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San Pedro, California
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Welcome to San Pedro

San Pedro is a lot of things. It’s home to the Port of Los Angeles and the World Cruise Terminal. It’s a quaint historic town. It’s an outstanding restaurant town. It’s one of the centers of the arts movement in Los Angeles. It’s up and coming as a destination for live theater and music.

And it’s at the heart of the San Pedro Bay-Los Angeles Harbor-Palos Verdes Peninsula region.

It’s also a great destination or home base for visitors who want to see all of Southern California’s highlights and attractions. We’re a straight shot up the I110 (Harbor) freeway to Downtown Los Angeles and a short hop from there to Hollywood and Universal Studios. We’re just about 10 miles from the Orange County line. And Long Beach is a neighbor, just two bridges away.

The weather is pretty much always wonderful in San Pedro. It’s got Los Angeles’ Mediterranean climate, lots of sunshine, very little rain, and the last time we had snow was … few remember.

San Pedro is a very special place and it’s a great value for your clients or attendees, whether they want a vacation, are attending a meeting, wedding, or reunion, or are traveling to Southern California for business.

We’re also home to the Los Angeles World Cruise Terminal, the West Coast’s largest. And with all there is to see and do, San Pedro is a great place to plan a day, two, or more before or after a cruise. (Here’s a plus: Clients who schedule a pre-cruise getaway here avoid the stress, hassle, and disappointment of travel delays.) And cruise ships can be great meeting venues.

Catalina Island is just about an hour away on fast boats from the terminal in San Pedro.

And we’re here to help you plan any trip to San Pedro. We are Destination San Pedro, the meetings and trade division of Visit San Pedro, the area’s convention and visitor organization. You’ll find personal attention from a staff that knows your needs and cares about making you look good to your clients.

Give us a call or email us.
Hotels

San Pedro and the Palos Verdes Peninsula offer a range of hotels, motels, and even a hostel. You'll find the right place to fit your clients’ lifestyles and budgets.

And the properties in San Pedro provide great value and special offers.

Are your clients coming for a cruise from the Los Angeles World Port? Suggest that they stay for a night—or several—before the cruise at the Crowne Plaza, DoubleTree by Hilton, or Best Western Plus and take advantage of their park and cruise offers.

The featured properties below get our recommendation. You're sure to find your clients’ special place.

DoubleTree by Hilton San Pedro-Port of Los Angeles, 2800 Via Cabrillo Way, Peninsula
The Doubletree is a quality property located along one of San Pedro's finest marinas. With views of the harbor and ocean, it is a great place to relax. Its restaurant serves breakfast and dinner and the hotel has a full bar. Meeting facilities are available, along with a swimming pool. Outstanding wedding location. 310-514-3344.

Click here to visit the DoubleTree by Hilton Port of Los Angeles Hotel website
Click here for a map to the DoubleTree by Hilton Port of Los Angeles Hotel

Terranea, 100 Terranea Way, Rancho Palos Verdes
Dramatically poised at the edge of the Pacific Ocean on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, Terranea’s 102 acres are infused with the elegance of a classic Mediterranean estate, the casual energy of coastal Southern California, and countless ways to spend your days. It offers guest rooms, suites, bungalows, casitas, and villas. A host of world-class amenities, including spectacular dining venues, a world-class spa, a stunning 9-hole golf course and family-friendly activities. A one-of-a-kind spot for weddings, corporate events, family memories. On the site of the former Marineland of the Pacific. 866-802-8000

Click here to visit the Terranea website
Click here for a map to Terranea

The Crowne Plaza Los Angeles Harbor Hotel, 601 S. Palos Verdes Street, Downtown
The closest hotel to the World Cruise Terminal, Battleship Iowa, the LA Waterfront, and Historic Downtown San Pedro. Banquet and meeting facilities, on-site restaurant. Next door to the San Pedro Visitors Center and directly across the street from Marymount California University’s Waterfront campus and Topaz, the premier office address in San Pedro. 310-519-8200

Click here for more information

Best Western Plus San Pedro Hotel & Suites, 111 S. Gaffey Street, San Pedro
This hotel looks like a French chateau nestled into the side of the hill. Inside it offers European elegance in its new decor throughout. The rooms are the largest in San Pedro and offer stunning vistas of the harbor and beyond. Continental breakfast is offered. 866-599-6674

Click here for more information
Click here for a map to Best Western Plus San Pedro Hotel and Suites
Best Dining

When it comes to food, the San Pedro and Palos Verdes Peninsula area has something for everyone. It’s got long-established restaurants and it’s also known or its up-and-coming establishments with great innovation.

The San Pedro Convention and Visitors Bureau is pleased to commend these member restaurants to your attention. SPCVB has strict requirements for restaurant membership in our organization. In addition to high scores and a history of compliance on public health inspections and regulations, the service in each prospective restaurant member is independently evaluated. These are truly among the best restaurants in the area.

Ports O’ Call Waterfront Dining, 1200 Nagoya Way, Ports O’ Call Village, LA Waterfront 310- 833-3553
www.PortsOCallDining.com

Whale & Ale British Restaurant & Gastropub, 327 W. 7th Street, Downtown 310-832-0363
http://www.WalkeAndAle.com

San Pedro Brewing Company, 331 W. 6th Street, Downtown 310-831-5663,
www.SanPedroBrewing.com

Marina Grill at DoubleTree by Hilton, 2800 Via Cabrillo Marina, LA Waterfront 310-514-3344

Blu at Crowne Plaza Los Angeles Harbor Hotel, 601 S. Palos Verdes Street, Downtown 310-519-8200

22nd Street Landing Seafood Grill and Bar, 141-A W. 22nd Street, Cabrillo Marina LA Waterfront 310-548-4400

Beach City Grill, 376 W. 6th Street, Downtown 424-287-0645

Gaffey Street Diner, 247 N. Gaffey Street, Above Gaffey 310-548-6964

Godmothers Saloon, 302 W. 7th Street, Downtown 310-833-1589

Happy Diner American diner and Mexican, 617 S. Centre Street, Downtown 310-833-6799

