

# **Carlsbad Community Guide**

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### **Intro**

Known as “the village by the sea,” picturesque Carlsbad has a historic downtown district overlooking the ocean. As the town stretches east toward Palomar Airport, golfing manufacturers, corporate offices and biotech parks mesh with the Legoland theme park. Further south, the La Costa Resort and Spa and the Four Seasons Aviara Resort offer world-class amenities. Within this coastal and inland community, you’ll find families living in upscale and upwardly mobile neighborhoods. There are also a slew of golf courses.

### **History**

Founded in the mid-1880s, the town got its name from spring waters that tasted identical to spa water in Karlsbad, Bohemia. **Carlsbad** is a coastal city that sits on 39 square miles next to the water in the [North County](#) region of San Diego County. As of the [2020 census](#), the population of the city was 114,746.

### **Climate**

Carlsbad has a semi-arid [Mediterranean climate](#) and averages 263 sunny days per year. Winters are mild with periodic rain. Frost is rare along the coast, but sometimes occurs in inland valleys in December and January. Summer is almost rain free, but overcast and cool with fog off the Pacific. While most days have mild and pleasant temperatures, hot dry [Santa Ana winds](#) bring high temperatures on a few days each year, mostly in the fall.

## **BEACHES**

Carlsbad is blessed with miles of Pacific coastline — from wide, uncrowded family beaches to hidden local surf spots. Here's what you need to know about each stretch.

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### **North Carlsbad Beaches** *Oceanside border to Pine Ave.*

A series of semi-private beaches jointly owned by the state and coastal property owners — open to the public but without lifeguard services, restrooms, or amenities. Best for those who want a quieter, less crowded stretch of sand. Access points at Carlsbad Village Drive, Grand Avenue, Christiansen Way, Beech Ave., and Rue des Chateaux.

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### **South Ponto Beach** *Coast Hwy 101 at Batiquitos Lagoon*

One of the widest beaches in San Diego County — and one of the few along this stretch that remains completely undeveloped. With Batiquitos Lagoon directly across Coast Hwy 101, the setting feels remarkably open and unspoiled. Popular for swimming, surfing, sunbathing, and

beach volleyball (bring your own net). One of the rare Carlsbad beaches with public restrooms and showers. Occasional surf contests held here. Dogs allowed leashed on The Strand frontage road only — not on the beach. No alcohol or glass. Open 6 AM–10 PM.

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**Tamarack State Beach (Carlsbad State Beach)** *Tamarack Ave. to Carlsbad Village Dr.*

The most family-friendly stretch of Carlsbad coastline. Tamarack offers swimming, surfing, scuba diving, kayaking, windsurfing, fishing, and beachcombing — with the added bonus of the Carlsbad Seawall, a paved 4-mile coastal path running from Carlsbad Village Drive to Cannon Road. The seawall is a favorite for walkers, joggers, and cyclists throughout the day. Every evening, locals gather at the north end bluff near the Village to watch the sun drop into the Pacific — one of the best sunset vantage points in the city.

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**South Carlsbad State Beach** *Palomar Airport Rd. to La Costa Ave.*

A more remote and rugged stretch of coastline tucked along bluff-top terrain, accessible via stairs from the campground above or small turnouts along the highway. Popular for swimming, surfing, skin diving, fishing, picnicking, and jogging on quality packed sand. The bluff-top campground is one of the most sought-after in Southern California — especially in summer. This section also encompasses Terramar Beach and North Ponto Beach.

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**Terramar Beach** *South of the Carlsbad Power Plant, north of Palomar Airport Rd.*

A quiet, somewhat hidden local favorite. No restrooms, no lifeguards on duty — though lifeguards do patrol by vehicle. A reliable surf spot for those in the know, with a low-key vibe that keeps the crowds thin. Worth seeking out if you want a more secluded slice of the Carlsbad coast.

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**BREWERIES & TAPROOMS**

Carlsbad has quietly become one of North County's best craft beer destinations — a strong collection of local breweries ranging from intimate neighborhood taprooms to full-service brewpubs worth making a trip for.

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**Arcana Brewing** 5621 Palmer Way | 909-529-2337

A neighborhood microbrewery tucked into the Carlsbad Gateway Center business park, right behind Prager Bros Bakery. All beers are brewed on-site with tasters, half pours, pints, and to-go

options available. Darts, shuffleboard, and board games make it an easy place to settle in for the afternoon.

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**Burgeon Beer Company** 6350 Yarrow Dr. | 760-814-2548

Founded by three lifelong San Diegans with a shared love of craft beer and the outdoors, Burgeon has grown into one of Carlsbad's most beloved local breweries. The taproom reflects the brand's laid-back, nature-inspired ethos — a great spot to grab a pint and stay a while.

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**Carlsbad Brewing Company** 6133 Innovation Way, #101 | 760-452-7229

From the team behind the popular Encinitas Ale House, Carlsbad Brewing Company offers an extensive beer list alongside a full lunch and dinner menu. The front patios offer an elevated view of planes landing at McClellan-Palomar Airport — an unexpectedly great spot to catch a sunset. Bring your sunglasses.

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**Culver Beer Company** 2719 W. Loker Ave. W, #D | 760-814-2355

A relaxed, family-friendly tasting room with a wide variety of craft beers on tap and a sandwich menu that earns its own following. The kind of neighborhood spot that keeps people coming back.

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**Draft Republic** 5958 Avenida Encinas | 760-448-4627

More than a bar — Draft Republic is a full-on experience. Over 100 beers on tap, an extensive cocktail list, 70+ TVs, and an LED video wall that delivers 360-degree sports viewing. Four Full Swing Golf Simulators let you play Pebble Beach or Torrey Pines without leaving Carlsbad. An arcade rounds out the options for kids and adults alike. The go-to game day destination in North County.

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**Karl Strauss Brewing Company** 5801 Armada Dr. | 760-431-2739 | karlstrauss.com

The brewery that started San Diego's craft beer revolution — Karl Strauss opened its first location Downtown in 1989 and hasn't slowed down since. Over 140 beers and 121+ medals later, their Carlsbad location sits adjacent to the famous Flower Fields with indoor/outdoor seating, year-round family-friendly service, and a full restaurant menu. A Carlsbad classic.

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**Pizza Port Brewing Company** *Carlsbad Village* — 571 Carlsbad Village Dr. | 760-720-7007 *Bressi Ranch* — 2730 Gateway Rd. | 760-707-1655

A San Diego craft beer institution with roots going back to

1. What started as a home brewing experiment in a pizza restaurant's storage room became one of the most decorated breweries in the country — 91+ medals from the Great American Beer Festival across five locations. The Carlsbad spots deliver the same winning combination: exceptional craft beer, great pizza, and a welcoming atmosphere that keeps locals loyal.

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**Pure Project Carlsbad** 2825 State St. | 760-278-7550

Right in the heart of Carlsbad Village on State Street, Pure Project's Carlsbad outpost is one of the most atmospheric taprooms in North County. On-site oak barrel aging, west-facing sunset views, and an open-air patio shaded by a Hong Kong Orchid tree that gives the whole space a distinctly tropical biergarten feel. Dog and kid-friendly — bring everyone.

