

Southern California: The ultimate girlfriend getaway

Delight yourself and your best girlfriends in all that Southern California has to offer -- from wine to city lights to great eats to sandy beaches and an ultra-chill vibe.

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San Diego

San Diego is the epitome of SoCal charm and attitude. But the easy-going surfer city has a lot more to offer than fab waves, buff surfers and Beach Boy songs. With an exciting nightlife, delicious food and soothing spas, San Diego is the best place to finish up [a night's adventures in Southern California](#).

Where to stay: Hard Rock Hotel

Rock out in this ultra-hip hotel at the foot of the happening Gaslamp Quarter. You'll be in the heart of the vibrant nightlife and with rock 'n' roll inspired rooms (with iconic rock photos and sayings throughout the hotel and rooms), and hotel staff dressed to look like roadies, you will be in full-party mode. Every room has an edge to it, but you can book themed suites, like the Black Eyed Peas suite, to really feel like a rock star. For more information visit hardrockhotelsd.com

What to do: Hit the Gaslamp Quarter and get Zen

The Gaslamp Quarter is San Diego's urban hot spot where every street is filled with delectable dining options, chic boutiques, stylish hotels, hipster clubs and endless entertainment. You'll be hard pressed to not find something to do in this area that comes alive just after sundown. Since its revitalization in the 1980s, the Gaslamp Quarter has become the place to be in San Diego, and the best spot to party with your friends downtown. For more information visit gaslamp.org

After a night of partying rock 'n' roll style, nurture your senses by hitting up the world-class Rock Spa at the Hard Rock Hotel San Diego and try out their signature treatment -- the aptly titled Dream Weaver Massage. A rosewood, palmarosa and vanilla oil massage with Swedish, Hawaiian and Thai techniques will have you singing a dreamy tune. Or try the Amped-Up Sugar Scrub with lemon, cinnamon and eucalyptus that will exfoliate your skin so it's soft and glowing. For more information visit hardrockhotelsd.com

If having the warm breeze in your hair is your idea of Zen, then don't pass up the chance to sail around the San Diego Bay. Sailing is engrained in the San Diego lifestyle and a trip around the bay will give spectacular views of the city. For more information visit sailusa11.com

Where to eat: Croce's

In the hub of the Gaslamp Quarter you'll find Croce's -- a music lover's haven. Owned and operated by the late folk singer Jim Croce's wife, you'll want to be sure to book a table because this restaurant is a popular spot. Featuring live music every night, amazing seafood dishes along with contemporary American cuisine, if you don't do anything else in the Gaslamp Quarter, you must dine here and leave full (both appetite wise and musicalty). For more information visit croces.com

For more information on San Diego please visit sandiego.org

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