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La Jolla Lineup

With seven square miles of coastal beauty, La Jolla is one of San Diego's most striking seaside cities. Whether you're a local or just passing through, here is where to stay, savor and soak it all in.
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STAY

Estancia La Jolla Hotel & Spa

You'll be staying pretty at this eucalyptus-lined oasis, where a rejuvenating spa, five delicious dining options and health-focused offerings keep guests both relaxed and entertained. Even if you're not spending the night, the many on-site activations, like the Tea in the Garden series, are always fun to check out. estancialajolla.com

La Valencia Hotel

This historic hotel, better known as the Pink Lady, feels like the ultimate escape, complete with a pool overlooking the ocean and walking access to La Jolla Cove. For dinner, secure reservations at the Mediterranean Room, and before or after, swing by La Sala for chic sips with seaside views. lavalencia.com

Orli La Jolla

Opened in 2022, Orli is one of La Jolla's newer accommodations and dazzles with its boutique-style size, art deco-inspired interiors and expert walkability. With just 13 rooms, the family-owned retreat

offers a peaceful, tucked-away respite that goes big on design and thoughtful hospitality. stayorli.com

The Lodge at Torrey Pines

This AAA five-diamond seaside lodge is a seasoned favorite among the community, from its premier dining at A.R. Valentien to the full-service Spa at Torrey Pines. Guided hikes at Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve, a heated pool, croquet lawn and access to the PGA-level, 36-hole Torrey Pines Golf Course make this a La Jolla must-stay. lodgeattorreypines.com



From left: Cruise along the seaside streets with complimentary bikes from Orli La Jolla; La Valencia Hotel, nicknamed the Pink Lady, is the perfect backdrop for long days spent sunning by the pool.

RELAX

SkinSpirit La Jolla

SkinSpirit is the place to be for all your med-aesthetic needs, whether you need a Botox touch-up or are looking to refresh your complexion with microneedling. A range of facials, plus B12 injections, make this a one-stop glow-up shop. skinspirit.com/locations/la-jolla

Spa at La Valencia

A recent addition adjacent to the historic 1926 hotel, this luxe spa offers a pared-down menu of premier services—including the La Valencia Signature 24K Gold facial with radio frequency, oxygenation and collagen infusion. Here, the emphasis is on privacy and clinically-driven treatments that lean into luxury. lavalencia.com

Spa Estancia

Featuring nine treatment rooms—including an intimate couples' bungalow—this 7,000-square-foot sanctuary offers rotating spa experiences using organic ingredients, from aromatherapy journeys to full-body rituals, plus signature treatments such as the restorative Mindful Dreams massage and the Estancia Grand facial. estancialajolla.com

**The Spa at Torrey Pines**

Situated on the cliffs above the Pacific Ocean, The Lodge at Torrey Pines' on-site spa incorporates marine elements through sea-salt scrubs, hot stones and body wraps that promote clarity and renewal. A steam room, sauna, showers and warming fireplace are all the more reason to stick around after your treatment. lodgetorrey.pines.com

The Well Holistic Facial Spa

Give your skincare routine a refresh at this facial-only studio, specializing in customized treatments, LED therapy and dermaplaning. With personalized skin consultations, you know you're in good hands! thewellajolla.com

DINE

George's at the Cove

For panoramic Pacific coastline views, George's at the Cove is the way to go with three floors and a menu of contemporary California offerings. The ever-changing market plates and local seafood options always keep dining here fresh. georgesatthecove.com

JOEY La Jolla

New in town, JOEY Restaurants expands into La Jolla, tailored toward social dining and high-energy evenings. From sushi rolls to steak and truffle accouterments, the cuisine is expertly paired with a cocktail-heavy menu. We recommend the Supersonic Gin & Tonic! joeyrestaurants.com

Left: Couples' massages at Spa Estancia can be hosted in the intimate outdoor bungalow.

Le Coq

Chef Tara Monsod's French-Asian steakhouse is a fusion of flavors so rich, it'll warrant a second trip. Brasserie energy allows you to instantly get comfortable while tender tartares, hearty steak frites and chicken fresh off the rotisserie hit the table. lecoq.com

LUCIEN

Chef Elijah Arizmendi's recently opened LUCIEN features a Michelin-trained team that turns hyper-seasonal ingredients into bites of pure genius. Fusing California flavors with French and Japanese techniques, expect dishes like egg custard with caviar and wagyu that cuts like butter. luciensd.com

Marisi

Renowned for its Italian hearth cooking, Marisi draws the La Jolla community with its pillowy, salted focaccia served alongside whipped brown butter and balsamic. But the housemade pasta, like the red-sauced rigatoni with a dollop of stracciatella on top, seals the deal for this hot spot. marisilajolla.com

Nine-Ten

Located within the Grande Colonial Hotel, Jason Knibb's Nine-Ten restaurant is a long-standing

Clockwise from top: Cozy up by the fireplace post-treatment at The Spa at Torrey Pines; LUCIEN takes fine dining to new heights with its chic rooftop terrace; indulge in Italian hearth cooking at Marisi on Wall Street.



institution that is perfect for occasion dining. The New American plates range from smoked Liberty duck breast to housemade pastas that are both rich and comforting. nine-ten.com

Paradisaea

Known for its seasonal tasting menu in a vibrant, art-filled space, Paradisaea is a Michelin Guide-approved gem in La Jolla's Bird Rock neighborhood. Opt for the Curator's Wine Pairing, and enjoy a dinner of unexpected flavors and impeccable technique. paradisaea.com

The Marine Room

Let us set the scene—waves are splashing over oceanfront windows while you drink a glass of white wine, and you just placed an order for the freshest seafood you'll ever try. A typical experience at this La Jolla icon, you'll want to secure your summer reservations ASAP. marineroom.com

SIP

Birdseye Rooftop

Perch yourself at the top of the Cormorant Boutique Hotel for craft cocktails with coastal views. Named accordingly for its sky-high locale on Prospect Street, this watering hole fittingly offers The Girl on Prospect, an herbaceous concoction of gin, pomegranate and elderflower tonic. birdseyerooftop.com

Raised by Wolves

Slip into this award-winning speakeasy, where high-concept cocktails and theatrical presentation set the tone. You can't go wrong with anything in this old-world European environment, but the Banana Cream Flip is a decadent drink that will make you wonder why it isn't on a dessert menu. raisedxwolves.com



The Whaling Bar

This midcentury-inspired hang inside the La Valencia Hotel is the perfect place to meet friends for drinks. Go during Martini Hour, and let the cocktails flow! lavalencia.com/dining/
the-whaling-bar

Clockwise from top: The Uno Ojo is a tequila- and sherry-based cocktail from Raised by Wolves; the exterior facade of the iconic San Diego speakeasy, Raised by Wolves; The Whaling Bar's midcentury atmosphere is designed for late nights of lingering and imbibing. Opposite page: The center fountain at Raised by Wolves adds to its whimsical appeal.