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**Rouleur Brewing Company** 5840 El Camino Real | 442-244-5111

Rouleur's Carlsbad taproom doubles as Onward & Upward Deli & Drinks — a laid-back spot to work through their extensive tap list alongside a solid sandwich menu. Unpretentious, quality-driven, and worth a stop.

## FOOD & DRINK

### WINE & TASTING ROOMS

**Witch Creek Winery** 2906 Carlsbad Blvd, Carlsbad Village | (760) 720-7499 San Diego's oldest urban winery, originally founded in 1993 and relocated to Carlsbad in

1. A lovely tasting room with unique antiques and live music — a Village staple worth checking out.

**Carruth Cellars** 2727 State St #110, Carlsbad Village | (760) 334-6506 A charming tasting room with live music right in the heart of Carlsbad Village, steps from local favorite restaurants and shops.

**La Costa Wine** 7750 El Camino Real, La Costa | (760) 431-8455 Tucked into the Beacon La Costa shopping center, this tasting room features over 100 wine offerings alongside beautifully crafted cheese boards, flatbreads, and other tasty accompaniments for your flight.

**Little Victory Wine Bar** 505 Oak Ave Suite B, Carlsbad, CA 92008 | [\(442\) 333-9134](tel:4423339134) | Carlsbad Village A charming neighborhood wine bar right in the heart of Carlsbad Village with a carefully curated selection of wines by the glass and bottle. Little Victory has quickly become a local favorite for its warm, unpretentious atmosphere — the kind of place you pop in for one glass and end up staying for three. Perfect for a casual date night or a catch-up with friends.

**Napatini Wine & Bistro** 3088 State St #100, Carlsbad, CA 92008 | [\(760\) 330-0542](tel:7603300542) | Carlsbad Village A beloved Carlsbad Village staple offering an impressive wine list alongside a bistro menu of small plates and light bites. Napatini strikes the perfect balance between neighborhood hangout and elevated wine experience — relaxed enough for a weeknight, special enough for a celebration. A go-to for locals who take their wine seriously but don't take themselves too seriously.

## **DINNER**

**Campfire** 2725 State St | (760) 637-5121 One of Carlsbad's most celebrated restaurants — and for good reason. Campfire's open-fire cooking concept produces woodfired American fare that's best shared with people you actually like. The vibe is casual and communal, the food is genuinely special, and the tableside s'mores for dessert are non-negotiable.

**Jeune et Jolie** 2659 State St | (760) 637-5266 If you're celebrating something, this is the spot. An Instagram-worthy interior meets a thoughtfully crafted French menu reimaged through a Southern California lens. Dinner is a 4-course prix fixe at \$115 per person — available inside or on the garden patio under the stars. For a more casual evening, Le Menu du Bar offers à la carte options at the bar and lounge on a walk-in basis.

**Nick's on State** 2742 State St Suite 100 | (760) 696-3593 Part of the beloved Nick's family of Southern California restaurants, this Carlsbad Village location brings classic American comfort food, craveable bar snacks, and an extensive wine and cocktail list to an upscale-yet-casual setting. Great for date night, a night out with friends, or a family dinner. Don't leave without ordering the butter cake.

**Ember & Rye** 7100 Aviara Resort Drive | (760) 448-1234 Chef Richard Blais's steakhouse at Aviara Golf Club — overlooking the 18th green of the Arnold Palmer-designed course. Exceptional steaks and fresh local seafood in a relaxed vintage clubhouse setting. A genuinely special dinner experience.

**Le Papagayo** 660 Carlsbad Village Dr | (442) 333-9090 Mediterranean and New American coastal cuisine with nightly live music in a casual, art gallery-style setting. A great pick if you want atmosphere with your dinner.

**Vigilucci's Steak & Seafood** 3878 Carlsbad Blvd | (760) 434-2580 Directly across from the Pacific Ocean, with views to match. Top chefs prepare certified prime steaks and the freshest seafood with a signature Italian flair, alongside an award-winning wine list. Ideal for private events and special occasions — the ocean-view outdoor space and private dining room are both excellent. Also check out their Village locations: Vigilucci's Cucina Italiana and Vigilucci's Gourmet Market for lunch to go.

**Wildland** 2598 State St, Carlsbad, CA 92008 | [\(442\) 339-4812](tel:4423394812) | Carlsbad Village One of the newer gems in Carlsbad Village, Wildland is turning heads for good reason. This all-day restaurant and bar serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner in a space that's as visually stunning as the food coming out of the kitchen. The outdoor seating is some of the best in the Village — the kind of patio you want to linger on long after your plate is cleared. Whether you're grabbing a morning coffee, a leisurely lunch, or settling in for dinner and drinks, Wildland delivers a full experience that feels both elevated and effortlessly relaxed. A must-visit.

## LUNCH

**Chandler's Oceanfront Dining** 1 Ponto Road | Cape Rey Carlsbad Beach Hotel Coastal cuisine with ocean views — handcrafted with fresh, seasonal ingredients. A perfect lunch spot for craft cocktails and a menu that changes with the seasons.

**20 | Twenty** 5480 Grand Pacific Drive | (760) 827-2500 Located inside the Westin Carlsbad Resort, 20|Twenty brings simple, elegant dishes and local ingredients together in a refined setting. Refined Southern California classics with global influence — great for lunch, dinner, or a late date night.

**Board & Brew** *(2 Carlsbad Locations)* Bressi Ranch: 2681 Gateway Rd #103 | (760) 929-2739 Carlsbad Village: 201 Oak Ave | (760) 434-4466 A local institution. Two Carlsbad locations serving up specialty sandwiches, wraps, salads, and craft beer in a casual, no-fuss setting. A go-to for locals who know what they're doing at lunch.

**Canyon's Restaurant at The Crossings** 5800 The Crossings Drive | (760) 444-1881 Full-service restaurant and bar inside the stunning Crossings clubhouse, open seven days a week for breakfast and lunch. The views of the Pacific Ocean and Carlsbad are unmatched in North County — whether you're grabbing a beer at the bar, watching a game, or settling in on the terrace with a glass of wine.

## BREAKFAST

**Café Topes** 3091 Roosevelt St | (760) 434-8673 A classic Carlsbad breakfast spot loved by locals for its fresh ingredients, minimalist modern interior, and chef-inspired family recipes. The coffee program is as good as the food — locally sourced beans, excellent lattes, and the kind of morning energy a great breakfast spot should have.

**Shorehouse Kitchen** 2833 State St | (760) 720-3300 A local favorite for breakfast, lunch, and coffee near Carlsbad Beach. Relaxed, welcoming, and consistently good — they even have a doggie menu.

**The Goods Donuts** 2965 State St | (760) 994-0458 Arguably the best donut shop in San Diego County — and that's not a small claim. Everything is made in-house and baked in batches throughout the day, using only locally sourced, seasonal ingredients. The menu rotates and the Brown Butter Sea Salt donut is not optional. Gluten-free and vegan varieties available. The Barille family — who also own Café Topes — runs this Village treasure with the same care and quality they put into everything they do.