Happy Diner #2, 931 N. Gaffey Street, NW San Pedro

Jackson’s Place craft beer & boutique wines, 335 W. 7th Street, Downtown 310-833-3359

The Original Las Brisas, 1110 N. Gaffey Street, Suite D., NW San Pedro 310-833-4395

Philie B's pizza, subs, pasta, 347 W. 6th Street, Downtown 310-514-2500

San Pedro Café and Deli, 605 S. Pacific Avenue Suite 103, Downtown 310-547-0961

Subway, 620 S. Centre Street, Downtown 310-519-1300

Taxco Fine Mexican Restaurants, 29050 S. Western Ave. Unit 154, Rancho Palos Verdes 310-547-4554

Terranea Resort, 100 Terranea Way, Rancho Palos Verdes 866-802-8000

The Admiral Risty seafood, steaks, 31250 Palos Verdes Drive West, Rancho Palos Verdes 310-377-0050

Utro’s at the Wharf American-best burgers, Berth 73 near Ports O’ Call Village, LA Waterfront 310-547-5022

Click here to check the updated Best Restaurants page on our website
Best Dining

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(310) 547-0961

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310-547-4554 For catering call Tony at 310-308-4251

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(across from at Ports O’ Call Village) (310) 547-5022
World famous burgers ☻ PBR on tap ☻ Handcut fries
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The Original
Great Mexican Food
1110 North Gaffey Street, Suite D 310-833-4395

Marina Waterfront Banquet Facility
1050 Nagoya Way At Ports O’ Call Village
310-833-3588

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620 S. Centre (corner of 6th and Centre) Downtown
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310-833-3359 www.JacksonsPlaceSP.com

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Transportation

Airports

**Long Beach (LGB)**
Served by Alaska Airlines, Delta, jetBlue Airways, and US Airways.
Approximate driving time is 18 minutes and distance is 11 miles. Shared van approximately $30 each way.

**Los Angeles International (LAX)**
Served by 59 airlines
Approximate driving time is 30 minutes and distance is 17 miles. Shared van approximately $32 first passenger and $9 additional passenger each way.

Renting a car is the best option for getting around Southern California.

Getting Around

The Downtown Trolley operates between the Cruise Terminal, Sixth and Seventh Streets, and Pacific Avenue, to Ports O’ Call Village (shopping and dining area) and USS Iowa.

**DASH buses** operate on routes throughout the greater San Pedro area.

**Commuter Express line 142** has direct service to Long Beach close to the Transit Center where you can catch the Blue Line that travels to downtown Los Angeles and connects to most rail lines that run throughout the greater Los Angeles area. Catch it at Ports O’ Call Village or at stops along Seventh Street and Gaffey Street north of Seventh Street.

**Metro Transit Buses** operate several lines into, out of, and around San Pedro, mainly along Seventh Street, Pacific Avenue, and Gaffey Street (although other streets are also served).


The Historic Downtown is within walking distance of the LA Waterfront or you can take the trolley.

Click to see maps of the area and transportation options.
Cruise Information

When coming for a cruise from the Los Angeles World Port, it’s a great time to stay for a night--or several--before and take advantage of our local hotels’ park and cruise offers. And plan some time after the cruise to explore all that San Pedro and the greater Los Angeles and Orange County have to offer.

Park and Cruise Deals

- **DoubleTree by Hilton San Pedro-Port of Los Angeles Hotel**, 2800 Via Cabrillo Marina, LA Waterfront. 310-514-3344
- **Crowne Plaza Los Angeles Harbor Hotel**, 601 S. Palos Verdes Street, Downtown. 310-519-8200
- **Best Western Plus San Pedro Hotel & Suites**, 111 S. Gaffey Street, Above Gaffey 310-514-1414
- **Terranea Resort**, 100 Terranea Way, Rancho Palos Verdes, Peninsula. 866-802-8000

San Pedro is a great jumping off point to explore the Harbor and Palos Verdes Peninsula, Hollywood, and Catalina Island? It's great for a day or several.

We're about an hour from Catalina Island with shopping, dining, and adventure. [www.CatalinaExpress.com](http://www.CatalinaExpress.com)

And if you're interested in a tour to Hollywood, the greater Los Angeles area, Disneyland, Universal Studios, or any of our great attractions, just drop us a line: [tours@spcvb.com](mailto:tours@spcvb.com)
Helpful information

- The transition from the Long Beach (Interstate 710) Freeway to the Gerald Desmond Bridge has been permanently closed and will not be replaced for about two and a half years while a new bridge is constructed. If coming to the Port of Los Angeles World Cruise Terminal, take an alternate route. The Harbor (Interstate 110) Freeway comes directly to San Pedro and the Port. For information about traffic affected by the Gerald Desmond Bridge replacement construction click here.

- The closest U.S. Post Office to Downtown and the World Cruise Terminal is located at 839 S. Beacon St. Open 8 a.m.- 6 p.m. M-F and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. (And it’s a really neat Art Deco era building, well worth taking a look at.)

- We recommend Coover Pharmacy 891 West Ninth Street, San Pedro. 310-833-2400, Fax: 310-832-2531,

The Los Angeles World Cruise Center is managed by: Port of Los Angeles
Ports America Cruise
100 Swinford Street, San Pedro, CA 90731
310-519-2342

World Cruise Center parking is managed by: Port Police
Parking Concepts Inc.
800-540-7275
310-732-3500

In an emergency, dial 911

Be sure to drop by the San Pedro Visitor Center, 225 W. Sixth St., Downtown, next door to the Crowne Plaza. Free visitor guides, maps, discounts. Souvenirs available.

Average monthly high and low temperatures for San Pedro, California
Great Spot for Meetings

San Pedro is a great place to meet

We're conveniently located near two major airports. We've got outstanding hotel values. There's more for your attendees to see and do here than you'll have time for. And you'll find the costs very reasonable--among the lowest in the greater Los Angeles area.

