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Fodor's San Diego: With North County (Full-color Travel Guide)



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- Dozens of full-color maps plus a handy pullout map with essential information
- Hundreds of hotel and restaurant recommendations, with Fodor's Choice designating our top picks
- Multiple itineraries to explore the top attractions and what's off the beaten path
- In-depth breakout features on the San Diego Zoo, surfing, and the best beaches
- Coverage of Downtown, Balboa Park, San Diego Zoo, Old Town, Uptown, Mission Bay, La Jolla, Point Loma, SeaWorld, LEGOLAND, and Coronado
- Side Trips to North County and Around with the coast, inland, the backcountry and the desert

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Our family has been to San Diego at least half a dozen times over the years. It’s a great town for a family vacation, with a ton of things to do. Part of the reason for our numerous visits was legoland, a mecca for my kids. We enjoyed the museums in Balboa park as well as hte variety of options for dining and entertainment (not available in Hawaii). My kids are older now, in college, one of them not too far away, in Pasadena. I expect we are going to find ourselves in the neighborhood a few more times, at least. There is quite a bit we hhave not done or seen because we were traveling with young children. I picked this up to look at those other options and to familiarize myself with some of hte neighborhoods we did not get to know.I have commented in other reviews that I frequently get 2 books when planning a trip, a comprehensive one for planning, and a slimmer one to carry. Unlike most Fodor’s guides, this would fall into the second category. My 4 star rating is by comparison to the other guides we have gotten from Fodors in the recent past, and also from my knowledge of the city. it is a prettty light-weight guide for a city with so much to offer. It has the usual maps and guides, all of what you expect in a Fodors guide,. Where it falls down a bit for me is in the descriptions, whjich are not very well fleshed out. For example. one of our favorite restaurants is mentioned, but they do not tell you that it is the restaurant for the culinary school, and so a fabulous bargain. It is something I might not have given a second thought from reading this guide, whereas from p;rior experience, it is a destination for us, a city highlight. I also found the hotel recommendations somewhat mundane, sticking primarily to the major chains. There is so much diversity in this city! A lot is missed (including 2 hotels which I would describe as gems).O know that in a city with so much going on it is not going to be possible to cover everything. This guide hits the

highlights and a bit more. It is nowhere near as comprehensive as their Alaska guide. I think it is useful, but would treat it as an auxiliary, or tour guide. It's packable and portable and that is a plus. It gives you the highlights and some solid choices for lodging and dining, and does help orient you to the city, I would have liked it better if there was a bit more depth.

This edition is about half the size of previous editions! With such a large city to review, I found this slim travel guide missing a great deal of information. For example, there is far less detail on the major theme parks, and no pages dedicated to Tijuana. Even the cover and pages are thinner and designed poorly for toting around as you travel. Overall, I am very disappointed in Fodor's. I used to consider it the leader in travel books. Now you are better off just doing your research online.

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