

National City

NATIONAL CITY DEPOT *Nationally Registered Historic Place
 Frank Kimball was responsible for building the historic National City Depot, a terminal for the Santa Fe Railroad. Kimball worked hard for 10 years, in hopes of persuading the railroad company to extend their lines to the county, knowing that a shipping link connecting the western coast to the rest of the country would be a tremendous financial value. The station featured a ticket office and freight section, and located upstairs were the offices for Santa Fe's West Coast Operations.
922 W. 23rd Street, National City • 619-474-4400

RAILCAR PLAZA
 The railcar plaza played an instrumental role in National City. It was the first commuter-type train in the area, made for passengers. It ran from National City to San Diego, out to the dam, down to Chula Vista, and over the Silver Strand to Hotel del Coronado. It was owned by the San Diego Land & Town Company, a real estate branch of the Santa Fe Railroad. Their purpose was to develop property given to the Santa Fe Railroad from the Kimball family.
840 West 24th Street, National City

STEIN FAMILY FARM
 Learn about National City's history of farming, transportation, composting and more! Established in the 1900s, this antique, family-run farm is a great place for adults and children to visit. Visitors are encouraged to take part in preserving the property by helping to farm the land and take care of its many animals.
1808 F. Avenue, National City • 619-477-4113

GRANGER MUSIC HALL
 Weave through the historic music hall of Ralph Granger, a Coronadan with a strong passion for music. Lacking the space for his large collection of instruments, he hired Irving Gill to build him a private music hall near his home. When it was originally built, its size was 19x36 feet, but two years later, a 30x100 foot recital hall was built. Sound in the music hall is perfect, never a need for speakers.
1615 E. 4th Street, National City

BRICK ROW / KIMBALL HOUSE MUSEUM
 *Nationally Registered Historic Place
 Soak up National City's history by visiting Brick Row and the Kimball House Museum, which are located on the same block. Brick Row is a stretch of 10 connected homes originally designed by R.C. Ball and constructed by Frank Kimball. Made for railroad executives from the East Coast, each unit contains a kitchen, dining room with a fireplace, a private backyard, butler's pantry and 4 bedrooms. Built in 1868, the Kimball House is the Italianate-style house of National City's founder and developer, Frank Kimball. It was the first home in the South Bay area that included indoor plumbing and 3,000 bricks from San Francisco that were used to build the chimney.
Kimball House Museum • 932 A Avenue, National City
Brick Row • 909 A Avenue, National City

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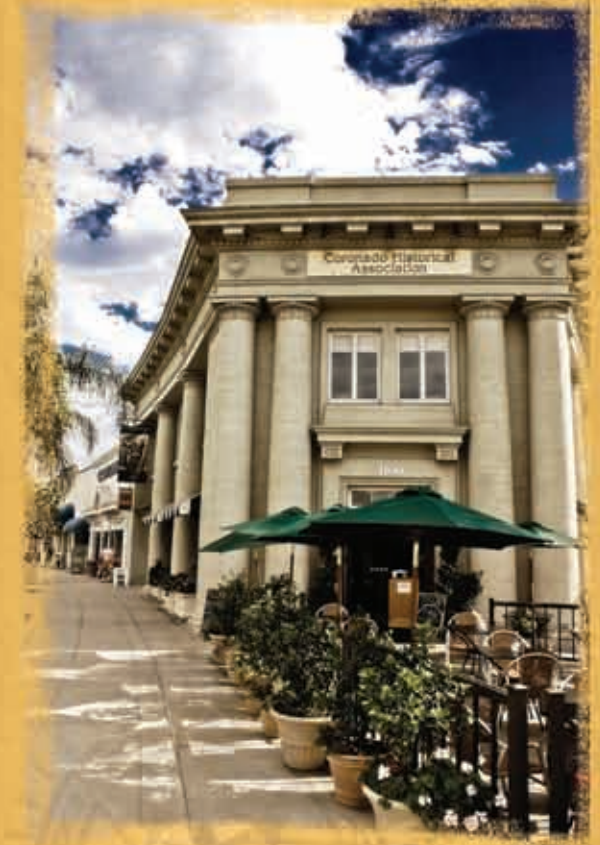


