

# BEYOND THE LOCAL AREA

Hollywood



San Diego



Los Angeles



Las Vegas



## Community Profiles

### **BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.**

Chamber of Commerce  
1725 Eye St.  
Bakersfield, CA 93301  
(661) 327-4421

[www.bakersfield.org/chamber](http://www.bakersfield.org/chamber)

Bakersfield is located in the County of Kern and is the county seat. The city of Bakersfield is located at the southern end of the San Joaquin Valley, which is partially surrounded by three mountain ranges. The Tumbler Range is to the west, the Tehachapis to the south and the Sierra Nevadas to the east. The Kern River flows through the valley adding natural beauty to the area. Bakersfield was designated an All-America City in 1990 by the National Civic League.

Kern County is the leading oil-producing county in the continental United States and the fourth most productive agricultural county in the nation. Grapes, citrus, cotton, market milk and almonds are the top five crops.

### **HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.**

Chamber of Commerce  
7018 Hollywood Blvd.  
Hollywood, CA 90028  
(323) 469-8311

[www.hollywoodchamber.net](http://www.hollywoodchamber.net)

Hollywood is famous as a movie-making town and the home of many stars.

Some of its attractions include Mann's Chinese Theatre, the Walk of Fame, Hollywood studio and backlot tours and live filming.

Mann's Chinese Theatre is renowned for hosting the handprints and footprints of the entertainment industry's major stars imprinted in concrete in front of the theater, located at 6925 Hollywood Blvd. A section of the Walk of Fame, where more than 2,000 famous celebrities' names are engraved in stars along the sidewalk, is also found on Hollywood Boulevard.

Many sightseeing tours are also available to get a sneak peek at film studios and backlots, Hollywood landmarks and celebrity homes.

ABC, CBS and NBC television studios offer a variety of audience participation shows. Advance application is recommended as some shows have waiting lists up to six months. Ticket requests must include a stamped return envelope and must indicate the name of the desired show and the desired date.

### **California Division of Tourism**

1102 Q St., Suite 6000  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
(800) 862-2543  
[gocalif.ca.gov](http://gocalif.ca.gov)

From Edwards, all of California is just a drive away. The California Office of Tourism can provide a wealth of information regarding the myriad of activities and outdoor recreation offered by the Golden State.

### **BARSTOW, CALIF.**

Chamber of Commerce  
409 E. Fredericks St., P.O. Box 698  
Barstow, CA 92311  
(760) 256-8617

[www.barstowchamber.com](http://www.barstowchamber.com)

Barstow is located approximately 50 miles east of Edwards, midway between the popular tourist destinations of Southern California and Las Vegas, Nev. Situated at the crossroads of Interstates 15 and 40, and state highways 58 and 247, the community provides outlet mall shopping with more than 115 outlet stores.

### **LAS VEGAS, NEV.**

Chamber of Commerce  
3720 Howard Hughes Pky.  
Las Vegas, NV 89109-0937  
(702) 735-1616

[www.lvchamber.com](http://www.lvchamber.com)

Las Vegas is a city that never sleeps and boasts nightlife as its biggest attraction. The city draws more than 35 million visitors annually to its gambling tables, slot machines and big-name entertainment at luxurious hotel-casinos along the famous strip.

While much of Las Vegas is restricted to those 21 years and older, it is possible for the whole family to enjoy a visit. Activities for children range from fast-action video arcades and water parks to magnificent show productions and the natural and man-made wonders in and around Las Vegas.

Also within the vicinity of Las Vegas is Lake Mead, just a 30-minute drive away from the city. Sailing, water skiing, wind surfing, motor boating, fishing, swimming and canyon exploring are all available for the outdoors enthusiast. Hoover Dam, which created the lake, is considered one of the engineering wonders of the world and may be toured daily.

Las Vegas is located about four hours northeast of Edwards, a nearly straight shot along California State Highway 58 through Barstow to Interstate 15 East across the state line.

## LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Los Angeles Area  
Chamber of Commerce  
350 S. Bixel St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90017  
(213) 580-7500  
[www.lachamber.org](http://www.lachamber.org)

Los Angeles is California's largest city, both in population and in territory—nearly 470 square miles, roughly the same size as Edwards AFB. The city ranks second in city and metropolitan area population in the United States.

