport Village, Coronado and the Embarcadero. Tickets cost \$16 for those under 12 years of age and \$32 for adults.</p>	<p>trolleytours.com/san-diego</p>

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4-day itinerary - Port Hueneme, California

After a refreshing stay in San Diego, hit the road toward Los Angeles along I-5, then connect with the ultimate ocean drive on the Pacific Coast Highway. Enjoy the trip, but make time to stop and play at LEGOLAND and the Oceanside Pier before arriving at your destination of Port Hueneme. Grab a book from the Read It & Return Lending LibrarySM at the hotel or log on with free Internet access to research other area hot spots such as the Ventura oceanfront and its miles of scenic bike paths.

Port Hueneme-area Country Inns & Suites By Carlson locations:

-  Country Inn & Suites By Carlson Port Hueneme – 0 miles from downtown
- Country Inn & Suites By Carlson Camarillo – 10 miles from downtown
- Country Inn & Suites By Carlson Ventura – 15 miles from downtown

LEGOLAND	LEGOLAND® California has more than 50 rides, shows and attractions for the whole family to enjoy. The park is geared toward ages 2-12. Cost is \$53 under 13 years of age and \$63 for adults.	legoland.com/california.htm
Oceanside Pier	Mom's Choice**: Historic Oceanside Pier is one of the longest wooden piers on the West Coast, spanning 1,942 feet. Enjoy a meal at Ruby's Diner, go fishing or stroll to the end to see Oceanside Harbor.	beachcalifornia.com
Ventura Oceanfront	The oceanfront and exquisite beaches stretch from Surfer's Point to Ventura Harbor. The area includes surf breaks, a historic pier and promenade, San Buenaventura State Beach, the Seaward Avenue Beach District, several parks, miles of scenic bike paths and a thriving marina.	ventura-usa.com
The Rock Store	This famous motorcycle/car stop offers celebrity sightings, hundreds of bikes to look at, poker runs, and, of course, great food and drinks. The Rock Store is most popular for its hefty breakfasts, BBQ tri-tip sandwiches, teriyaki chicken sandwiches, homemade chili and soups.	rock-store.com
Antonio's Mexican Food and Grill	A local favorite for its large portions, reasonable prices and great atmosphere. The ala-carte burrito is guaranteed to keep you full for hours. Their homemade salsa served with chips is highly rated.	423 E. Port Hueneme Road Port Hueneme, CA 805-488-1405

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7-day itinerary - Santa Barbara, California

End your trip with a visit to the beautiful beaches, majestic mountains and colorful culture of Santa Barbara. Escape on a Santa Barbara Safari through Los Padres National Forest or spend a half day on the Santa Barbara Channel searching for whales, dolphins and sea lions. Treat the family to a unique dining experience at the Santa Barbara Shellfish Company. End your adventure back at the hotel with freshly baked cookies before a good night's rest. There's no better way to love this Country.

Santa Barbara-area Country Inns & Suites By Carlson location:

 Country Inn & Suites By Carlson Ventura – 45 miles from downtown

<p>Santa Barbara Mission</p>	<p>The 200-year-old mission is the 10th of 21 California missions to be founded by the Spanish Franciscans in 1782. It continues to be the cultural and historic landmark of Santa Barbara. Home to a community of Franciscan friars, the mission includes a retreat center, a beautiful church, a museum and gift shop, a cemetery and mausoleum, and 10 acres of landscaped gardens. Tours are free for those under 6 years of age and \$5 for adults.</p>	<p>missiontour.org/santabarbara</p>
<p>Santa Barbara Safaris</p>	<p>Wildlife photographer and safari guide Charles Aljian offers photography advice as he leads this off-road safari tour through the mountains of Santa Barbara. You'll be treated to a unique glimpse into the beauty and scenery of the Los Padres National Forest. Majestic California sunsets, panoramic views of the Santa Ynez Valley and Pacific Ocean, ancient Chumash Indian cave paintings, nature walks, and diverse ecosystems of plants, trees and wildlife are all part of this experience. Cost is \$300 to \$700 for up to six people.</p>	<p>santabarbarasafaris.com</p>
<p>Condor Cruise</p>	<p>Spend a half day on the Santa Barbara Channel, home to more than 30 species of whales, dolphins, seals and sea lions that visit throughout the year. It's the most consistent location found anywhere to view a variety of marine mammals. No charge for those under 5 years of age, \$50 for each child and \$94 for each adult.</p>	<p>condorcruises.com</p>
<p>Santa Barbara Shellfish Company on Stearns Wharf</p>	<p>Mom's Choice**: Initially established in 1979 as a buying station for local lobster and abalone, Santa Barbara Shellfish has evolved into a must-visit restaurant when it comes to local crustaceans, shrimp and other seafood specialties. The Stearns Wharf area also offers an eclectic mix of other unique eateries, activities and shops.</p>	<p>sbfishhouse.com/shellfish</p>

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