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Explore South County's Historic Heritage



Five Historic Cities to Visit

**CORONADO • IMPERIAL BEACH
 SAN YSIDRO • CHULA VISTA
 NATIONAL CITY**



YOUR HISTORIC DESTINATIONS:

- A. Coronado Ferry Landing
- B. Coronado Village Theater
- C. Coronado Historical Association Museum of History and Art
- D. Hotel del Coronado *
- E. Glorietta Bay Inn
- F. Coronado Boathouse 1887
- G. Imperial Beach Outdoor Surfboard Museum
- H. Imperial Beach Pier
- I. Monument Mesa in Border Field State Park
- J. Hardware and Grocery Store
- K. San Ysidro Public Library
- L. Iglesia Torre Fuerte
- M. Plaza el Toreador
- N. Chula Vista Historic District
- O. Chula Vista Heritage Museum
- P. Bonita Museum & Cultural Center
- Q. National City Depot *
- R. Railcar Plaza
- S. Stein Family Farm
- T. Granger Music Hall
- U. Brick Row / Kimball House Museum *

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PLACES TO VISIT:

Coronado

A CORONADO FERRY LANDING

The Coronado Ferry Landing, with its shops, restaurants and stunning views, is the spot where ferries have docked and delivered passengers for more than 125 years. It's the perfect place to begin your South County Historic Driving tour. The vintage ferry ticket booth, in nearby Centennial Park, is a reminder of the days when access to Coronado was almost exclusively by water.

Coronadoferrylandingshops.com

1201 First Street at B Avenue, Coronado • 619-435-8895

B CORONADO VILLAGE THEATER

Relax by watching a first-run movie in this 1947 movie house in downtown Coronado. The theater just celebrated its grand re-opening in June 2011, after being closed for more than ten years. Enjoy the artistic beauty, inside and out, of this one-of-a-kind historic cinema.

820 Orange Avenue, Coronado • 619-437-6161

C CORONADO HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND ART

Come and explore Coronado's unique heritage in this 1911 landmark building. Not only will you learn how the Spanish came to discover this small island, you will find out all about its diverse range of historic homes built with Tudor, English Revival, Spanish Colonial Revival, Craftsman, Victorian and Neoclassical influences. Be sure to check out the Visitor Center where you can find many maps and tour guides.

Coronadohistory.org • CoronadoVisitorCenter.com

1100 Orange Avenue, Coronado • 619-435-7242

D HOTEL DEL CORONADO *National Historic Landmark

Step inside one of the most elegant hotels in California that has accommodated presidents, actors, actresses and many more public figures from around the world. This hotel is known for its rich history, its legends, its Hollywood fame and its spooky visitors. It also happens to be the first building with electricity west of the Mississippi River. Here, you will experience the architectural beauty that was built in 1888 all while relaxing under the sun on its famous white sand beaches.

Hoteldel.com

1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado • 619-435-6611

E GLORIETTA BAY INN

Take a stroll to the Italian Renaissance mansion of John D. Spreckels, who is one of San Diego's most celebrated industrialists. His most notable business adventures include the Hotel del Coronado and the San Diego and Arizona Railway. Built in 1906, his dream home is known today for its remarkable views of Glorietta Bay and its award-winning amenities.

Gloriettabayinn.com

1630 Glorietta Blvd., Coronado • 619-435-3101

F CORONADO BOATHOUSE 1887 * Historic Landmark

Enjoy delicious steaks or seafood in this 1887 waterfront restaurant located across the street from the Hotel del Coronado. Like the Hotel del Coronado, the Reid brothers designed this building so it boasts some of the same architectural features.

Coronado-boathouse.com

1701 Strand Way, Coronado • 619-435-0155

Imperial Beach

G IMPERIAL BEACH OUTDOOR SURFBOARD MUSEUM

This outdoor museum commemorates Imperial Beach's surfing history. The museum honors 25 prominent shapers including nine local shapers, and the surfboards represent a span from ancient time to 1985. The lineup begins at 3rd Street and ends at Seacoast Drive, where you will be at the beach ready to surf the waves.