Los Angeles is a collection of many communities, each with its own identity and character. The area thrives on tourism, world trade and highly diversified industries—predominantly oil, electronics, finance, entertainment, real estate, aircraft and aerospace.

Even with 3.8 million residents, Los Angeles is hardly a city in the traditional sense. It lacks a concentrated urban center and rather sprawls on in every direction, from the sea to the Hollywood hills. A dense network of interstates grid the basin and support the flux of traffic from dawn 'til dusk.

## SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

San Diego Visitor  
Information Center  
2688 East Mission Bay Dr.  
San Diego, CA 92109  
(619) 276-8200  
[www.infosandiego.com](http://www.infosandiego.com)

Nicknamed "America's Finest City," San Diego is one of the most popular stops for tourists visiting California. For more than 200 years, this city has attracted visitors from all over the world.

San Diego Bay is a large natural harbor that is pivotal for commerce and for the military presence in the area. The bay is home to the Navy's 3rd Fleet, which houses and maintains its ships and subs in the harbor. The U.S. Naval and Marine Training Centers and the U.S. Naval Air Station surround the bay.

San Diego is located approximately 180 miles south of Edwards, a straight southern jaunt along Interstate 15 through San Bernardino and Riverside.

## AMUSEMENT PARKS & ATTRACTIONS

• **Disneyland**  
1313 Harbor Blvd.  
Anaheim, Calif.  
(714) 781-4400  
[disney.go.com/Disneyland](http://disney.go.com/Disneyland)

One of America's favorite amusement parks is located in Anaheim, approximately 130 miles south of Edwards. Disneyland features eight different theme areas: Adventureland, Critter Country, Fantasyland, Frontierland, Main Street, U.S.A., Mickey's Toon Town, New Orleans Square and Tomorrowland. Each area features rides and exhibits to match its theme. Adjacent to Disneyland is Disney's California Adventure theme park, as well as the new Downtown Disney District.

• **Knott's Berry Farm**  
8039 Beach Blvd.  
Buena Park, Calif.  
(714) 220-5200  
[www.knotts.com](http://www.knotts.com)

This family attraction, located approximately 130 miles south of Edwards, features a variety of thrill rides and theme areas, including Old West Ghost Town, Camp Snoopy, Fiesta Village, Indian Trails, Wild Water Wilderness and The Boardwalk. Next to Knott's Berry Farm is Knott's Soak City U.S.A. water park.

• **San Diego Zoo**  
2920 Zoo Dr.  
Balboa Park  
San Diego, Calif.  
(619) 234-3153  
[www.sandiegozoo.org](http://www.sandiegozoo.org)

The San Diego Zoo is one of the largest zoos in the world and encompasses more than 100 landscaped acres of tropical and subtropical vegetation. More than 4,000 animals from 800 species, some of which are the rarest specimens in the world, can be witnessed in their unique habitats without bars in moated enclosures. A children's zoo allows children to pet the gentler animals.

• **Sea World**  
500 Sea World Dr.  
San Diego, Calif.  
(619) 226-3901  
[www.seaworld.org](http://www.seaworld.org)

Sea World is one of California's most popular marine parks. The park's 135 acres are home to a vast array of sea life including Shamu, the world-famous, two-ton killer whale. Live shows include the antics of dolphins, sea lions and walruses. There are also several attractions including the Shark Encounter, a 280,000-gallon attraction featuring a 57-foot, walk-through acrylic tube running the length of the sharks' habitat. It contains hundreds of sand tiger, bonnet-head, blacktip and whitetip sharks.

• **Six Flags Magic Mountain**  
26101 Magic Mountain Parkway  
Valencia, Calif.  
(661) 255-4100  
[www.sixflags.com/magicmountain](http://www.sixflags.com/magicmountain)

Spread out over 260 acres, the amusement park offers more than 100 shows, attractions and rides to keep the whole family entertained. Adjacent to the amusement park is Six Flags Hurricane Harbor.

