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Prince Harry of Wales is having a grand old time in the American Southwest.



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Seen in San Diego: Prince Harry leaves the city's Andaz Hotel. Harry and his entourage spent the

The party-loving prince has found plenty of diversions in [San Diego County](#), despite being a two-hour drive from where he has been in helicopter training at Naval Air Facility [El Centro](#) in Southern California and [Gila Bend](#) Air Force Auxiliary Field in Arizona.

According to local and London press reports, Harry, 27, went drinking in a beach bar, ate pizza in a desert restaurant, watched a rugby match in a hotel bar, turned impromptu wedding photographer in an Irish pub, paid for rounds of vodka and might have charmed a cocktail waitress in a bar.

He even chivalrously handed a towel to a young woman who was thrown fully clothed into a pool near his bar stool in a poolside cabana.

If it sounds as if the third in line to the British throne is spending a lot of time off in bars and restaurants, that's because there's not much else to do on weekends in [Imperial County, Calif.](#), and western [Maricopa County, Ariz.](#), which are big but mostly unpopulated and thus perfect for aviation training.

Capt. Harry Wales, as he is known, is here with other members of the [British Army Air Corps](#) for 10 weeks of training in flying Apache helicopters in the desert. London papers reported he's at the top of his training

class, which could be helpful to his goal of being redeployed to duty in Afghanistan.

But in the meantime, Harry is finding what fun he can in the USA. Now that he has broken up with a longtime girlfriend, he's free to roam, though he has been wearing a baseball cap to cover his carrot-top hair.

Some of his recent haunts, according to the celebrity media tracking his moves:

Oct. 7: Harry arrives at El Centro and almost immediately heads to the Navy island town of **Coronado** in **San Diego** Bay, where he and his mates and bodyguard turn up at **McP's Irish Pub & Grill**, a Navy hangout owned by a former Navy SEAL. They dine on burgers and beer, and while there, Harry obligingly grabs a camera and takes pictures of a couple who happened to be in the bar for their wedding rehearsal.

Later, the prince's party moves to the **Andaz Hotel** across the bay in **downtown San Diego**, where they settle in a secure area of the **Ivy** nightclub and then watch the **Rugby World Cup** from a cabana at the side of the rooftop pool. When a local, Lindsay Swagerty, is thrown into the pool by her friends, Harry notices her shivering and hands her a towel, according to *People*.

Harry also meets tattooed cocktail waitress Jessica Donaldson, 26, at the Ivy, who says Harry paid for two rounds of vodka cocktails at about \$525 per table, according to *The Sun* and other British tabloids.

Harry and his party stay until 2 a.m., and he makes plans to meet Donaldson and one of her friends for brunch the next day.

Oct. 8: Harry and friends meet the two women at the beachside cafe **Pipes in Cardiff-by-the-Sea**, one of the beach towns north of the city in San Diego County. (Incidentally, Cardiff is the capital of Wales.)

"We hung out, had breakfast, talked, and I thought how cool it was to be with an English prince," Donaldson told *The Daily Mail*. "Then we went to a Mexican restaurant and drank cocktails in the sun. Harry was joking about the weather and how much better it was than in England."

Oct. 15: The following weekend, Harry and a party of 10 friends, including Donaldson, are spotted drinking and dancing to a live jazz band at the **Belly Up Tavern in Solano Beach**, another beach town north of the city in San Diego County. There, Harry is snapped in a position that makes him look as if he is kissing Donaldson in the VIP balcony, a photo that ends up on the Internet and sparks more sensational reports.

Donaldson, who lives with her boyfriend, told *The Mail* that the prince had been "a total gentleman." She said, "Harry is so sweet. He was kind of goofy with me. I really like him, but I have a boyfriend."

Weekend of Oct. 15-16: Harry finds time to visit the **Marine Corps Exchange** at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD) in **San Diego** near the airport, where he picks up a pair of Vibram FiveFingers, those running shoes with toes that are supposed to mimic running barefoot, *The Mail* reports.

Harry pays about \$125 for the pair. The [U.S. Army](#) recently banned soldiers from wearing the shoes, saying they're bad for the Army image. But apparently they're OK in the U.S. Marine Corps and the British Army.

Nov. 4-7: The Brits move to the Gila Bend base for the last weeks of their training. On Nov. 4, Harry and about 30 of his mates drop into the **Little Italia Restaurant** in Gila Bend, where they ordered meat-lovers' pizza with pepperoni, bacon and sausage, owner Antonino Buccellato said.

Still to come: Las Vegas?

It's the popular playground for the British Army trainees in El Centro, 230 miles away, so rumors that Harry would pay a visit have been flying in [Sin City](#) for weeks. But so far, no one has seen him.