

Guide to San Diego Attractions and Dining While Attending the CSPCA Conference

The [San Diego Visitor Center](#) is a great place to discover all that San Diego has to offer. In addition, discount tickets to attractions are available to purchase.

Discounts for attractions may be available through [Groupon](#) or [Goldstar](#) .

Attendees who are a member of CSEA may be able to obtain discount tickets to some of these attractions. Please contact [California School Employees Association](#) well in advance as these tickets must be purchased in advance.

Please note that CSPCA is not sponsored by or affiliated with the attractions or dining options listed below.

Attractions

[Seaport Village](#) Just a short walk or hotel shuttle ride from our venue, enjoy waterfront shopping and dining while taking in the beautiful views of the bay.

[Balboa Park](#) Located a few miles from the venue and on the hotel shuttle route, where culture science, and nature collide. Museums, performing arts, and gardens await as well as the [California Tower](#) which offers magnificent San Diego views. A variety of dining options are also available.

[San Diego Zoo](#) Voted the #1 Zoo in the World and located in beautiful, historic Balboa Park, the zoo offers a wide variety of animal observation and experiences.

[San Diego Zoo Safari Park \(Wild Animal Park\)](#) Located 30 miles north of downtown San Diego, the park offers opportunities to see animals roaming huge habitats.

[Legoland California](#) Located 35 miles north of downtown San Diego, enjoy more than 60 rides and attractions featuring remarkable creations made from legos.

[Sea World](#) Located nearby along Mission Bay, enjoy attractions, rides, shows, and interactions where the aquatic world comes alive.

[USS Midway Museum](#) Located right across the street from our venue, explore a historic aircraft carrier with a self-guided tour narrated by Midway sailors.

[Birch Aquarium](#) Located 10 miles north of downtown San Diego, discover the wonders of the ocean as well as cutting-edge research and scientific discovery.

[Old Town San Diego](#) Located just minutes from our venue, visit historic sites and experience a wide variety of dining, shopping and entertainment options.

[Seal Tours](#) View San Diego from a totally different perspective – on a boat with wheels; see both land and sea highlights from the same vehicle.

[Old Town Trolley Tours](#) A hop on, hop off tour with stops at 10 San Diego locations including Old Town, the Embarcadero (hotel area), Seaport Village, Horton Plaza, Gaslamp Quarter, Coronado, Balboa Park, and Little Italy.

[San Diego Automotive Museum](#) Located in Balboa Park, the museum has an excellent permanent collection as well as specialty exhibits.

[Hornblower Cruises](#) Choose from harbor, dining or cocktail cruises. Whale watching adventures are also available; February is an optimal month to see whales.

[Flagship Cruises and Events](#) Sightseeing and dinner cruises as well as whale watching and rides on the Patriot, a jet boat thrill ride.

[San Diego Whale Watch](#) Three hour cruise with a certified marine naturalist.

[Great Room Escape San Diego](#) A fun activity that can be a great team building exercise for your HR team/commissioners or a family adventure. Escape rooms are fully interactive where you work as a team and have one hour to find clues and solve riddles in order to escape your room before time is up. Located downtown.

Nearby Restaurants

[Hazelwoods on the Bay](#) a deli and café located within the Wyndham
(619) 231-9866

\$\$ 0.04 Miles

[Claim Jumper](#)-American (Traditional), Bars, Steakhouses
1355 N Harbor Dr
San Diego, CA 92101
(619) 531-7994

\$\$\$ 0.05 Miles

[Ruth's Chris Steak House](#) (Traditional) Steakhouse, Seafood, American
1355 N Harbor Dr
San Diego, CA 92101
(619) 233-1422

\$\$\$ 0.1 Miles

Shino Sushi + Kappo - Japanese, Sushi Bar
838 W Ash St
San Diego, CA 92101
(619) 255-2527

\$\$ 0.2 Miles

[Beach Hut Deli](#) - Deli, Sandwiches, Breakfast and Bruch
900 Bayfront Ct
San Diego, CA 92101
(619) 501-3551