• **Universal Studios**  
100 Universal City Plaza  
Universal City, Calif.  
(800) UNIVERSAL  
[www.universalstudios.com/unicity2](http://www.universalstudios.com/unicity2)

Universal Studios allows visitors to sneak a peek behind the scenes of movie making. Tram rides through backlots and studios; costumes and props; sound stages and special effects demonstrations reveal the secrets of hit movies and television shows. Next door is Universal City Walk, featuring entertainment, dining and shopping.

## BASEBALL

Three Major League Baseball teams call Southern California home.

- **Anaheim Angels:** (888) 796-4256, [www.angelsbaseball.com](http://www.angelsbaseball.com)
- **Los Angeles Dodgers:** (800) 636-3437, [www.dodgers.com](http://www.dodgers.com)
- **San Diego Padres:** (877) 374-2784, [www.padres.com](http://www.padres.com)



## BEACHES

*The beautiful and diverse terrain along the California coast offers a wealth of activities to enjoy, many of which are accessible from California's Pacific Coast Highway, or California State Highway 1.*

*To the north, the water and weather are rough, giving the coastline a rugged character. To the south, the water is calmer; the beaches are wider and the climate more temperate.*

### •Catalina Island

Visitors Bureau and Chamber of Commerce  
P.O. Box 21  
Avalon, CA 90704  
(310) 510-1520  
www.visitcatalina.org

Twenty-two miles across the ocean from mainland Los Angeles is Catalina Island. Discovered more than 400 years ago as a hideout for smugglers and pirates, the island is one of Southern California's most popular resorts. Avalon is the island's only city, and Avalon Bay is the site of the island's most famous landmark, the Casino Building. The island can be reached by sea or air, and there are a variety of express services available.

### •Los Angeles County

beaches.co.la.ca.us

Popular Los Angeles-area beaches include Malibu, Santa Monica, Venice, Manhattan and Long Beach. Los Angeles County beaches offer swimming, surfing, sand volleyball, bike and roller blade paths, piers, fishing and numerous concessions. Public restrooms and showers are usually available.

### •Monterey, Big Sur and Morro Bay, Calif.

www.mpcc.com, www.bigsurcalifornia.org, www.morro-bay.net

Big Sur is a favorite stretch of California coastline, between the towns of Carmel and Lucia. For approximately 50 miles, Pacific Coast Highway 1 winds between the Pacific Ocean and a redwood forest. The Santa Lucia Mountains rise steeply from the ocean, and the canyons contain groves of trees. Summer fogs can linger most of the day; the best time to experience the route is in the afternoon.

Ocean life—whales, dolphins, sea lions and frolicking sea otters—stems off the coast and is a common site to see. Sea otters are found in great numbers from Monterey Bay to Morro Bay, while sea lions are commonly seen near the shore or on the rocks. Whale watching is a popular pastime during the winter. Many seaside communities offer excursions to catch a close-up view of the California gray whale's annual 6,000-mile migration.

## MILITARY LODGING

The following listing is not complete, but presents some of the more popular military lodging opportunities in and around Southern California.

### Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base

San Diego, Calif.  
(760) 725-5194/725-5304

Camp Pendleton's Ward Lodging is located 40 miles north of San Diego on Interstate 5.

### Camp San Luis Obispo

San Luis Obispo, Calif.  
(805) 594-6500

This California Army National Guard post is located five miles north of the city of San Luis Obispo on Pacific Coast Highway 1.

### China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station

China Lake, Calif.  
(760) 939-2383

China Lake is located 60 miles almost directly north of Edwards Air Force Base.

### Coronado Naval Amphibious Base

San Diego, Calif.  
(619) 437-3860  
The island of Coronado and the naval base are located five miles south of San Diego. The accommodations are close to Coronado Beach, Sea World and a myriad of other San Diego attractions.

### Fort Irwin National Training Center

Fort Irwin, Calif.  
(760) 380-4599  
The center is located roughly 55 miles northeast of San Bernardino and north on Interstate 15 near Barstow.

### Nellis Air Force Base

Las Vegas, Nev.  
(888) AF-LODGE  
Nellis Air Force Inn is located eight miles northeast of Las Vegas.