**Seasons Restaurant** 7210 Blue Heron Pl | (760) 814-8677 If you're looking for a stunning brunch setting, Seasons at the Four Seasons Aviara delivers. Modern American cuisine with an emphasis on local, seasonal ingredients — also serving lunch and dinner in a setting that feels like a genuine treat.

**Village Kitchen & Pie Shoppe** 950 Tamarack Ave | (760) 729-6414 A Carlsbad institution for over 25 years. Classic American diner fare done right, with a pie selection that's the real star of the show. Cream pies, fruit pies, seasonal specialties — over a dozen options daily. If you're ordering for Thanksgiving, do it early. They sell out every year.

## SPECIALTY

**Tip Top Meats and European Deli** 6118 Paseo Del Norte | (760) 438-2620 A Carlsbad institution since

1. Owner John Haedrich built this place on one principle: there is no substitute for quality. The European market features specialty sausages, meats, cheese, sauces, and spices — and the eatery serves up delicious food at genuinely affordable prices.

**Pelly's Fish Market & Café** 710 Avenida Encinas | (760) 431-8454 Carlsbad's go-to fish market. Seafood comes in daily and fillets are cut fresh in the shop. Open for lunch, dinner, and catering.

**Vigilucci's Italian Market** 2943 State Street, Suite 102 | (760) 434-2500 Open daily from 11:30 AM–3 PM with a menu of paninis, salads, soups, and pizzas, plus a wide selection of authentic Italian ingredients.

**Prontos Gourmet Market & Eatery** 2812 Roosevelt Street | (760) 434-2644 A well-known gathering spot for locals and visitors alike. Great for lunch, pre-made dinner options, and unique gourmet products you won't find at a standard grocery store.

**Lola's 7 Up Market & Deli** 3292 Roosevelt St | (760) 434-2191 A local favorite for authentic Mexican food and groceries. The breakfast burritos and carne asada are the stuff of local legend.

## GOLF

Carlsbad is home to four distinct golf experiences — from world-class resort courses to a relaxed executive par-3 — and Golf Digest already recognizes the city among its "23 best summertime buddy trip golf destinations."

**Aviara Golf Club at Park Hyatt Aviara** *Public/Resort Course* One of San Diego County's best-conditioned courses and the only in the area designed by Arnold Palmer. Since its 1991 debut, Aviara has earned a reputation for exceptional playing conditions, stunning canyon terrain, native wildflowers, and strategic design throughout all 18 holes. A \$50 million resort renovation in 2022 included a full sustainability overhaul — all 18 holes were re-grassed with Tiff Tuff Bermuda, reducing water usage and eliminating the need for overseeding year-round. Park Hyatt Aviara has been named the No. 1 golf resort in Southern California by Condé Nast Traveler readers, and recognized among the country's best resort courses by both Golf Digest and Golf Magazine.

**The Crossings at Carlsbad** *Public Course* One of the top municipal golf courses in the country — and reportedly one of the most expensive ever built when it opened in

1. GOLF Magazine named it one of the Top 10 New Courses You Can Play shortly after opening. The experience starts on the clubhouse veranda with sweeping Pacific Ocean panoramas and doesn't let up from there — elevation changes, rolling terrain, well-manicured conditions, and expansive greens across 400+ acres of coastal habitat. The front nine features ocean views and a scenic waterfall at the 7th green. The 9th hole borders Legoland California — yes, you'll hear roller coaster screams on your approach. Five bridges woven into the layout give the course its name. The facility also features one of San Diego County's best driving ranges, a dedicated chipping green with bunker, and a two-tiered putting green. The clubhouse bar is a local favorite on Friday nights — there's no better sunset view in Carlsbad.

**Omni La Costa Resort Golf Courses** *Legends Course — Resort/Semi-Private | Champions Course — Resort/Semi-Private* A world-renowned two-course destination. The Legends Course (formerly the South Course) is a player-friendly parkland layout stretching 6,996 yards from the tips, with mature trees, gentle doglegs, and water features on both nines. Guests can navigate the course on a Phat Golf Scooter or surf-style Golfboard for a little extra adventure. The Champions Course back nine — combined with nine holes from the Legends — hosted the PGA TOUR's Tournament of Champions from 1969 to

1. The resort has earned two Golf Digest Editors' Choice Awards, recognized among the "Best Resorts in the Americas" and "Best Golf Schools and Academies."

The North Course was recently renovated by acclaimed architect Gil Hanse — wider fairways, reduced bunkering, more strategic approach angles, and a layout that sits lower and more naturally within the landforms.

**Rancho Carlsbad Golf Club** *Public Course — 18-Hole Par 3* Short, fun, and genuinely enjoyable. This 2,056-yard executive course is open every day from dawn to dusk — no membership required. Tree-lined rolling fairways, a driving range, practice putting green, lessons, and deli on-site. The perfect round for beginners, juniors, seniors, or anyone looking for a relaxed two-and-a-half hours on the course.

**Carlsbad Golf Center** A full-service golf shop, driving range, and learning center specializing in outdoor custom club fitting. All major brands carried — Callaway, TaylorMade, Ping, Titleist, Cleveland, and more.

## ANNUAL EVENTS

**Carlsbad Marathon** Every January over Martin Luther King Jr. weekend, the Carlsbad Marathon, Half Marathon & 5K draws runners from across the country for some of the most scenic ocean-view courses in Southern California — with outstanding course support and entertainment throughout.

**The Flower Fields at Carlsbad Ranch** For over 60 years, 55 acres of rolling Carlsbad hillside have come alive each spring with Giant Tecolote Ranunculus in full bloom — brilliant oranges, fiery reds, sunshine yellows, delicate pinks, and pristine whites as far as the eye can see. It's one of the most spectacular displays of natural color in the country. Beyond the flowers, the fields offer tractor wagon rides, an Artist Garden, Sweet Pea Maze, Cymbidium Orchid Greenhouse, outdoor music, food vendors, yoga, workshops, and more. Located less than a half-mile from the ocean and minutes from major hotels. Season typically runs March through mid-May — tickets available online. Don't wait; it sells out.

**Carlsbad 5000** One of the premier 5K road races in the country, held each spring on the streets of Carlsbad. Fast, flat, and festive — a bucket list race for serious runners and casual joggers alike.

**Carlsbad Village Street Faire** Since 1975, one of the largest street fairs in the United States has called Carlsbad Village home. Hosted by the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce each May and November, this free event draws visitors from across Southern California and beyond. Over 900 vendors — arts, crafts, clothing, antiques, and an international food court spanning Central America, Asia, and everywhere in between. Kids' rides, activities, and a pancake breakfast round out the experience.