We are at your call to help you ensure your meeting, reunion, convention is the best you've ever had. San Pedro is a great value for meetings of all kinds. The San Pedro Convention & Visitors Bureau offers a full range of meeting services, including site selection, registration, transportation, entertainment, and tours and spouse programs. Many services are offered on a complementary basis, including trained our trained volunteer teams, depending on the size of your event and other factors.

And we’re specialists in reunions. We know what you’re looking for when you are booking a reunion: location, service, and value. Our Team San Pedro volunteers will make your attendees, comfortable and will keep them happy. All of our volunteers graduate from our extensive training program and Team Navy has special training in serving the needs of military reunions and other events.

And for in-town events we offer ticketing services: on-line advance, in-person on-site.

Call us today to discuss your specific needs 310-729-9828.
Or email us mmeetings@spcvb.com

San Pedro has the facilities, including hotels, meeting spaces, restaurants, historical buildings, and more that you need to accommodate your group and we'll be pleased to help you decide on which of them to use.

We also have a range of highly qualified contractors who will make your event more successful.
Meeting and Event Spaces

22nd Street Landing Seafood Grill and Bar, 141-A West 22nd Street (Cabrillo Marina) 310-548-4400
Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, 3720 Stephen M. White Drive (Cabrillo Beach) 310-548-7562
CRAFTED at the Port of Los Angeles, 112 E. 22nd Street (LA Waterfront) 310-871-0686
Crowne Plaza Los Angeles Harbor Hotel, 601 South Palos Verdes Street (Downtown) 310-519-8200
DoubleTree by Hilton Port of Los Angeles Hotel, 2800 Via Cabrillo Marina (LA Waterfront) 310-514-3344
Los Angeles Maritime Institute Tall Ships, Berth 73, Suite 2 (LA Waterfront) 310-833-6055
Marina Seafood Restaurant, 1050 Nagoya Way (LA Waterfront) 310-833-3588
Marymount California University, Waterfront Campus, 222 West Sixth Street (Downtown) 310-415-1907
Parkhurst Galleries, 439 W. Sixth Street (Downtown)
San Pedro Brewing Company, 331 West Sixth Street (Downtown) 310-831-5663
SS Lane Victory, Berth 46 (LA Waterfront) 310-519-9545
Terranea Resort, 100 Terranea Way (Rancho Palos Verdes) 866-802-8000
The Admiral Risty seafood, steaks, 31250 Palos Verdes Drive West (Rancho Palos Verdes) 310-377-0050
The Original Parkhurst Gallery, Ports O'Call Village, Bldg. 22 (LA Waterfront) 310-832-1076
USS Iowa, Berth 87 (LA Waterfront) 877-446-9261
Warner Grand Theatre, 478 West Sixth Street (Downtown) 310- 548-7672
Historical Attractions

**USS Iowa**, Berth 87 (LA Waterfront) 877-446-9261

**SS Lane Victory**, Berth 46 (LA Waterfront) 310-519-9545

**Banning Residence Museum**, 401 East M Street (Wilmington) 310)-548-7777

**Drum Barracks**, 1052 Banning Boulevard (Wilmington) 310-548-7509

**Ft. MacArthur Museum**, 3601 South Gaffey Street (Peninsula) 310-548-2631

**Los Angeles Maritime Museum**, Foot of Sixth Street (LA Waterfront) 310-548-7618

**Muller House Museum**, 1542 South Beacon Street, (Plaza Park) 310-548-3208,

**Old Fire Station 36 Museum**, 638 South Beacon Street (Downtown) 323-464-2727

Battleship Iowa on the LA Waterfront
Shopping/Cruises/and More

Shopping

Maral Designs, fashions, 331 W, 7th Street, Downtown 310-418-0109

The Grand Emporium, 323 W. 7th Street, Downtown 310-514-8429

It's Showtime, 741 S. Pacific Avenue, Uptown 310-351-0070

Recreation

Spirit Cruises, Berth 77, 1200 Nagoya Way, Ports O' Call Village, LA Waterfront 310-548-8080

Catalina Express, Berth 95, LA Waterfront; Catalina Landing, Long Beach 800- 481-3470

Los Angeles Maritime Institute — Official LA Tall Ships, Berth 73, Suite 2, LA Waterfront 310-833-6055

Fiesta Harbor Cruises, Berth 79, Ports O' Call Village, LA Waterfront 310-831-1906

Siren Sailing Charters, 310-901-2518, www.SirenSailingCharters.com

Services

Liberty Tax Service, 141 N. Pacific Avenue, 310-287-2333

Paula Bills Notary and Real Estate, 310-691-9921, paulabills@gmail.com

Peninsula Pet Clinic, 1450 W. 25th Street, Peninsula 310-833-1111

Priority One Printing, 250 W. 5th St., Downtown 310-831-8804

Plaza Automotive Center, 990 N. Western Avenue 310-831-2888

San Pedro Chamber of Commerce, 390 West 7th Street, Downtown 310-832-7272

T-mobile, 422 S. Gaffey Street. 310-521-8747

And More

Marymount California University, Waterfront Campus, 222 West 6th Street, Downtown 310-415-1907

The Garden Church, 429 W. 6th Street, Downtown, www.GardenChurchSP.org
Arts/Galleries/Music/Theater

★ CRAFTED at the Port of Los Angeles, 112 E. 22nd Street, Waterfront 310-871-0686
Alva’s Showroom, 1417 W. 8th Street, Weymouth Corner 310-519-1314
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It’s Showtime, 741 S. Pacific Avenue Uptown 310-351-0070
Parkhurst Galleries, 439 W. 6th Street Downtown
The Original Parkhurst Gallery, 630 S. Gaffey Street, Uptown 310-351-0070

Food/Dining/Nightlife

★ Ports O’ Call Waterfront Dining, 1200 Nagoya Way, Ports O’ Call Village, LA Waterfront 310-833-3553
www.PortsOCallDining.com
Whale & Ale British Restaurant & Gastropub, 327 W. 7th Street, Downtown 310-832-0363 www.WhaleAndAle.com
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Weddings

Overlooking the Pacific Ocean. At a yacht club with sailboats bobbing joyfully in the water. Along a rustic hillside. In a church.