### North Island Naval Air Station

San Diego, Calif.  
(800) NAVY-INN  
North Island's Navy Lodge is located five miles southwest of San Diego.

### Point Mugu Naval Air Station

Point Mugu, Calif.  
(805) 989-8407  
Point Mugu is located eight miles south of Oxnard and 40 miles north of Santa Monica on Pacific Coast Highway 1.

### Port Hueneme Naval Construction

Oxnard, Calif.  
(800) NAVY-INN  
Port Hueneme's Navy Lodge is located 25 miles southeast of Santa Barbara.

### San Diego Naval Submarine Base

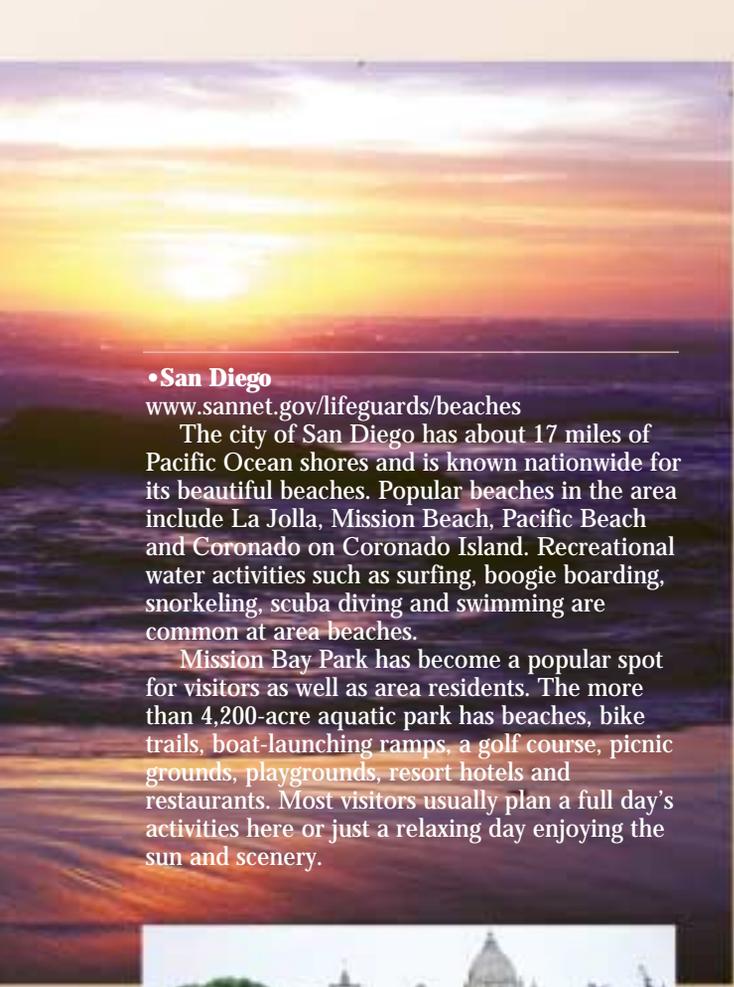
San Diego, Calif.  
(619) 553-9381  
The submarine base's Dolphin Lodge and Inn is located within the city limits of San Diego.

### Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

(888) AF-LODGE  
Travis' West Wind Inn is located 45 miles northeast of San Francisco.

### Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.

(888) AF-LODGE  
Vandenberg AFB, located 22 miles south of Santa Maria, offers accommodations at the Vandenberg Lodge.



### • San Diego

[www.sannet.gov/lifeguards/beaches](http://www.sannet.gov/lifeguards/beaches)

The city of San Diego has about 17 miles of Pacific Ocean shores and is known nationwide for its beautiful beaches. Popular beaches in the area include La Jolla, Mission Beach, Pacific Beach and Coronado on Coronado Island. Recreational water activities such as surfing, boogie boarding, snorkeling, scuba diving and swimming are common at area beaches.

Mission Bay Park has become a popular spot for visitors as well as area residents. The more than 4,200-acre aquatic park has beaches, bike trails, boat-launching ramps, a golf course, picnic grounds, playgrounds, resort hotels and restaurants. Most visitors usually plan a full day's activities here or just a relaxing day enjoying the sun and scenery.



