

San Diego Tour

Little Italy & Gaslamp Quarter



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Tour Summary

In the heart of downtown you'll find two of the city's most vibrant neighborhoods, where past and present fuse together to make a dynamic mixture of some of the best the city has to offer. Take a leisurely stroll and enjoy the culinary expertise of some of the city's top chefs: browse, shop, and relax. But don't miss out on the terrific, eclectic nightlife: this place can rock! With its warm, sunny climate, San Diego is the perfect getaway city, any time of year!

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Introduction





San Diego is one of America's top destinations, with a warm, sunny climate that can't be beat.



Next time you visit this magnetic city by the sea, take some time to visit 2 of its historic neighborhoods - the Gaslamp District and Little Italy. Both of these downtown areas are within a short distance of each other.



You can easily stroll along the waterfront, where you can see the Star of India and other magnificent ships from the past that now reside in the harbor.



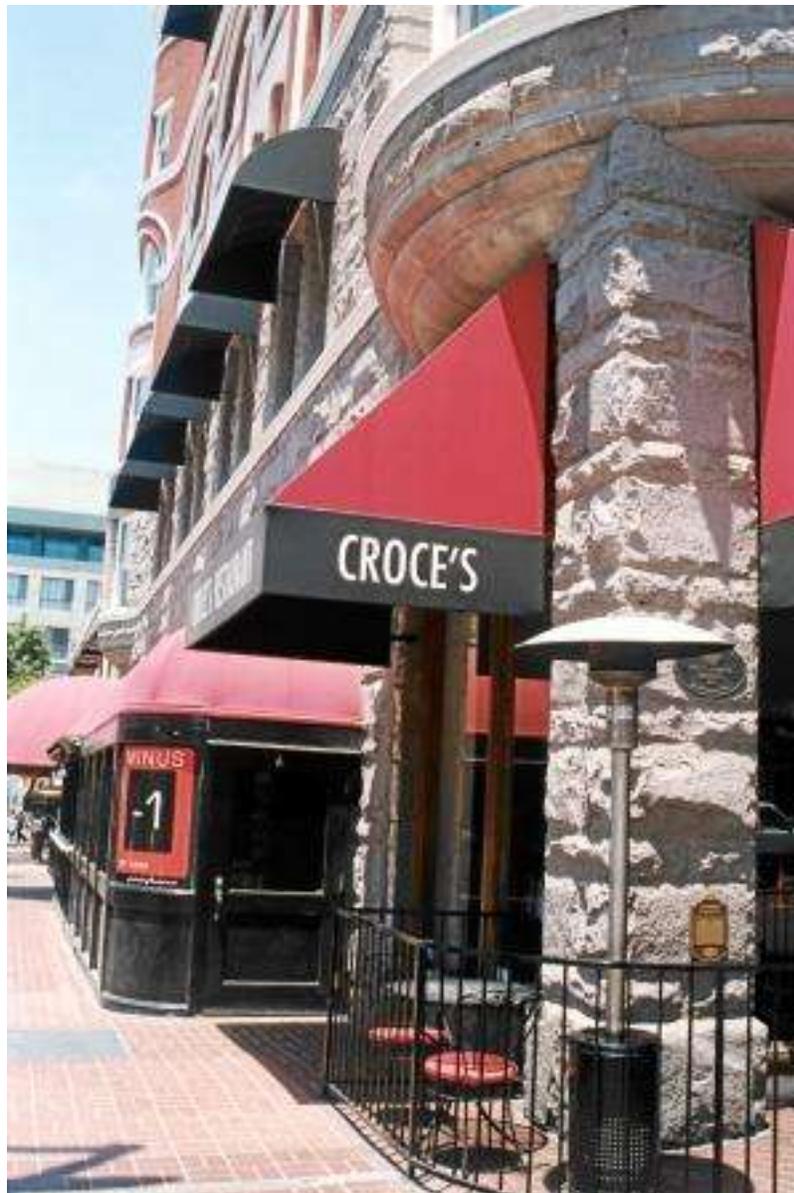
Or grab a bicycle taxi, enjoy the fresh air and see the sites at your leisure. Chances are good that the day will be pleasant, with plenty of sunshine.



The Gaslamp District, known as the Stingaree back at the turn of the 20th century, is a 16-block neighborhood with ornamental Victorian buildings, fortune tellers, and ghosts. It is densely packed with restaurants and clubs, from high-end to those suitable for the budget traveler.



As you stroll through this preserved historic area, you'll find tributes to former San Diego notables and get a first-hand look at some important places of the Old West, like the former gambling hall of Wyatt Earp.



You'll also find tributes to more recent American icons such as Jim Croce. His widow, Ingrid Croce, has opened a restaurant with a small museum paying

tribute to the singer/songwriter, who
composed classics like “Time in a Bottle.”



Italian immigrants played an important role in founding San Diego, and made significant contributions to the city's business, culture and cuisine.



Most of these early immigrants settled in the neighborhood that is now known as Little Italy. This area offers an eclectic blend of past and present.



Traditional Mediterranean markets with hard-to-find imported goods sit next to restaurants where some of the city's top chefs cook up their gourmet fare.



You can also view some stunning artwork, like the frescos in Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, or one of the more current murals that adorn some of the public buildings.



Both Little Italy and the Gaslamp District offer plenty of choices for accommodations, and are centrally located with easy transportation to most of San Diego's other choice destinations.

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