**Carlsbad Oktoberfest** Carlsbad's annual Oktoberfest Fall Festival brings authentic German food, live music from the Big Lucky Band, a Bier Garten with lagers, pilsners, and seasonal

Oktoberfest brews, plus a full lineup of family activities — petting zoo, pumpkin patch, corn maze, bounce area, and more. Held at the scenic Strawberry Fields against a backdrop of Carlsbad's famous flower fields. [rotaryoktoberfest.org](http://rotaryoktoberfest.org)

**State Street Farmers' Market** (*Weekly*) Every Wednesday at the corner of State Street and Grand Avenue, Carlsbad's open-air farmers' market brings together certified growers, local farms, and artisan food vendors for a fresh-air shopping experience unlike anything you'll find at a standard grocery store. Produce, meat, fish, cheese, eggs, honey, fresh flowers, bread, kombucha, and more. Spring/Summer hours: 2:30–7PM | Fall/Winter hours: 2:30–6PM. [carlsbad-village.com/events/farmers-market](http://carlsbad-village.com/events/farmers-market)

**U-Pick Strawberry Season** A beloved Carlsbad tradition. The Carlsbad Strawberry Company off Cannon Road — a 4th generation family farm growing alongside the city since the 1950s — opens its fields for u-pick season typically from late January through mid-July, weather permitting. Tickets are walk-in only. Expect food and drink vendors, a petting zoo, and family-friendly activities throughout the season.

## ATTRACTIONS

**The Flower Fields at Carlsbad Ranch** 5704 Paseo del Norte | 760-431-0352 | [theflowerfields.com](http://theflowerfields.com)

For over 60 years, 55 acres of rolling Carlsbad hillside have transformed each spring into one of the most spectacular displays of natural color anywhere in the world. Giant Tecolote Ranunculus flowers bloom for approximately six to eight weeks — early March through early May — in brilliant waves of orange, red, yellow, pink, purple, and white. Beyond the flowers: tractor wagon rides, a gemstone finder, Sweet Pea Maze, playground, and a full calendar of seasonal concerts and events. A true Carlsbad institution.

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**LEGOLAND California Resort** 1 Legoland Dr. (off Cannon Rd.) | 760-918-5346

One of Southern California's most beloved family destinations, LEGOLAND California is a full resort experience built around the iconic Lego brand. The grounds include the main theme park, LEGOLAND Water Park (7+ slides, Build-A-Raft River, sandy beaches, and 10 acres of water fun), and SEA LIFE Aquarium — an interactive, hands-on marine experience featuring sharks, rays, octopi, and more. Two on-site hotel options available: LEGOLAND Hotel and LEGOLAND Castle Hotel.

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**Museum of Making Music** 5790 Armada Dr. | 760-438-5996 | [museumofmakingmusic.org](http://museumofmakingmusic.org)

A genuinely unique cultural gem. The Museum of Making Music traces the history of American music through instrument galleries, rotating special exhibitions, and a live events calendar that keeps things fresh year-round. Worth a visit whether you're a musician or just music-curious.

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**Carlsbad Strawberry Company** 1050 Cannon Rd. | 760-603-9608 | [carlsbadstrawberrycompany.com](http://carlsbadstrawberrycompany.com)

A 4th generation family farm and a Carlsbad tradition. Spring brings u-pick strawberry season — locals swear these are the best strawberries in San Diego County, and it's hard to argue. Fall transforms the property into a full harvest festival with a corn maze, apple tossing, wagon rides, pumpkin patch, and family activities. Food vendors and bounce houses on-site throughout the season. Walk-in tickets only.

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**Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park** 6200 Flying Leo Carrillo Ln. | 442-339-5042

A hidden gem that most visitors never find. Once part of a 2,538-acre working rancho owned by actor Leo Carrillo — who appeared in nearly 100 films and co-starred in *The Cisco Kid* — this beautifully preserved historic park offers self-guided walking tours through hand-crafted adobe buildings, a hacienda, reflecting pool, cantina, carriage house, and more. Guided 90-minute tours available Saturdays. A peaceful, fascinating slice of California history right in Carlsbad's backyard.

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**Carlsbad Village** 2695 State Street | [carlsbad-village.com](http://carlsbad-village.com)

Small-town charm with a food and culture scene that punches well above its weight. Carlsbad Village is the heart of the city — walkable, vibrant, and full of independent shops, coffee roasters, artisan bakeries, wine bars, and restaurants worth driving for. Live music, farmers markets, Broadway performances, and community events keep the energy alive year-round. If you want to get a feel for what Carlsbad is really about, start here.

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## SHOPPING

**The Forum Carlsbad** 1923 Calle Barcelona | 760-479-0166 | [theforumcarlsbad.com](http://theforumcarlsbad.com)

An open-air shopping and dining destination with an upscale, walkable feel. The Forum brings together high-end retail, modern restaurants, and a lively atmosphere that makes it as much a place to linger as it is to shop.

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**The Shoppes at Carlsbad** 2525 El Camino Real | 760-444-0620 | [theshoppesatcarlsbad.com](http://theshoppesatcarlsbad.com)

Carlsbad's premier indoor mall, blending coastal hospitality with a strong mix of national and regional retailers alongside solid dining options. A reliable one-stop for everything from fashion to home goods.

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**Carlsbad Premium Outlets** 5620 Paseo Del Norte | 760-804-9000 |  
premiumoutlets.com/outlet/carlsbad

Conveniently located right off I-5 at Palomar Airport Road, Carlsbad Premium Outlets is one of San Diego's top shopping destinations. Over 85 designer and name-brand outlet stores — Coach, Kate Spade, Michael Kors, Polo Ralph Lauren, Burberry, Nike, adidas, Tory Burch, and more — with savings up to 65% off retail.

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**Village Faire Shopping Center** Carlsbad Blvd. & Carlsbad Village Dr. | shopvillagefaire.com

A charming enclave of 36+ shops, restaurants, and services tucked into the heart of Carlsbad Village. The New England-style architecture with a Caribbean twist surrounds a family-friendly fountain courtyard — just one block from the beach and the Coaster train station. A great first stop when exploring the Village.

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## **SPA & WELLNESS**

Carlsbad's wellness story started with a mineral spring in 1882 — and it's been evolving ever since. Today the city is home to some of Southern California's most exceptional spa experiences, from world-class resort sanctuaries to intimate boutique retreats. The mild coastal climate and natural beauty set the stage. The treatments do the rest.

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**Driftwood Spa at Four Seasons Residence Club Aviara** 7210 Blue Heron Pl. | 760-814-8668 |  
fourseasons.com/northsandiego/spa

Understated, elegant, and genuinely restorative. Driftwood Spa blends casual beach town warmth with Four Seasons-level polish across three beautifully designed treatment rooms, a state-of-the-art fitness center, and a dedicated yoga and pilates studio. The kind of place you walk out of feeling like a different person.

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**The Spa at Omni La Costa** 2104 Costa Del Mar Rd. | 760-438-9111

The first resort spa ever opened in the United States — and still one of the best. Recognized as the #1 Wellness Spa by Spa Magazine, The Spa at La Costa spans 28,000 square feet indoors and a 15,000-square-foot outdoor courtyard complete with a tranquil pool, Jacuzzi, al fresco waterfall shower, reflexology path, herb garden, and Spa Café. Forty-two treatment rooms offer everything from exotic massages and body wraps to clinical facials and couples' VIP suites with champagne service. The on-site Salon at Omni La Costa rounds out the experience with a full menu of hair, color, nail, and bridal services — all using products from Eufora, a Carlsbad-based natural hair care brand.