## MISSIONS

[www.ca-missions.org/contact.html](http://www.ca-missions.org/contact.html)

In 1768, fearing Russia or Britain would establish outposts in California, the Spanish formulated a plan of colonization by founding missions, forts and pueblos to secure the land for the Spanish crown.

Father Junipero Serra officiated the founding of the first establishment in San Diego. Eventually, a chain of 21 California missions would extend from San Diego to the San Francisco area. Communities have developed around most of the missions, and each continues to perpetuate the flavor of the Spanish era in its individual way.

Every mission has distinctive architecture and restful gardens. Many have rooms and even formal museums filled with picturesque artifacts, which help visitors visualize the era when the missions were California's only points of Western European-style civilization.

The missions are open to the public. Some offer individually guided tours, while others provide self-guided literature. Nominal admission charges or donations are requested.

## MUSEUMS



### • Getty Center

1200 Getty Center Dr.  
Los Angeles, Calif.  
(310) 440-7300  
[www.getty.edu/museum](http://www.getty.edu/museum)

The Getty Center unites the J. Paul Getty Trust's museum, institutes and grant program in the foothills of the Santa Monica Mountains. The centerpiece of the 110-acre complex is the museum and its collections of pre-20th century European paintings, drawings, illuminated manuscripts, sculpture, decorative arts and photographs.

### • L.A. County Museum of Art

5905 Wilshire Blvd.  
Los Angeles, Calif.  
(323) 857-6000

The L.A. County Museum of Art is a five-building complex housing paintings, sculpture, costumes, textiles and decorative art from around the world. The collections include more than 150,000 works and span the history of art from ancient times to the present. In addition to presenting more than 30 exhibitions each year, the museum also sponsors concerts, film programs and lectures that complement its collections.

### • Movieland Wax Museum

7711 Beach Blvd.  
Buena Park, Calif.  
(714) 522-1155  
[www.movielandwaxmuseum.com/mwm.html](http://www.movielandwaxmuseum.com/mwm.html)

Visitors can see their favorite film stars—at least wax-molded figures of them—one block north of Knott's Berry Farm. Some of the most memorable scenes in motion pictures are recreated in detail.

### • Natural History Museum of L.A. County

900 Exposition Blvd.  
Los Angeles, Calif.  
(213) 763-3466  
[www.nhm.org](http://www.nhm.org)

The Natural History Museum has detailed habitats of African, North American and exotic mammals; birds, insects and marine life; dinosaur displays and prehistoric fossils; and mineral and cut gemstone collections. The Pavilion of Wings lets visitors walk among hundreds of free-fluttering butterflies. History galleries depict life in California from 1540 to the present.

### • San Diego Aerospace Museum Aerospace Historical Center

Pan American Plaza  
Balboa Park, Calif.  
(619) 234-8291  
[www.aerospacemuseum.org](http://www.aerospacemuseum.org)

The history of aviation from the dawn of flight to the age of space travel is depicted through displays featuring early gliders, a Kitty Hawk Flyer, a Spirit of St. Louis replica, barnstorming, early mail planes, World War II aircraft, modern fighters and a NASA space capsule.

## PARKS AND RECREATION

### • Big Bear Lake

Big Bear Chamber of Commerce  
630 Bartlett Rd.  
Big Bear, Calif.  
[www.bigbeartourist.com](http://www.bigbeartourist.com)

Big Bear Lake and Valley are located about 30 miles northeast of San Bernardino in the San Bernardino Mountains. Camping and horseback riding are popular in the summer. Hunting and fishing are permitted in season.

### • Death Valley National Park

Death Valley, Calif.  
(760) 786-3200  
[www.nps.gov/deva](http://www.nps.gov/deva)

Death Valley, located on the eastern edge of California, encompasses more than three million acres and has elevations ranging from 282 feet below sea level to 11,049 feet above sea level.

### • Sequoia and King's Canyon National Parks

Three Rivers, Calif.  
(559) 565-3341  
[www.nps.gov/seki](http://www.nps.gov/seki)

Home of the largest trees in the world, King's Canyon and Sequoia National Parks are open year round. Bus tours within the parks are available daily in the summer.