Just about wherever you might dream of your perfect wedding and wonderful reception, San Pedro offers a great spot.

From pre-wedding preparations to the honeymoon, the San Pedro Convention & Visitors Bureau is ready to help you at every step of your planning. We have great venues for weddings and receptions, hotels to fit your budget, and all of the services you'll need—from flowers and tux rentals to wedding dress makers, limousines, and more.

Our Featured Providers

Hotels and Restaurants
These hotels and restaurants are especially suited as wedding and/or reception locations.

**DoubleTree by Hilton San Pedro-Port of Los Angeles, 2800 Via Cabrillo Way, Peninsula**
The Doubletree is a quality property located along one of San Pedro's finest marinas. With views of the harbor and ocean, it is a great place to relax. Its restaurant serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner and the hotel has a full bar. Meeting facilities are available, along with a swimming pool. Outstanding wedding location. 310-514-3344

**Terranea-LA’s Oceanfront Resort, 100 Terranea Way (Rancho Palos Verdes)**
Dramatically poised at the edge of the Pacific Ocean on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, Terranea’s 102 acres are infused with the elegance of a classic Mediterranean estate, the casual energy of coastal Southern California, and countless ways to spend your days Guest rooms, suites, Bungalows, Casitas, and Villas. A host of world-class amenities, including spectacular dining venues, a world-class spa, a stunning 9-hole golf course and family-friendly activities. A one-of-a-kind spot for weddings, corporate events, family memories. On the site of the former Marineland of the Pacific. 866-802-8000

**The Crowne Plaza Los Angeles Harbor Hotel, 601 S. Palos Verdes St., is the closest to the World Cruise Terminal, Battleship Iowa, and Downtown San Pedro. Beautiful ballroom. Outstanding wedding staff.**

**Ports O’ Call Waterfront Dining, 1200 Nagoya Way, Ports O’ Call Village (LA Waterfront) is the premier wedding site along the LA Waterfront. Beautiful views of the Main Channel. A range of banquet rooms to serve any size wedding and reception and a patio along the water. Some of the area’s best catering.**

**Marina Waterfront Banquet Facility, 1050 Nagoya Way At Ports O’ Call Village (LA Waterfront) offers an elegant setting for weddings and receptions with banquet rooms along the water with verandas. Outstanding catering. 310-833-3588**

**22nd Street Landing Seafood Grill & Bar, 141 A W. 22nd Street (LA Waterfront)**
This is a great location for a wedding reception, overlooking the hundreds of boats in the marina, with magnificent sunsets. Award-winning cuisine. 310-548-4400

**Flowers**
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Attractions

Have you ever seen the television program “Flipper”? How about “Sea Hunt”? Remember the Bat Cave from the “Batman” TV series? Those were all extensively filmed at and around Marineland of the Pacific, a popular aquatic attraction, just six miles from San Pedro at the tip of the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Marineland is gone, but in its place is Terranea—California’s Coastal Resort. And there’s lots to see and do there for free. There are miles of hiking trails. Great places for photographs. Swim in the Pacific Ocean.

And that’s just for starters.

Many of the area’s attractions are available as event venues.

You’ll want to visit the only battleship on the West Coast, the Iowa. The self-guided tour that takes you to many parts of the ship. You’ll see the captain’s quarters with the only bathtub on a battleship. Open daily (except Thanksgiving and Christmas). USS Iowa, Berth 87, LA Waterfront 877-446-9261, www.PacificBattleship.com

San Pedro has two Merchant Marine Memorials. The beautiful masonry sculpture along the LA Waterfront at the foot of Sixth Street at Harbor Blvd, next to the Downtown Harbor commemorates their service. The SS Lane Victory is a living memorial, an actual operating steam merchant marine vessel that served from World War II to Vietnam. The ship still sails out several times every summer. And it’s open every day for tours. SS Lane Victory, Berth 4, LA Waterfront 310-519-9545, www.LaneVictory.org

The LA Waterfront is home to the only twin brigantine tall ships in the world—and they’re the official tall ships of the City of Los Angeles. The Exy Johnson and the Irving Johnson were built along the waterfront and today sail for the Los Angeles Maritime Institute’s TopSail Youth Leadership program. And the sailing calendar includes family sunset sails, youth camp programs, battle recreations, and much more. Los Angeles Maritime Institute Tall Ships, Berth 73, Suite 2, LA Waterfront, 310-833-6055, www.LAMITopSail.org

Step back to the Civil War days at the Banning Museum in Wilmington, built by the founder of the harbor in that town and carefully restored. Banning Residence Museum, 401 E. M Street, Wilmington 310-548-7777

Just down the street from the Banning Residence Museum is another Civil War era attraction. The Drum Barracks was the westernmost command for the Union Army and once was the headquarters for the Camel Corps. Drum Barracks, 1052 Banning Boulevard, Wilmington 310-548-7509, www.DrumBarracks.org

The Ft. MacArthur Museum is located in a former gun battery and houses a wealth of history about the fort and west coast defenses. Ft. MacArthur Museum, 3601 S. Gaffey Street, Peninsula 310-548-2631, www.FTMac.org

The Los Angeles Maritime Museum is a treasure trove of history of the Harbor. Located in the former Municipal Ferry Building, it houses models, exhibits, and many other resources. Los Angeles Maritime Museum, Foot of Sixth Street, LA Waterfront 310-548-7618

The Old Fire Station Museum, located in the San Pedro Municipal Building, has great vintage fire trucks and other artifacts of the fire service. Open on Saturdays from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Old Fire Station 36 Museum, 638 S. Beacon Street, Downtown 323-464-2727