Located on Palm Avenue between Seacoast Drive and Third Street

H IMPERIAL BEACH PIER

The original pier was built in 1909 at 500 feet long and lasted until 1949 when storms brought it down. A new 1,200-foot pier opened in 1963, but as fate would have it, the pier was destroyed in the 1980s from bad weather and a concession that caught fire. The current pier was opened in 1989 and it stands today as the southernmost pier in California that extends 1,491 feet out into the Pacific Ocean.

10 Evergreen, on Seacoast Drive between Evergreen Avenue and Elder Avenue

San Ysidro

I MONUMENT MESA IN BORDER FIELD STATE PARK

Sitting high on a bluff on the border of the United States and Mexico is Monument Mesa. Out of 258 monuments along the border, Monument Mesa is designated as the first place where the U.S. and Mexico decided the border should be. Picnic tables and scenic views of the coast make it a perfect destination for the family.

1500 Monument Road, San Diego, 92154 • 619-575-3613

J HARDWARE AND GROCERY STORE

This building used to be known as San Ysidro Commercial Company. Built in 1929, it was designed by Louis J. Gill and owned and operated by R.W. Smith, a local San Diego businessman.

147 West San Ysidro Boulevard, San Ysidro

K SAN YSIDRO PUBLIC LIBRARY

San Ysidro's public library was built in 1924 in Little Lander's Park. It was constructed with a \$7,000 donation by Frank Beyer. Mr. Beyer was a mining engineer, a partner in the Southern California Jockey Club and a philanthropist. The construction of the library was just one from his many contributions to San Ysidro and it remains today as one of San Diego's smallest branch libraries.

101 W. San Ysidro Blvd., San Ysidro • 619-424-0475

L IGLESIA TORRE FUERTE

In 1927, Frank Beyer donated the land on which San Ysidro's first Catholic Church was built. Mr. Beyer also donated \$1,000 for the church's construction fund. The church was built by contractor W.B. Settle and was named Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

114 West Hall Avenue, San Ysidro

M PLAZA EL TOREADOR

El Toreador Motel was built in San Ysidro in 1947 by a Portuguese contractor. This Spanish-style motel has been a stopping place for many celebrities including Buster Keaton, John Wayne, and Jay Silverheels. Many elite travelers from Mexico and the U.S. stayed in the motel because of its proximity to Casino Agua Caliente in Tijuana. El Toreador owes its name to the Spanish word torero, which means bullfighter. It is believed the toreros who stayed at the motel prayed before each bullfight at the grotto where there is an altar to the Virgin Mary.

601 E. San Ysidro Blvd., San Ysidro

Chula Vista

N CHULA VISTA HISTORIC DISTRICT

Make time to tour around the city of Chula Vista. In the downtown district, take the "Walk of History" tour through the historic heart of Chula Vista. The tour is marked with 12 pedestals to guide you through the history of the city. Victorian houses and historic buildings can be found on the surrounding streets.

Historichomesofchulavista.com

Located between H Street and E Street on Third Avenue in Chula Vista

O CHULA VISTA HERITAGE MUSEUM

Experience what life was like in Chula Vista by visiting the city's Heritage Museum. It has many historical exhibits, artifacts and photos that chronicle the settlement and development of Chula Vista, including historic homes and buildings, daily life, community events, famous individuals and the city's citrus and aircraft industry. In addition, as you walk out the museum's front door, you will spot a drop hammer by Rohr Aircraft, the world's largest manufacturing subcontractor of jet-related components and Chula Vista's largest employer for decades, which contributed greatly to the growth of the city.

360 Third Avenue, Chula Vista • 619-427-8092

P BONITA MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTER

Established as a Bonifest community function in 1987, Bonita Museum is the perfect place to learn about the history of the Sweetwater Valley. Known for its changing cultural exhibits and events, visitors will relive Bonita's past by viewing many historical artifacts, including relics from Native Americans who inhabited the area as well as a fossil footprint of the infamous Proctor Valley Monster.

Bonitamuseum.org

4355 Bonita Road, Bonita • 619-267-5141