\$\$ 0.2 Miles

Anharn - Thai, Bar, Soup
1202 Kettner Blvd
San Diego, CA 92101
(619) 542-9595

\$\$ 0.2 Miles

[Craft & Commerce](#) - Gastropub, Lounge, Cocktail Bar

675 W Beech St

San Diego, CA 92101

(619) 269-2202

\$ 0.2 Miles

Mexican Fiesta - Mexican food

1460 India St

San Diego, CA 92101

(619) 231-9851

\$\$ 0.2 Miles

[Carnitas' Snack Shack - Embarcadero](#) - American, Burgers and Mexican food

1004 N Harbor Dr

San Diego, CA 92101

(619) 696-7675

\$\$ 0.2 Miles

[Romesco Mexiterranean Cocina](#) - Mexican, Bar, Tapas/Small Pleates

1490 Kettner Blvd

San Diego, CA 92101

(619) 756-7864

\$\$ 0.2 Miles

[Petrini's](#) - Italian, Pizza

610 W Ash St

San Diego, CA 92101

(619) 595-0322

\$\$ 0.3 Miles

[Isola Pizza Bar](#) - Pizza, Wine Bar, Taps Bar

1526 India St

San Diego, CA 92101

(619) 255-4230

\$\$ 0.3 Miles

[Indigo Grill](#) - Latin American, Tapas/Small Plates, American

1536 India St

San Diego, CA 92101

(619) 234-6802

\$\$ 0.3 Miles

[PrepKitchen](#) - American

1660 India St

San Diego, CA 92101

(619) 398-8383

\$\$ 0.3 Miles

[Sorrento Contemporary Italian Cuisine](#) - Pizza, Italian, Wine Bar

1646 India St

San Diego, CA 92101

(619) 546-0365

\$\$\$ 0.3 Miles

[Barbusa Modern Sicilian](#)

1917 India Street

San Diego, CA 92101

(619) 238-1917

\$\$ 0.3 Miles

[Buon Appetito](#) - Italian

1609 India St

San Diego, CA 92101

(619) 238-9880

\$\$ 0.4 Miles

[Bencotto Italian Kitchen](#) - Italian

750 W Fir St

San Diego, CA 92101

(619) 450-4786

\$\$ 0.4 miles

[Queenstown Public House](#) Whimsical New Zealand-themed pub serving upscale bar fare & a large selection of draft beers

1557 Columbia Street

San Diego, CA 92101

(619) 546-0444

\$\$ 0.4 miles

[Underbelly](#) Ramen and Japanese salads and bun sandwiches

750 W. Fir Street

San Diego, CA 92101

(619) 269-4626

\$\$ 0.3 Miles

[Davanti Enoteca](#) - Italian

1655 India St

San Diego, CA 92101

(619) 237-9606

\$\$ 0.4 Miles

[Filippi's Pizza Grotto Little Italy](#) - Italian, Pizza

1747 India St

San Diego, CA 92101

(619) 232-5094

\$\$ 0.3 Miles

[Burger Lounge Little Italy](#) - Burgers

1608 India St

San Diego, CA 92101

(619) 237-7878

\$\$ 0.5 Miles

[Karl Strauss Brewing Company](#) - Breweries, American food

1157 Columbia St

San Diego, CA 92101

(619) 234-2739

\$\$\$ 0.5 miles

[Top of the Market](#) Waterfront fine dining offering the freshest and finest in seafood cuisine with exhibition-style cooking

750 North Harbor Drive

San Diego, CA 92101

(619) 232-3474

\$\$ 0.5 miles

[Kettner Exchange Food & Spirits](#) Eatery for handcrafted cocktails & a creative menu of American dishes with some global flare

2001 Kettner Blvd

San Diego, CA 92101

(619) 255-2001

\$ 0.5 miles

[Waterfront Bar & Grill](#) Draws crowds with pub grub & happy hour (it was on the waterfront when it opened in 1933)

2044 Kettner Blvd

San Diego, CA 92101

(619) 232-9656

\$\$ 0.6 miles

[The Cheesecake Factory](#)

789 W Harbor Drive

San Diego, CA 92101

(619) 231-0036