If you really want to see Los Angeles Harbor and the great commerce that goes on there, a harbor cruise is the best way. Spirit Cruises is the leading cruise operator in both Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors. Spirit Cruises, Berth 77, Ports O’ Call Village, LA Waterfront 310-548-8080
And **Fiesta Harbor Cruises** takes you close up to the big ships with expert and interesting commentary on what you’re seeing. **Fiesta Harbor Cruises**, Berth 79, Ports O’ Call Village, LA Waterfront 310-831-1906

There’s something about getting out on the open ocean and being on a luxury sailboat makes it all the more exciting. From day tours to extended cruises, **Siren Sailing Charters** is the choice. **Siren Sailing Charters**, 310-901-2518
Annual and Special Events

There are so many great events going on in San Pedro that the challenge will bedeviling which ones to attend. But, since they're all so inviting and interesting, you might as well try them all.

Below we feature a few of the many special events and festivals held in San Pedro throughout the year. Be sure to check our calendar for regular updates about upcoming events.

**New Year’s Eve Bell Ringing**
Ring in the New Year with the sounding of the Korean Friendship Bell at Angel’s Gate Park. 310-548-7705

**Polar Bear New Year’s Swim**
New Year’s Day.
Join the fun and show you’re tough by taking part in this legendary morning swim at Cabrillo Beach.
www.CabrilloBeachPolarBears.com

**Whale Festival**
Late January
Kick off the whale watching season at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. www.CabrilloMarineAquarium.org

**Los Angeles Harbor International Film Festival**
Spring
Showing films and videos at the historic Warner Grand Theatre that reflect the harbor and all it embraces to create a cinematic bridge between the people of the area and the people of the world.
www.LAHarborFilmFest.com

**Cars & Stripes Forever**
Early Summer
Late in June or early in July some of the most customized and some of the best restored vintage cars make their way onto the Promenade along the LA Waterfront in San Pedro for the Cars & Stripes Show, presented by the Port of Los Angeles. www.PortOfLosAngeles.org

**Fourth of July Spectacular**
Independence Day
A breathtaking display of fireworks presented by the Cabrillo Beach Boosters along the LA Waterfront at Cabrillo Marina. www.CabrilloBeachBathHouse.org

**Ft. Old Ft. MacArthur Days**
Early July
Ft. MacArthur Days is one of the largest military reenactment and living history events in the nation. Occupying Angel's Gate Park are reenactors from every era in history. At historic Ft. MacArthur. www.Ft.Mac.org

**Mary Star of the Sea Fiesta**
Mid-July
A carnival celebration with games, rides, and local food favorites, including swordfish and mostaccioli. Mary Star of the Sea Parish, 870 W. 8th Street, Above Gaffey. 310-833-3541, www.MaryStar.org/feria

**Music by the Sea**
Sunday afternoons in midsummer.

**Shakespeare by the Sea**
Early summer
Ten weeks of free outdoor Shakespeare productions at locations throughout San Pedro and the South Bay.
www.ShakespeareByTheSea.org
Port of Los Angeles Lobster Festival
July

Taste In San Pedro
August
A sampling of the area’s food and drink.

Fleet Week LA
Labor Day Weekend
A celebration of the U.S. Navy with ship tours, exhibitions, educational exhibits.

Philippine Festival of Arts & Culture
September
A Filipino community tradition of more than two decades at Pt. Fermin Park. www.FilAMArts.org

San Pedro International Film Festival (SPIFF)
October
A young and innovative film festival that reflects and celebrates the diverse culture and community of San Pedro with a wide spectrum of independent film, documentaries, and shorts. www.SpiffFest.org

San Pedro Holiday Boat Parade
Early December
The fun begins at Banning’s Landing in Wilmington and the decorated boats traverse the Main Channel of the Port of Los Angeles. www.PortOfLosAngeles.org

San Pedro Holiday Parade
Early December
The parade, sponsored by the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce, makes its way up Pacific Avenue to Sixth Street and through the Historic Downtown. Always lots of fun. www.SPHolidayParade.com

First Thursday Art Walks
The first Thursday of every month
The First Thursday of every month is when the artists really come out and shine in San Pedro. Galleries and studios are open, shops have special offers, refreshments are found throughout town, restaurants bring in special entertainment. www.1stThursday.com

Note: Dates and time frames when events are held may change from year to year. Check the Visit San Pedro calendar for the most up-to-date scheduling information.
Recreation

Beaches

San Pedro has two outstanding beaches, each with its own natural features and character.

Plus we’re close to miles and miles of other great beaches, surfing, watersports, and much more.

Cabrillo Beach has a long expanse of calm, sandy shoreline, protected by the Los Angeles Harbor breakwater. But move just outside the breakwater and you’ll find open waters that are renowned for their great windsurfing and other water sports. This area is known as Hurricane Gulch because of its strong (but not really hurricane strength) winds.

Cabrillo Beach has picnic facilities available in grassy areas under shady trees. At the end of the harbor entrance breakwater is Angel’s Gate Lighthouse.

This is also home to the Cabrillo Beach Bathhouse, a vintage 1932 example of the kinds of bathhouses that were frequently found along the California coastline. The bathhouse was used for boating events during the 1932 Olympic Games, served as a museum, and has been extensively restored in recent years. Its upstairs ballroom, outdoor patio arcade, and first floor gallery are available for events.

Cabrillo Beach is also home to the Cabrillo Beach Marine Aquarium, a well-regarded and very active aquarium and marine research facility. The aquarium offers an extensive regular series of educational activities and programs for all ages.

The facility, 21,000 square feet in size and designed by architect Frank Gehry, houses the largest collection of Southern California marine life on display in the world, an outdoor tidepool touch tank, teaching laboratory, auditorium, research lab, and gift shop. The Exploration Center and the Aquatic Nursery, as well as a new 3,000 square foot Virginia Reid Moore Marine Research Library, and the S. Mark Taper Courtyard were added more recently.

