

GARDENS AT BALBOA PARK

Balboa Park is renowned for the lush landscaping and lovely gardens on its 1,200 acres, offering a magnificent backdrop for the cultural attractions. The Park was ranked among the Best Parks in the World by the Project for Public Places in 2003 (13 out of 24) for its mixture of horticulture and art and culture.

There are more than eight gardens in the Park, which include the lovely Alcazar Garden, the award-winning rose garden, the Japanese Friendship Garden, the desert garden and the historic Botanical Building. The City of San Diego's Park and Recreation Department manages and maintains the grounds of this spectacular public resource.

1935 (Old) Cactus Garden This historic garden was developed under the direction of Kate Sessions for the 1935 California Pacific International Exposition.

Alcazar Garden Alcazar Garden, named because its design is patterned after the gardens of Alcazar Castle in Seville, Spain, lies adjacent to the Art Institute.

Australian Garden Native plants from Australia grow well in San Diego since both areas have similar climates.

Botanical Building The view of the Botanical Building with the Lily Pond in the foreground is one of the most photographed scenes in Balboa Park.

California Native Plant Garden The native plant garden is a small demonstration garden located at the west end of the tennis courts at Morley Field on Balboa Park's East Mesa.

Casa del Rey Moro Garden The Casa del Rey Moro garden (House of the Moorish King) was designed by Richard Requa for the 1935 California Pacific International Exposition.

Desert Garden The Desert Garden contains more than 1,300 plants, including succulents and drought-resistant plants from around the world.

Florida Canyon Native Plant Preserve This canyon gives the visitor a glimpse of the original landscape of Balboa Park.

Inez Grant Parker Memorial Rose Garden One of the most frequently visited gardens and a popular location for wedding ceremonies in the Park, the stunning Inez Grant Parker Memorial.

Japanese Friendship Garden The Garden originated as a teahouse during the 1915–16 Panama-California Exposition and now lies on two acres near the Spreckels.

Marston House Garden The Marston House Garden, a formal English Romantic-style garden with California influences, represents a slice of San Diego history.

Palm Canyon Palm Canyon is a tropical oasis, containing more than 450 palms (58 species) within its 2 acres.

San Diego Botanical Garden Foundation Since 1962 the San Diego Botanical Garden Foundation has been a gardening leadership organization and a home for member floral and garden groups.

San Diego Floral Association The oldest garden club in Southern California, the San Diego Floral Association hosts floral and horticultural shows.

San Diego Herpetological Society A non-profit organization dedicated to the study, appreciation and conservation of amphibians and reptiles.

San Diego Zoo Botanical Collection The San Diego Zoo Botanical Collection is an internationally prominent collection with more than 4,500 species of plants.

Trees for Health Garden This educational garden promotes a better understanding of the value and uses of medicinal plants.

Veterans Memorial Garden Located on a one-acre parcel of land in front of the Veterans Museum and Memorial Center.

WorldBeat Center's Children's Ethnobotany Garden The unique organic herb, fruit, and vegetable garden honors the memory of George Washington Carver.

Zoro Garden Zoro Garden--a sunken stone grotto garden that was designed as a nudist colony during the 1935 California-Pacific Exposition.

MUSEUMS AT BALBOA PARK

* Additional charges may apply

<p>Centro Cultural de la Raza A multidisciplinary cultural arts center dedicated to creating, promoting, preserving and educating about Chicano, Mexican, Indigenous and Latino art and culture.</p>	<p>San Diego Automotive Museum A nostalgic look at the icon of the 20th-century features more than 80 historic autos and motorcycles. Includes Frank Sinatra's 1967 Austin Petrol Hire Car and Louie Mattar's Fabulous \$75,000 Car.</p>
<p>Japanese Friendship Garden The Garden originated as a teahouse during the 1915–16 Panama-California Exposition and now lies on two acres near the Spreckels Organ Pavilion.</p>	<p>San Diego Hall of Champions Sports Museum The nation's largest multi-sport museum boasts memorabilia reflecting San Diego's sporting legacy.</p>
<p>Marston House This classic 1905 Arts and Crafts style museum home was built for noted civic leader and merchant, George W. Marston and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.</p>	<p>San Diego Model Railroad Museum At 28,000 square feet, the museum is the world's largest operating model railroad museum.</p>
<p>Mingei International Museum Dedicated to art of the people (<i>mingei</i>) from all eras and cultures of the world, Mingei International Museum features dynamic, changing exhibitions of historical and contemporary folk art, craft and design.</p>	<p>San Diego Museum of Art As the region's oldest and largest art museum, the San Diego Museum of Art's renowned holdings include a fine selection of European old masters, 19th and 20th century American art, an encyclopedic Asian collection, and growing collections of contemporary and Latin American art.</p>
<p>Museum of Photographic Arts One of the few institutions in the country devoted to the photographic arts, the Museum of Photographic Arts houses more than 4,000 works, representing the entire history of photography, its aesthetic movements, and technological advancements.</p>	<p>San Diego Museum of Man Located beneath the ornate 200-foot California Tower, the San Diego Museum of Man is the city's only museum devoted to anthropology.</p>
<p>Museum of San Diego History The museum showcases the region's unique, colorful, and diverse history exhibiting artifacts, costumes, textiles, art, and photographs detailing life and development of the local area.</p>	<p>San Diego Natural History Museum Founded by a handful of citizen-naturalists in 1874, the museum is an active research institution and is the second oldest scientific institution in Southern California.</p>
<p>Reuben H. Fleet Science Center The Fleet is home to Southern California's only IMAX® Dome Theater and 100+ hands-on science exhibits for all ages.</p>	<p>San Diego Zoo Home to more than 4,000 rare and endangered animals representing more than 800 species and subspecies, the San Diego Zoo is a world famous conservation organization where visitors view exotic animals in habitat environments.</p>

<p>San Diego Air & Space Museum The Air & Space Museum covers five centuries of aviation history, demonstrating the remarkable progress of manned flight with more than 60 aircraft and space vehicles on display.</p>	<p>Timken Museum of Art Considered one of the finest small museums in the United States, the Timken houses the world-class Putnam Foundation Collection of European old master paintings, American paintings, and Russian icons.</p>
<p>San Diego Art Institute (SDAI): Museum of the Living Artist A new exhibition of works by San Diego artists opens every four to six weeks in this 10,000-square-foot gallery, dedicated to the advancement of the visual arts through outreach, education, and exhibition.</p>	<p>Veterans Museum & Memorial Center Located in the historic Old Navy Chapel, the museum preserves and honors the memory of men and women of the Armed Forces, Coast Guard, and Wartime Merchant Marine.</p>
	<p>WorldBeat Center Housed in a colorfully painted former water tower, WorldBeat Center opened in Balboa Park in 1996.</p>