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**Ocean Day Spa** 5814 Van Allen Way, Ste. 165 | 760-930-8032 | [oceandayspa.com](http://oceandayspa.com)

A peaceful, gem-infused sanctuary — literally. During construction, gemstones were placed within the front wall to balance the spa's energy, and the Zen-inspired interior delivers on that intention. Ocean Day Spa offers a comprehensive menu of massages, facials, microdermabrasion, peels, body treatments, detox foot baths, energy therapies, waxing, and curated spa packages — all with a deeply personal, client-first approach.

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**Ocean Pearl Spa at The Westin Carlsbad Resort & Spa** 5480 Grand Pacific Dr. | 760-827-2700 | [oceanpearlspa.com](http://oceanpearlspa.com)

Marine-inspired wellness with West Coast sophistication. Ocean Pearl Spa incorporates botanical and marine-based skincare into every treatment, with a focus on nourishing, purifying, and restoring from the inside out. Guests receive private lockers, plush robes, and spa sandals, plus complimentary access to the eucalyptus steam room, heated pool, Jacuzzi, relaxation lounge, and fitness center. Personalized, holistic, and consistently exceptional.

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**Miraval Life in Balance Spa at Park Hyatt Aviara** 7100 Aviara Resort Dr. | 760-448-1234 | [parkhyattaviara.com/miravalspa](http://parkhyattaviara.com/miravalspa)

An award-winning wellness destination with a philosophy that goes well beyond the treatment table. Miraval Life in Balance Spa offers yoga, meditation, pilates, culinary experiences, creative expression, and fitness programming alongside traditional spa services. Amenities include an indoor solarium quiet lounge, sauna, steam room, whirlpool, and both indoor and outdoor treatment spaces. Whether you're looking for a single restorative afternoon or a full wellness immersion, Miraval delivers.

## **PARKS**

There are over 40 parks and special use areas in Carlsbad. Whether you want to take a stroll, play tennis, have a picnic or play with your dog, there's a park for you to enjoy! Here are some of our favorites!

**Aviara Community Park** | **Aviara Community Park** 6435 Ambrosia Ln | (442) 339-2690 Located in central Carlsbad near Poinsettia Lane and Ambrosia Lane, this 24-acre park features athletic turf fields, courts, a playground, and lighted picnic areas. A great spot for basketball, soccer, softball, and family or company gatherings of all sizes.

**Calavera Hills Community Center & Park** 2997 Glasgow Dr | (442) 339-2680 Located in northeast Carlsbad near Carlsbad Village Drive and College Boulevard, this 21-acre park is anchored by an 18,000 sq ft community center offering preschool programs, youth day camps, and classes for all ages. The park also features lighted athletic fields, basketball and tennis courts, covered picnic and BBQ areas, a snack bar, and a children's playground with a sand lot.

**Poinsettia Community Park & Dog Park** 6600 Hidden Valley Rd | (442) 339-2690 42 acres of recreational heaven. Ten lighted tennis courts open daily from 8 AM–10 PM, plus pickleball courts, baseball fields, a lighted basketball court, and a playground. The dog park — Carlsbad's newest — spans 27,700 square feet and is divided into separate large and small dog sections, each with agility equipment, drinking fountains, bag dispensers, and picnic tables. Natural grass surface throughout.

**Alga Norte Community Park** 6565 Alicante Rd | (442) 339-2510 One of the best parks in all of North County. Home to San Diego's largest skate park and a state-of-the-art aquatic center featuring pools, a warm water spa, diving boards, a splash pad, and a fitness room. The universally accessible playground has shade structures throughout. The off-leash dog park spans 30,000 square feet with separate areas for large and small dogs, agility equipment, and drinking fountains. Also on-site: basketball courts, shaded picnic areas with barbecues, and lighted multipurpose fields.

**Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park** 6200 Flying Leo Carrillo Ln | (442) 339-5042 A 27-acre historic park set on the former vacation retreat of actor Leo Carrillo. Walk the grounds and you'll find hand-crafted adobe buildings, a hacienda, reflecting pool, cantina, carriage house, and more. Free guided tours run Saturday and Sunday at 10 AM and 1 PM (meet at the welcome kiosk). Free botanical tours are offered the second Friday of each month at 9:30 AM. Self-guided tours are also available. Wear comfortable shoes — the terrain is uneven and worth exploring slowly.

**Magee Park** 258 Beech Ave | (442) 339-2510 A charming 2.1-acre park just steps from the ocean and one of Carlsbad's most popular wedding venues. Features a rose garden, the L. John Simons Twin Inns Gazebo, and several historic buildings including Magee House and Heritage Hall. Tours offered by the Carlsbad Historical Society.

**Dogs & Parks** The City of Carlsbad welcomes leashed dogs on citywide trails and has three dedicated off-leash dog parks: Ann D. L'Heureux Dog Park, Alga Norte Dog Park, and Poinsettia Dog Park. Dogs are not permitted in other city parks or on city beaches.

## TRAILS & HIKING

Carlsbad has a well-developed trail network that winds through lagoons, nature preserves, and open space — and it's easier than ever to explore with the

**GoHike Carlsbad** app.

**GoHike Carlsbad** This free interactive trail portal gives you real-time access to everything you need while you're out on the trails — points of interest, trail length, surface type, difficulty level, trail connectivity, and parking locations. When connected to mobile data or WiFi, the app pinpoints your exact location and shows options for connecting to other trails, sidewalks, and cross streets. A great alternative to printed maps and a genuinely useful tool for both new residents and longtime locals.

For a full list of trail locations and details, visit: [carlsbadca.gov/trails](http://carlsbadca.gov/trails)

## **LAGOONS**

Three lagoons cover more than 1,000 acres within Carlsbad — offering nature preserves, hiking trails, and water recreation all within city limits. They're one of Carlsbad's most underrated assets.

**Agua Hedionda Lagoon** Connected to the Pacific Ocean between Tamarack Avenue and Cannon Road, Agua Hedionda is made up of three inter-connected lagoons divided by I-5 and the railroad bridge. Active water recreation — boating, water skiing, wakeboarding, personal watercraft, sailing, windsurfing, and fishing — is permitted in designated areas.

The 66-acre outer lagoon sits adjacent to the Pacific and provides intake water for the Carlsbad Desalination Plant. The 27-acre middle lagoon is home to the North Coast YMCA Aquatic Park. The 295-acre inner lagoon is open for boating with a permit — annual and daily permits for both passive and power vessels are available through the City of Carlsbad at the Harding Community Center, 3096 Harding St.

The Agua Hedionda Lagoon Discovery Center at 1580 Cannon Road offers public programs, exhibits, lectures, and seasonal festivals celebrating the lagoon ecosystem.