Parking is available onsite at the beach, free for the first 20 minutes, $1 an hour thereafter up to maximum of $9 per day.

Cabrillo Beach
City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
3720 Stephen M. White Dr., San Pedro, CA 90731
310-548-2909

Cabrillo Beach Bathhouse
3800 Stephen M. White Drive
San Pedro, CA 90731
310-548-7554

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium
3720 Stephen M. White Drive
San Pedro, CA 90731
310-548-7562
Click here for more information on the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

with many tide pools along the shore. The parking area is located at the bottom of a steep bluff and varies from $2 to $10 per day.

White Point Beach
1955 S Paseo Del Mar San Pedro, CA 90731
310-519-1751

Click here for a map to Cabrillo Beach

White Point and Royal Palms County Beaches, located at 1799 Paseo del Mar, is a Los Angeles County park with picnic areas. The beach is rocky
The Links at Terranea
Dramatic oceanfront collection of nine championship-caliber par three holes course with stunning views of the Pacific and Catalina. Reasonable rates. Open daily 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Terranea Resort
Buddy Nichols, PGA, Director of Golf, Mike Hill, PGA, Head Golf Professional
100 Terranea Way, Rancho Palos Verdes, Peninsula

Los Verdes Golf Course
Beautiful, Billy Bell-designed course that offering great ocean views (and the nearby ocean makes putting a real challenge on almost every hole). Considered by many to be one of the best golf values anywhere.
Los Verdes Golf Course, 7000 W. Los Verdes Drive
Rancho Palos Verdes, Peninsula

Palos Verdes Golf Club
Designed by the same team as Rivera, Bel Air, and Los Angeles (North Course) Country Clubs. It’s 6219 yards and the use of the natural terrain, barrancas, creeks, and hills makes it enjoyable and challenging for players of all abilities. Fore magazine called it “the hidden gem” in Southern California. Non-residents’ and Palos Verdes Estates residents’ playing times available Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays after 1 p.m.; Wednesdays and Fridays after 2 p.m.
Palos Verdes Golf Club, 3301 Via Campesina, Palos Verdes Estates, Peninsula
www.PVGC.com, 310-375-2533

Catalina Island Golf Course
Oldest operating course west of the Rockies. Nine holes and two sets of tees for 18-hole play. Former home of the Bobby Jones Invitational Tournament. Open 7 a.m.-6 p.m.
Catalina Island Golf Course
1 Country Club Dr., Avalon, Catalina Island

Harbor Golf Practice Center
Open seven days from 6 a.m.-10 p.m. with driving range, putting green, chipping area, and sand bunkers. Full range of PGA instructors available.
Harbor Golf Practice Center
1700 W. L St., Wilmington
Small Craft Slips at the Port

Al Larson’s Marina Berth 258
310-832-0526
128 berths

Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club Berth 35
310-519-1694
184 berths

Cabrillo Way Marina Berths 42-43
310-514-4985
697 berths

California Yacht Marina-Cabrillo Marina Berth 29-33
310-732-2252
885 berths

California Yacht Marina Berth 202
310-834-7916
266 berths

Cerritos Yacht Anchorage Berth 205
310-834-4737
90 berths

Holiday Harbor-Cabrillo Marina Berth 34
310-833-4468
300 berths

Holiday Harbor-Wilmington Berth 201
310-835-3952
169 berths

Island Yacht Anchorage #1 Berth 205
310-830-1111
22 berths

Island Yacht Anchorage #2 Berth 200X
310-830-1111
116 berths

Leeward Bay Marina Berth 201
310-830-5621
190 berths

Lighthouse Yacht Landing Berth 205
310-834-9595
70 berths

Pacific Yacht Landing Berth 203
310-830-0260
178 berths

San Pedro Marina Berth 80
310-519-8177
85 berths

Yacht Centre-Newmarks Berth 204
310-834-2830
250 berths

Yacht Haven Marina Berth 202
310-834-6892
165 berths
Fun Attractions for the Family

**Spirit Cruises**
Hour-long harbor cruises, available in both Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors. Whale watching, private events, dinner cruises, wedding cruises. Call for schedules and information.

**Fiesta Harbor Cruises**
It’s a great way to see the Harbor. Forty-five minutes cruise rides. See the sites of the Port of Los Angeles, including Angels Gate Lighthouse, Fire Boat Station, Vincent Thomas Bridge, USS Iowa Battleship, and lots more. Daily M-F starting at 11:30 a.m., Sat-Sun 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Cabrillo Beach
A good part of a day—or even all day—can be spent at Cabrillo Beach. On its north side Cabrillo Beach is a calm, sandy shoreline, protected by the Los Angeles Harbor breakwater. Head south a couple hundred yards and you’re at Hurricane Gulch, the open Pacific Ocean waters with afternoon winds that make this a great spot for windsurfing and other water activities. And there’s even more to do at Cabrillo Beach, like visiting the historic 1932 Bathhouse.
3720 Stephen M. White Drive, San Pedro, CA 90731, 310-548-2909

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium
Another thing you can do at Cabrillo Beach is visit San Pedro’s own a well-regarded and very active aquarium and marine research facility. The Cabrillo Marine Aquarium offers an extensive regular series of educational activities and programs for all ages and lots of exhibits to see in the 21,000 square foot facility designed by noted architect Frank Gehry. It houses the largest collection of Southern California marine life on display in the world, an outdoor tide pool touch tank, teaching laboratory, auditorium, research lab, and gift shop.
3720 Stephen M. White Drive
San Pedro, CA 90731

