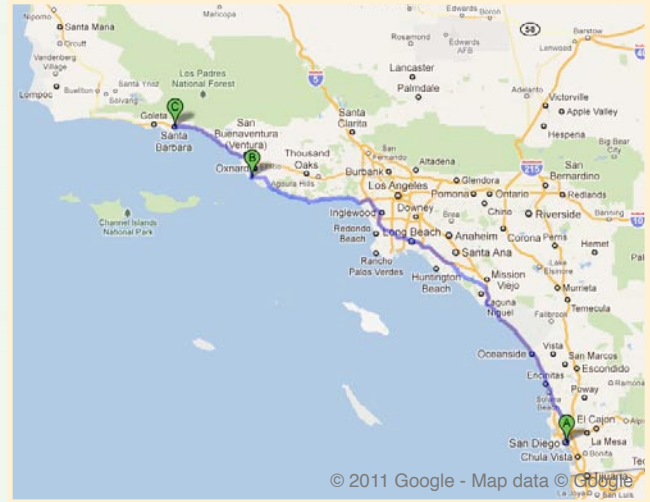




This trip combines rolling waves and salt sea air with world-famous attractions for the entire family. Visit the 100-acre San Diego Zoo and experience LEGOLAND with its 50 rides and many attractions. The ocean calls with exquisite beaches and opportunities to see whales and dolphins. In between missions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



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2-day itinerary – San Diego, CA

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

Balboa Park	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, and charges vary at other attractions.	http://www.balboapark.org/
San Diego Zoo	This world-famous establishment is no ordinary zoo covering 100 acres and featuring more than 4,000 rare and endangered animals, as well as a botanical collection with more than 700,000 exotic plants. Tickets to the zoo are \$30 for kids and \$40 for adults. Go online for special offers and discount coupons.	http://www.sandiegozoo.org/
Gaslamp Quarter	With more than 200 shopping, dining and entertainment venues, the Gaslamp Quarter serves as a grownup playground for the hip and eclectic residents of San Diego. Bring comfortable shoes and an extra credit card, just in case.	http://www.gaslamp.org
Torrey Pines State Reserve	This Reserve is a great place for short hikes with views of the coastline. If you're lucky, you might spot bottle-nosed dolphins or migrating whales. This fragile environment is the home of the nation's rarest pine tree - Pinus torreyana - which now grows only here and on Santa Rosa Island. Parking fee is \$10 or walk into the park for free.	http://www.torreypine.org
San Diego Model Railroad Museum	The museum is the largest indoor model railroad display in the world. Free under 15, \$3 for students and \$6 for adults	http://www.sdmodelrailroadm.com
Old Town Trolley	See San Diego via trolley. The 2-hour tours visit major attractions such as Balboa Park, Gaslamp Quarter, Seaport Village, Coronado and the Embarcadero. Under 12 \$16, adults \$32.	http://www.trolleytours.com/san-diego/

** Family Choice and Mom's Choice designation based on fun for all ages, cost and Mom's approval.

4-day itinerary – Port Hueneme, CA

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

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from the Read It & Return Lending Librarysm at the [hotel](#) or log on with free Internet access to research other area hot spots, like the Ventura Oceanfront and its miles of scenic bike paths.

Port Huemene-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

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.	http://www.beachcalifornia.com
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 \$59 under 13; and \$69 for adults.	http://www.legoland.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.	http://www.ventura-usa.com/
WWI Aviation Museum	Relive the aviation moments that set the stage for liberty as we know it. Get up close with several vintage warbirds, including a C-46, C-131 and even a Japanese Zero. Adult admission is \$5, children are just \$2.	http://www.orgsites.com/ca/caf-socal/
The Rock Store	This famous motorcycle/car stop features a rustic setting, celebrity sightings, hundreds of bikes to look at, poker runs, and of course the food and drinks. The Rock Store is most popular for their hefty breakfasts, BBQ Tri-tip Sandwiches, Teriyaki Chicken Sandwiches, Homemade Chili and Soups.	http://www.rock-store.com/
Antonio's Mexican Food and Grill	A local favorite for its large portions, reasonable prices and great atmosphere. The a la carte burrito, guarantees to keep you full for hours. Their homemade salsa served with chips is highly rated.	No web site

7-day itinerary – Santa Barbara, CA

End your trip with a visit to the beautiful beaches, majestic mountains and colorful culture of Santa Barbara. Escape with 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 then 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 locations:

- [Country Inn & Suites By Carlson Ventura](#) – 45 miles from downtown

Santa Barbara Shellfish Company on Stearns Wharf	Mom's Choice**: Initially established in 1979 as a buying station for local lobster and abalone, Santa Barbara Shellfish has evolved into the area expert when it comes to local crustaceans, shrimp, and other seafood specialties. A special dining experience, the area offers an eclectic mix of unique restaurants, interesting activities, and quality merchants on Stearns Wharf.	http://www.sbfishhouse.com
Santa Barbara Mission	The 200-year old-mission is the 10 th 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 also has a retreat center, a beautiful church, a museum and gift shop, a cemetery and mausoleum, and 10 acres of landscaped gardens. Tours start at \$5 for adults and \$1 for youths 5-15.	http://santabarbaramission.org
Cabrillo Bikeway	Cruise this 3.5-mile strip in style while burning a few calories. The Cabrillo Bikeway offers bike rentals, or lace up your sneakers for a stroll with the locals on one of the most beautiful paths in America. Rental costs start at \$25 a day.	http://www.letsgo.com/15267-california-travel-guides-the_central_coast-santa_barbara-c
Santa Barbara Safaris	Wildlife photographer and safari guide Charles Aljian offers photography advice as he leads this off-road safari tour through the mountains of Santa Barbara. This is a unique glimpse into the beauty and scenery of the Los Padres National Forest. Majestic California sunsets and 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 starts at \$395 for groups of up to six people.	http://www.santabarbara.com/activities/tours/sb_safaris/
Condor Cruise	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. Under 3 are free, children under 12 are \$50 and adults are \$94.	http://condorcruises.com