**Batiquitos Lagoon** Runners, walkers, and nature lovers have a genuine haven here. The 561-acre lagoon is protected as a game sanctuary and bird estuary, owned by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. A 1.3-mile public trail runs along the north shore with additional segments planned. The Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation offers docent-led walks from its nature center at 7380 Gabbiano Lane, as well as self-guided nature walk pamphlets.

Endangered birds including the Snowy Plover, California Least Tern, and Clapper Rail have been spotted here. Dogs are welcome on the trail but must be leashed at all times. Trail and picnic areas are open dawn to dusk; the Nature Center restroom and viewing deck are generally open 9 AM–3 PM, subject to volunteer availability.

Fishing is permitted only at the rock jetties at the mouth of the lagoon at South Ponto Beach and the rocks under I-5.

**Buena Vista Lagoon** Spanning the border between Carlsbad and Oceanside, this 350-acre freshwater lagoon became California's first ecological reserve in

1. It sits on the Pacific Flyway migration route — millions of birds pass through each year, and more than 235 species have been spotted here, including the Great Blue Heron, California Quail, and Vermillion Flycatcher. Eighteen mammal species and 14 amphibians and reptiles also call it home.

The lagoon can be viewed from Maxton Brown Park on Laguna Avenue and State Street, the Ecological Wildlife Viewing Area on Jefferson Street and Marron Road, or the Buena Vista Audubon Society Nature Center on Coast Highway in Oceanside.

## TRANSPORTATION

**Air McClellan-Palomar Airport** 2198 Palomar Airport Rd. | 760-431-4646

San Diego County's second-busiest airport, conveniently located in the heart of Carlsbad. Ideal for private aviation and regional flights — a major perk for residents who travel frequently.

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## Train/Rail COASTER Commuter Rail

The COASTER runs 41 miles between Oceanside and Santa Fe Depot in Downtown San Diego, with 126 trains weekly and expanded service in spring and summer. Two Carlsbad stations:

- **Carlsbad Village Station** — 2775 State St. (at State St. & Grand Ave.)
- **Carlsbad Poinsettia Station** — 6511 Avenida Encinas (just north of Embarcadero Lane)

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**Bus BREEZE Bus Service** The primary public road transit option for North San Diego County residents, connecting Carlsbad to surrounding communities throughout the region.

## NEIGHBORHOODS

Carlsbad is one of the most thoughtfully planned cities in Southern California — a collection of distinct neighborhoods, each with its own personality, price point, and lifestyle. Here's a breakdown of what you'll find across the city.

Neighborhood Map:

<https://www.carlsbadca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/54/637412090143070000>

**Carlsbad Village** The original heart of Carlsbad, dating back to the late 1800s. Bordered by the ocean to the west and I-5 to the east, the Village is walkable, vibrant, and full of character. Housing ranges from Victorian-era homes and beach cottages to contemporary condos and single-family residences — some with sweeping ocean views. Home to the weekly State Street Farmers' Market, the best concentration of restaurants and bars in the city, and the historic Alt Carlsbad Hanse House, the site of Carlsbad's original mineral water spa.

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**Barrio** Paired with Carlsbad Village, the Barrio represents the other half of original downtown Carlsbad. Situated south of Oak and Walnut Avenues, between the rail tracks and I-5, it's one of the city's most historically rooted communities and an area undergoing thoughtful revitalization.

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**Olde Carlsbad** One of Carlsbad's established inland neighborhoods, bordered by Ronald Packard Pkwy to the north, I-5 to the west, El Camino Real to the east, and Hillside Drive to the south. Mostly ranch-style homes on generous lots, with a pocket of newer contemporary construction in the northwest corner. Hosp Grove Park — a 5.5-acre eucalyptus grove with trails, a children's play area, and picnic facilities — is a neighborhood highlight. The Shoppes at Carlsbad is just across Marron Road.

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**North Beach** A coveted coastal strip west of I-5, tucked between Carlsbad Village and Agua Hedionda Lagoon. Real estate here runs the full spectrum — from charming historic beach cottages to high-end oceanfront properties with unobstructed Pacific views. One of the most desirable locations in the city for buyers who want to be as close to the water as possible.

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**South Beach** South of Cannon Road, north of Batiquitos Lagoon, and west of I-5. Predominantly suburban with homes ranging from modest to ultra-luxury — including several bluff-side estates in the \$15M+ range. The Poinsettia and Avenida Encinas corridor offers convenient access to dining favorites like Miguel's Cocina, Draft Republic, and the always-essential In-N-Out.

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**Tamarack Point** A quiet, established neighborhood just east of Carlsbad Village and south of the

1. Most homes were built between the late '70s and early '90s, with cul-de-sac streets, canyon and valley views, and a central location that puts you about 10 minutes from the beach.
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**Calavera Hills** One of Carlsbad's most coveted inland neighborhoods — known for manicured parks, high-performing schools, and a strong sense of community. The 21-acre Calavera Hills Community Park anchors the neighborhood with tennis courts, basketball courts, athletic fields, a community center, and summer jazz performances. Adjacent to the park is the 110-acre Calavera Nature Preserve with hiking and biking trails, Mount Calavera, and Lake Calavera Reservoir. Calavera Hills Elementary and Calavera Hills Middle School are both Carlsbad Unified. Shopping and dining along Marron Road, College Boulevard, and El Camino Real.

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**Robertson Ranch** One of Carlsbad's newer master-planned communities, located just south of Calavera Hills. Divided into East Village (the Foothills, ~400 homes built from 2010) and West Village (~308 homes, mostly post-2017), developed by Toll Brothers in Mission, Spanish Colonial, Tuscan, and English Country styles. The centerpiece is the Oasis at Robertson Ranch — a resort-style recreation center with pool, spa, fireplace, barbecues, and cabanas. Five pocket parks and permanently protected open space throughout.

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**Poinsettia** A friendly, well-located neighborhood built around Poinsettia Community Park — about a mile from the ocean. Features several hundred newer homes, many with ocean views, plus direct access to tennis courts, athletic fields, and playgrounds. Pacific Rim Elementary School and KinderCare Poinsettia Preschool are both adjacent to the park.

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**Aviara** One of the most sought-after neighborhoods in all of San Diego County. Located in southern Carlsbad, Aviara was developed beginning in 1989 with most homes built in the early-to-mid '90s. Spanish-style architecture with clay-tile roofs dominates, though styles vary throughout. Several communities are gated — including Bella Lago, with spectacular views of Batiquitos Lagoon and the Pacific. Home to Park Hyatt Aviara Resort, Golf Club & Spa, the #1-rated golf course in San Diego by Golf Digest. Top schools include Aviara Oaks Elementary and Aviara Oaks Middle School.

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**La Costa Greens** Situated at the northeastern end of La Costa, La Costa Greens is a collection of 12 sub-communities designed in Santa Barbara Mission and Tuscan styles. Residents share a private recreation club, walking trails, and easy access to shopping and golf. A natural consideration for buyers also exploring La Costa Ridge, Bressi Ranch, La Costa Valley, and Aviara.