Fanfare Fountain and Other Waterfront Fountains
The Fanfare Fountain is a great place for the children to cool off in the daytime and a show for the whole family—especially at night when the lights come on. It’s actually two fountains, both with synchronized music and light, that put on great musical shows. You can’t swim in the fountains, but a walkway passes between them that, if you venture through it, you’ve got a good chance of a drenching, or at least a few sprinkles. Take a few steps north, across Swinford Avenue and you’ll find a quiet reflecting pool. Head south on the Waterfront Promenade and you’ll find an interactive fountain at 2nd Street that pops right out of the ground and you can get as wet as you want. There’s an hour’s free parking at the World Cruise Center lot and there’s a Red Car station right at the Fanfare Fountain.
Southeast corner of Harbor Blvd. and Swinford Street

San Pedro, CA 90731
310-548-7562

Old Fire Station 36 Museum
This great museum includes remarkable Los Angeles Fire Department apparatus, artifacts from the San Pedro area, and a store with souvenirs. It’s located in what’s commonly known as San Pedro City Hall, but is actually the City of Los Angeles Municipal Building. And it’s a building that will look familiar to you from the many films and television episodes that have used it as a backdrop. The museum is open Saturdays from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
638 Beacon Street
San Pedro, CA 90731
323-464-2727

Ft. MacArthur Museum
The museum is located in the corridors (built into the cliffs) of historic Battery Osgood-Farley, from the days when Ft. MacArthur was a coastal defense with big guns. It interprets and preserves history from the days before World War II to the Cold War. Ft. MacArthur Museum is open Tuesdays, Thursdays, weekends, and holidays from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
3601 S. Gaffey Street
San Pedro, CA 90731
310-548-2631
Los Angeles Maritime Institute

Los Angeles Maritime Institute (LAMI) operates the only twin brigantines in the world, the Irving Johnson and the Exy Johnson, the official tall ships of the City of Los Angeles, as well as the Swift of Ipswich. LAMI also is home to the Topsail youth leadership program. The vessels go out on occasional pot luck sunset sails and participants get a chance to pull lines. Check its web site for the sailing calendar.
Berth 73, Suite 2, San Pedro, CA 90731

Marine Mammal Care Center

The Marine Mammal Care Center at Fort MacArthur is a hospital for ill, injured, and orphaned marine mammals, such as California sea lions, northern elephant seals, harbor seals, and northern fur seals. The animals are treated and when possible released back into the ocean. You’ll get to see these great creatures up close (but through a fence) as they progress in their recoveries. Helpful volunteers are on hand to explain the work and answer questions about the animals.
3601 South Gaffey Street
San Pedro, CA 90731
310-548-5677, MarineMammalCare.org

Los Angeles Maritime Museum

At the foot of Sixth Street at Harbor Blvd. you’ll find a building where from 1941 to 1963 hundreds of cars and people used to stream in and out of town every day: the Municipal Ferry Building. The building now houses the Los Angeles Maritime Museum, which displays and interprets the history of the Los Angeles Harbor. Its exhibits include permanent and temporary installations that tell the story of the canneries, ships, people, and other maritime history of the area. The museum is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. with last entry at 4:30 p.m. Admission is $3 for adults, $1 for youth and senior citizens, and children are free.
Berth 84, Foot of 6th Street
San Pedro, California 90731

Ports O’ Call Village

Styled on a New England fishing village, Ports O’ Call has been an attraction along the Los Angeles Harbor’s Main Channel since 1963. It includes many one-of-a-kind shops and is home to the famous San Pedro Fish Market and restaurant. It makes a great photo backdrop for vacation pictures.
Berth 77
San Pedro, CA 90731
310-548-8080

LAUSD Science Center

The Los Angeles Unified School District’s San Pedro Science Center has all kinds of animals, including reptiles, lots of vegetation, and is a natural oasis.
2201 Barrywood Avenue
San Pedro, CA 90731
310-832-7573

SS Lane Victory

She’s a San Pedro native and a veteran of multiple wars and peacetime service in the merchant marine fleet. She’s the SS Lane Victory, a working steamship built in 1945 that served with distinction during World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War, as well as in times of peace as part of the merchant fleet. After years of deterioration in mothballs, hours of restoration by volunteers of the United States Merchant Marine Veterans of World War II put her back into her original condition.
Berth 49, Waterfront
Free parking

USS Iowa

It’s as big as a battleship because it is a battleship. San Pedro is now homeport to USS Iowa, the only battleship on display on the West Coast. When you tour the ship you’ll see the captain’s quarters, where President Franklin D. Roosevelt slept when he took the ship to a World War II peace conference. You’ll also see the bathtub that was installed on the ship for him—the only one on any battleship anywhere. You’ll also see the bridge, officers’ ward room, and more. And there’s more coming as the ship is renovated for even larger public tours. The ship is open every day, except Thanksgiving and Christmas. From September through May it operates from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and from June through August 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Last ticket is sold at 4 p.m. Adult admission is $18, youth 6-17 is $10, seniors age 62 and older is $15, and active, retired, and reserve military with ID is $15.
250 S. Harbor Blvd.
San Pedro, CA 90731

White Point Tidepools

The shoreline teems with life and the tidepools at White Point Beach are a great place to see it up close. You’re on your own with this activity, but it’s close to the shore and can be lots of fun. Be careful of the waves, though. You’ll want to park at the bottom of the bluffs in the parking. The charges range from $2 to $10.
1955 South Paseo Del Mar
San Pedro, CA 90731
310-519-1751
Tours

Whatever the interest, there’s a tour available of the San Pedro area and beyond. Here is a sample of some of the tours we offer for groups of 10 and more. (Advance arrangements and pre-payment are required.)

Historic Los Angeles Harbor
2½ hours

Discover the fascinating history of Los Angeles Harbor with the guidance of an area expert. Sights include the Vincent Thomas Bridge, Point Fermin Lighthouse, Angel’s Gate Park, the Marine Mammal Care Center, and historic Downtown San Pedro.

The tour begins with an orientation and drive across Vincent Thomas Bridge, a graceful span connecting San Pedro with Terminal Island with the opportunity to snap a bird’s eye view of the vast harbor complex (weather permitting).