### • Yosemite National Park

Yosemite National Park, Calif.  
[www.nps.gov/yose/home.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yose/home.htm)

Yosemite's landscape spans about 1,189 square miles of park land. Visitors can witness Yosemite Falls, which plummet 2,425 feet—11 times higher than Niagara and Half Dome, a structure halved by moving ice masses millions of years ago. The park is in central California on the western slope of the Sierra Nevadas and serves as a getaway for hiking and camping activities.

## VINEYARDS

### • Antelope Valley Winery

Lancaster, Calif.  
(661) 722-0145  
[www.avwinery.com](http://www.avwinery.com)

Located in Lancaster at the intersection of Avenue M and 20th Street West, this is a family-owned winery specializing in the production of premium quality proprietary and varietal wines. Antelope Valley Winery is open seven days a week.

### • Lake County

Lakeport, Calif.  
[www.lakecountywinegrape.org](http://www.lakecountywinegrape.org)

Lake County surrounds Clear Lake, the largest natural lake in California. The vineyards are planted throughout Lake County from the agriculturally rich valley at near 1,400 feet elevation, to the rocky red volcanic soil around Mt. Konocti, at above 2,000 feet elevation.

### • Napa Valley

Napa, Calif.  
[www.freerun.com/napavalley/mwine/rie.htm](http://www.freerun.com/napavalley/mwine/rie.htm)

Wine is made all over California, but the term "Wine Country" is associated with Napa and Sonoma Counties. The area is located northeast of San Francisco and became famous for the hundreds of wineries found in the region. State Road 29 runs throughout the valley and passes many well-known vintners. From Edwards, head north on California State Highway 58 to Bakersfield. From there, call individual wineries for specific directions.

### • Paso Robles Wine Country

Paso Robles, Calif.  
[www.pasowine.com](http://www.pasowine.com)

Paso Robles Wine Country is one of the fastest growing premium vineyards and winery regions in California, with the number of bonded wineries and wine-grape acres in Paso Robles more than doubling between 1993 and 2002.

Paso Robles is situated 20 miles inland from the Pacific Ocean, literally halfway between Los Angeles and San Francisco. It is in the center of the Central Coast wine region, which spans from Monterey County to the north and south to Santa Barbara County.

### • Santa Barbara County Wine Country

Santa Barbara, Calif.  
[www.sbcountywines.com](http://www.sbcountywines.com)

Santa Barbara County has a history of winemaking and wine-grape growing spanning 200 years, with the area enjoying a renaissance in the last 25 years. There are now more than 62 wineries in Santa Barbara County, located primarily in the Santa Ynez and Santa Maria Valleys. Most of the wineries are small businesses, run by individuals or families. More than a million cases of wine are produced annually.

## SKIING

Beyond the coastline, California features ski slopes and invites residents and visitors to take to the white-topped mountains in the San Bernardino National Forest, San Gabriel Mountains and the Sierra Nevadas. Skiing is as close as one hour away from Edwards.

### • Bear Mountain Ski Resort

Big Bear Lake, Calif.  
(800) BEARMTN  
[www.bigbearmountainresorts.com](http://www.bigbearmountainresorts.com)

### • June Mountain Ski Resort

June Lake, Calif.  
(888) JUNEMTN  
[www.junemountain.com](http://www.junemountain.com)

### • Mammoth Ski Resort

Mammoth Lakes, Calif.  
(800) MAMMOTH  
[www.mammoth-mtn.com](http://www.mammoth-mtn.com)

### • Mount Baldy Ski Resort

Upland, Calif.  
(909) 981-3344  
[www.mtbaldy.com](http://www.mtbaldy.com)

### • Mountain High Ski Resort

Wrightwood, Calif.  
(888) 754-7878  
[www.mthigh.com](http://www.mthigh.com)

### • Snow Summit Ski Resort

Big Bear Lake, Calif.  
(888) SUMMIT  
[www.bigbearmountainresorts.com/](http://www.bigbearmountainresorts.com/)

### • Snow Valley Ski Resort

Running Springs, Calif.  
(909) 867-2751  
[www.snow-valley.com](http://www.snow-valley.com)