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**Bressi Ranch** Located in Carlsbad's southeast corner, Bressi Ranch feels like its own self-contained community. The master-planned neighborhood features 180 acres of protected open space, jogging and biking paths, and numerous parks — including the expansive Alga Norte

Community Park with a skatepark, aquatic center, and dog park. Bressi Ranch Village Center serves as the neighborhood hub with two grocery stores (including Trader Joe's), 10+ restaurants, and a full range of shops.

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**La Costa Oaks** Straddling Rancho Santa Fe Road, La Costa Oaks offers view properties on the western side and larger lots to the east. Walkable to La Costa Town Square and anchored by an exceptional recreation center with a fitness room, community pool and spa, courtyard with fireplace, and more.

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**Rancho Carrillo** Nestled in the hills of southeast Carlsbad, Rancho Carrillo is a beautifully planned community built on the historic property of actor and conservationist Leo Carrillo. Seventeen distinct villages make up the neighborhood, each with its own style and character. Residents enjoy a swim center, hiking trails, and a community center. Leo Carrillo Ranch — where you can still tour the historic grounds — sits within the community. Home to Poinsettia Elementary (Carlsbad USD) and Carrillo Elementary (San Marcos USD).

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**Rancho La Costa / La Costa** One of Carlsbad's largest and most storied communities, La Costa traces its roots to 1965 when it was developed as a resort destination for the wealthy. Today the greater La Costa area encompasses La Costa, La Costa Greens, La Costa Estates, La Costa Valley, La Costa Meadows, and Rancho Ponderosa — all situated in southeast Carlsbad, bordering Encinitas, Olivenhain, and San Marcos. The range of housing is exceptional: apartments, condos, and detached homes on large lots, including gated estates with panoramic views of the Pacific, Batiquitos Lagoon, and the backcountry. Parks, shopping centers, and top schools are woven throughout.

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**La Costa Ridge** A privately gated community perched on one of Carlsbad's highest points, offering panoramic views and beautifully designed Mediterranean-style homes. One of the more exclusive addresses in the La Costa area.

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**La Costa Valley** A polished community on Carlsbad's southern edge with one significant advantage: it falls within the highly regarded San Dieguito Union School District. The recreation center is exceptional — oversized pool and hot tub, tennis courts, gym, and a full-time recreation director who keeps the community calendar packed. Minutes from The Forum shopping center.

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**Kelly Ranch** Located east of Cannon Road and south of El Camino Real, Kelly Ranch is a collection of master-planned communities with single-family homes ranging from 1,800 to 4,000

sq. ft., mostly built between the late '80s and early 2000s. Most neighborhoods are HOA-governed with well-maintained common areas.

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**Carlsbad Ranch** The stretch of Carlsbad south of Agua Hedionda Lagoon between Cannon Road, Palomar Airport Road, and Paseo Del Norte. Home to LEGOLAND California, the Flower Fields, the Museum of Making Music, and the GIA Institute. Several notable resort hotels are located here as well — including the Sheraton Carlsbad Resort & Spa, The Westin Carlsbad Resort & Spa, and Hilton Grand Vacations Club.

## **SCHOOLS**

Carlsbad Unified K-12

6225 El Camino Real

Carlsbad 92009

760-331-5000

The Carlsbad Unified School District consists of 9 elementary schools that feed into three middle schools, and two high schools.

### **Public Elementary Schools**

**Aviara Oaks Elementary (K-5)**

6900 Ambrosia Lane

Carlsbad, CA 92011

Phone (760) 331-6000

**Buena Vista Elementary (K-5)**

1330 Buena Vista Way

Carlsbad, CA 92008

Phone (760) 331-5400

**Calavera Hills Elementary (K-5)**

4100 Tamarack Ave

Carlsbad, CA 92010

Phone (760) 331-6300

**Hope Elementary (K-5)**

3010 Tamarack Ave

Carlsbad, CA 92010

Phone (760) 331-5900

**Jefferson Elementary (K-5)**

3743 Jefferson Street

Carlsbad, CA 92008

(760) 331-5500

Kelly Elementary (K-5)  
4885 Kelly Drive  
Carlsbad, CA 92008  
Phone (760) 331-5800

Magnolia Elementary (K-5)  
1905 Magnolia Ave  
Carlsbad, CA 92008  
Phone (760) 331-5600

Pacific Rim Elementary (K-5)  
1100 Camino De Las Ondas  
Carlsbad, CA 92009  
Phone (760) 331-6200

Poinsettia Elementary (K-5)  
2445 Mica Road  
Carlsbad, CA 92009  
Phone (760) 331-6500

**Public Middle Schools**

Aviara Oaks Middle School (Grades 6-8)  
6880 Ambrosia Lane  
Carlsbad, CA 92011  
Phone (760) 331-6100

Calavera Hills Middle School (Grades 6-8)  
4104 Tamarack Ave  
Carlsbad, CA 92010  
Phone (760) 331-6400

Valley Middle School (Grades 6-8)  
1645 Magnolia Ave  
Carlsbad, CA 92008  
Phone (760) 331-5300

**Public High School**

Carlsbad High School (9-12)  
3557 Monroe St., Carlsbad | (760) 331-5100

Sage Creek High School (9-12)  
3900 Bobcat Blvd.  
Carlsbad, CA 92010  
Phone (760) 331-6600

## Private Schools in Carlsbad

### **Pacific Ridge School (6-12)**

6269 EL FUERTE ST, 92009

[\(760\) 448-9820](tel:(760)448-9820) | [pacificridge.org](http://pacificridge.org)

### **Army & Navy Academy (7-12) (All Boys)**

2605 CARLSBAD BLVD, 92008

[\(888\) 762-2338](tel:(888)762-2338) | [armyandnavyacademy.org](http://armyandnavyacademy.org)

### **St. Patrick Catholic School (K-8)**

3820 PIO PICO DR, 92008

[\(760\) 729-1333](tel:(760)729-1333) | [stpaddys.org](http://stpaddys.org)

### **Carlsbad Christian Academy (K-8)**

3030 Valley St, 92008

[\(760\) 729-6272](tel:(760)729-6272) | [www.carlsbadchristian.com](http://www.carlsbadchristian.com)

## Pre-Schools

### **La Costa Valley Preschool & Kindergarten (PK – Kindergarten)**

2276 Calle Barcelona, [92009](http://www.lacostavalleypreschool.com)

[\(760\) 436-2797](tel:(760)436-2797) | [lacostavalleypreschool.com](http://lacostavalleypreschool.com)

### **Poinsettia Kindercare (PK-K)**

1200 Plum Tree Rd., [92011](http://www.kindercare.com)

[\(760\) 435-0001](tel:(760)435-0001) | [www.kindercare.com](http://www.kindercare.com)

### **Carlsbad Country Day (PK-K)**

5150 Hemingway Dr, [92008](http://www.carlsbadcountryday.com)

[\(760\) 804-0550](tel:(760)804-0550) | [www.carlsbadcountryday.com](http://www.carlsbadcountryday.com)

### **Redeemer by the Sea Lutheran Pre-School & Kindergarten (PK – K)**

6604 Black Rail Rd, [92011](http://www.redeemerp.com)

[\(760\) 431-8293](tel:(760)431-8293) | [www.redeemerp.com](http://www.redeemerp.com)