Make your first stop at Angel’s Gate Park, at the top of the Palos Verdes Peninsula. A part of Fort MacArthur Army Base until the 1970s, the park offers excellent views of the Pacific. Have a look at the Korean Friendship Bell, a huge 17-ton replica of the Bronze Bell of Korean King Songdok, originally cast in 771 AD. The park is also home to the Marine Mammal Care Center and Oiled Bird Care Center, where injured aquatic creatures are nursed back to health and returned to the sea. We will make a short visit to the sea lions and other ocean life recovering at the Marine Mammal Care Center.

Drive on to nearby Point Fermin Lighthouse, the oldest navigational aid in San Pedro Bay. Put in operation in 1874, the handsome gabled building and lighthouse tower were first operated by two sisters, Mary and Ella Smith. A walk around the grounds provides very good photo ops.

Then it’s onward to the SS Lane Victory, a functioning World War II era Victory steamship that was built in San Pedro. Learn about the history of these vessels and the heroic commitment of merchant seafarers, who suffered more casualties in WWII than any other service element.

Make your way closeby to the harbor’s main channel for a visit to the current fishing fleet and learn about the history of commercial fishing in San Pedro from your expert guide.

Next, pay a visit to the heart of the Historic District for lunch, a snack, shopping, and strolling in the Arts Culture Entertainment District, home to dozens of art galleries, fine and funky shops, and much more.

Harbor Area Military History Tour
4 hours

The Los Angeles Harbor area has a military history dating back to before the Civil War and we’ll explore much of it in this tour.

We start at Drum Barracks in Wilmington, home of the western Camel Corps during the Civil War. You’ll see the restored junior officers’ quarters and learn about California during the Civil War.

Then we’ll head up Banning Boulevard to the Banning House Museum, the restored home of Phineas Banning, founder of the port at Wilmington and a brigadier general in the Union Army during the Civil War. He built this mansion to show his confidence that the Union would be preserved after the war.

The tour will proceed to San Pedro and a visit to Battleship Iowa, the only battleship on the West Coast and the lead ship of her class. The carefully restored vessel is a major attraction and participants will get a special tour of the highlights of the ship, including the captain’s quarters where President Franklin D. Roosevelt stayed during his voyage to the Tehran Conference during World War II (and see the only bathtub on a battleship, which was installed for his use).

Then we’ll go to the Outer Harbor for a visit to SS Lane Victory, an operating World War II era Victory ship that was built in San Pedro and served through the Vietnam war. We’ll get a special tour of this vessel and learn about military ship construction in Los Angeles Harbor.

The tour then goes past Ft. MacArthur, today part of Los Angeles Air Force Base, but built as a coastal defense installation, and on to its former Upper Reservation. Now Angels Gate Park, the Upper Reservation still has many vintage military buildings from its days as an army fort. And we’ll see where the big coastal guns were located. (Weekend tours include a stop at the Ft. MacArthur Museum, built into the cliffs in the former...
arsenal of the fort.) Then we’ll travel next door to the Korean Bell of Friendship for great photo opportunities and to learn about the connections between San Pedro and Korea.

The tour can optionally include lunch in the middle of the tour or at the end. Or it can include dinner and a speaker at the end if the tour starts later in the day.

**San Pedro Arts Tour**

*2 ½ hours*

Available Friday, Saturday, Sunday only

San Pedro is a town of the arts and a town of artists. This tour is a broad survey of the art and artists of the town.

We start at CRAFTED at the Port of Los Angeles, the year-round craft marketplace, where we’ll see the works of scores of artisan works and try some hands-on activities. A representative of the San Pedro Art Association will give us an overview of the working artists’ scene in the area.

The tour will then proceed to Angel’s Gate Cultural Center, a working community of studios with galleries and performance space, where we’ll see the current exhibition and talk to one or more artists from the center.

Then we’ll travel next door to the Korean Bell of Friendship for great photo opportunities overlooking the Pacific Ocean and to learn about the Korean artisans who traveled to San Pedro to construct and decorate the bell and its pavilion—and how they recently restored the decoration by hand.

The tour will then head to Downtown San Pedro, the heart of the Waterfront Arts District, for a visit to the Original Parkhurst Gallery. Founded by the renowned late portrait and landscape painter Violet Parkhurst, this gallery is a vibrant place with lessons from painting masters, as well as paintings for sale. We’ll get some tips on buying art—what to look for and how to judge it.

Depending on the season, we may have the opportunity to walk across the street and view the latest exhibition in Marymount California University’s Klaus Center for the Arts. And there will be time to stroll through the arts district and find some of the many galleries.

Lunch during or after the tour or dinner and a speaker or discussion after the tour can be arranged.

**Los Angeles Harbor Wildlife Tour**

*2 ½ hours*

This tour focuses on the many forms of wildlife, especially sea life, in and around the Los Angeles Harbor area.

The tour starts at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium with an orientation and overview by a trained naturalist from the aquarium. We’ll have a chance to see the exhibits, then we’ll take a tidepool walk to learn about the life near the shore.

We’ll then head up to the Marine Mammal Care Center in Angels Gate Park, a facility that cares for sick and injured pinnipeds, and see the work that goes on there, especially with sea lions.

The tour will then go next door to the Korean Bell of Friendship for great photo opportunities over the Pacific Ocean and a talk by a naturalist about the kinds of wildlife that roam the coastal area, including fox, raccoons, coyotes, and opossum, that are not often seen.

As an option between the end of December and the middle of April, the tour can include a whale watching voyage. (This extends the tour time to about 5 hours.)
Registration Form

Like what you see? Interested in keeping up to date with what’s going on in San Pedro, the Harbor and Peninsula communities, and Catalina? Give us your contact information and we’ll make sure you are on our mailing list to get our biweekly calendar of events, monthly San Pedro Visitor magazine, and occasional special notifications.

You can also let us know about any special interests you have and we’ll make sure you are kept up to date.

Also, we’re pleased to provide proposals for groups (including cruise groups) coming to the area. We can offer tours, accommodations, and most anything your group might need.

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