### **Casa Montessori de Carlsbad (PK-K)**

3470 Madison St, [92008](http://www.casamontessoridecarlsbad.com)

[\(760\) 729-4455](tel:(760)729-4455) | [www.casamontessoridecarlsbad.com](http://www.casamontessoridecarlsbad.com)

### **Village Montessori School (PK-K)**

740 Pine Ave, [92008](http://www.infomontessorivms.wixsite.com/villagemontessori)

[\(442\) 333-9359](tel:(442)333-9359) | [infomontessorivms.wixsite.com/villagemontessori](http://infomontessorivms.wixsite.com/villagemontessori)

**Aspirations School of Learning (PK-K)**

6286 El Camino Real, 92009

[\(760\) 603-9173](tel:7606039173) | [aspiringchild.com](http://aspiringchild.com)

**The Goddard School of Carlsbad (PK-K)**

4625 Red Bluff Place, 92010

760-730-9450 | [www.goddardschool.com/schools/ca/carlsbad/carlsbad](http://www.goddardschool.com/schools/ca/carlsbad/carlsbad)

Public school districts serving Carlsbad include:

Carlsbad Unified School District

Encinitas Unified School District

San Dieguito Union High School District

San Marcos Unified School District

[Carlsbad School locator](#) input your address and find the school your child should be enrolled in.

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**WHERE TO STAY**

**Park Hyatt Aviara Resort, Golf Club & Spa** 7100 Aviara Resort Dr. | 760-448-1234

One of Southern California's premier resort destinations. Park Hyatt Aviara overlooks Batiquitos Lagoon and delivers on every front — world-class golf, exceptional dining, and the award-winning Miraval Life in Balance Spa. Aviara Golf Club is the only Arnold Palmer-designed course in San Diego and has been named the #1 golf resort in Southern California by Condé Nast Traveler readers. Five state-of-the-art tennis courts and four pickleball courts with stadium seating round out the athletic amenities. South Carlsbad State Beach is 4 miles away.

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**Four Seasons Residence Club Aviara** 7210 Blue Heron Pl. | 760-814-8677

Four Seasons service with the comfort of home. Accommodations feature fully equipped kitchens and kitchenettes — ideal for extended stays or family visits. Two outdoor pools, Driftwood Spa, and two fitness centers with steam rooms are all on-site. Seasons Restaurant serves farm-to-table breakfast, lunch, and dinner using locally sourced ingredients. Palmera and Summits Grill handle poolside dining and cocktails. LEGOLAND is 4 miles away.

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**Omni La Costa Resort & Spa** 2100 Costa Del Mar Rd. | 760-438-9111

A true resort escape spread across 400 acres of Carlsbad. Omni La Costa offers two championship 18-hole golf courses, a full-service luxury spa, eight pools, 17 tennis courts, and a 9,100 sq. ft. state-of-the-art fitness center. Kids love the two 100-foot water slides; adults gravitate toward the Edge Pool. Dining options cover every occasion — Bob's Steak & Chop House for prime cuts and fine wine, VUE for breakfast and dinner, Bar Traza for cocktails and Mediterranean small plates, and Marketplace for grab-and-go.

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**Cape Rey Carlsbad Beach, a Hilton Hotel** 1 Ponto Rd. | 760-602-0800

A contemporary Craftsman-inspired resort a half-mile from South Carlsbad State Beach with ocean views from nearly every angle. Lounge poolside, explore the coastline by bike, or settle in at Chandler's Lounge & Oceanfront Dining — a go-to for both visitors and locals. The Crossings Golf Course is 4 miles away; Carlsbad Premium Outlets, LEGOLAND, and the Flower Fields are all within 5 miles.

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**Carlsbad Inn Beach Resort** 3075 Carlsbad Blvd. | 760-434-7020

Boutique coastal charm steps from the beach and Carlsbad Village. This laid-back resort sits in the heart of downtown Carlsbad with pool, jacuzzi, recreation room, children's playground, beach rentals, and ocean views. An ideal home base for families who want to be in the middle of everything.

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## IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

### CITY OF CARLSBAD

City Manager – 442-339-2820

City Clerk - 442-339-2808

Planning Department – 442-339-2600

Code Enforcement – 442-339-2703

Community Services - 442-339-2822

Emergency Services - 442-339-2152

Environmental Sustainability - 442-339-2729

Finance Department – 442-339-2430

Abandoned Vehicles – **442-339-2289**

Parks & Recreation - 442-339-2826

Building Permits – 442-339-2719

Business License - 442-339-2495

Public Works, Water & Maintenance – [\(760\) 438-2722](tel:7604382722)

Streets & Storm Drain Maintenance - 442-339-2980

SAN DIEGO COUNTY TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR (877) 829-4732

CARLSBAD ORGANIZATIONS

Animal Shelter – [\(619\) 236-2341](tel:6192362341)

ANIMAL CONTROL ((760) 438-2312

ANIMAL CONTROL EMERGENCY (760) 438-1460

Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce – [\(760\) 931-8400](tel:7609318400)

Carlsbad City Library – [\(442\) 339-2049](tel:4423392049)

HEALTH & PUBLIC SAFETY

Carlsbad Police Dept (non-emergency) – (760) 931-2197

California Highway Patrol – 760-757-1675

Carlsbad Fire Dept (non-emergency) – (442) 339-2141

Carlsbad Lifeguard Dept – (760) 392-0029

Poison Control (24 Hour)– (800) 222-1222

Scripps Coast Medical Center, Carlsbad - [\(858\) 252-1539](tel:8582521539)

Scripps Memorial Hospital, Encinitas – 760-753-6501

Tri-City Medical Center - [\(760\) 724-8411](tel:7607248411)

Rady's Children's Hospital - **(760) 967-7082**

POST OFFICE

USPS Office, Carlsbad - (800) 275-8777

RECREATION

Alga Norte Aquatic Center – [442-339-5777](tel:4423395777)

Alga Norte Community Park - [442-339-2510](tel:4423392510)

Aviara Community Park - [442-339-2690](tel:4423392690)

Calavera Hills Community Center & Park - [442-339-2680](tel:4423392680)

Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park - [442-339-5042](tel:4423395042)

Poinsettia Community Park - [442-339-2690](tel:4423392690)

SCHOOLS

Carlsbad Unified School District – 760) 331-5000

San Dieguito High School District – 760-436-6136

San Marcos Unified School District - [\(760\) 752-1299](tel:7607521299)

UTILITIES

Carlsbad Water Dept (customer service/billing) – (760) 602-2420

Carlsbad Water Dept (water/sewer emergency) – (760) 438-2722

Cox Communications – 760-943-9000

Verizon – Residential (800) 256-4646, Business (619) 811-3411

San Diego Gas & Electric – (800) 411-7343

Charter Spectrum – (888) 438-2427 / [\(888\) 406-7063](tel:8884067063)

Sustainable Materials Management Division (bulk item pick up) - 442-339-2646  
Republic Services (Trash) - 760-332-6464 (service/billing)