

San Diego Magazine's

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The top 25 things to do
in San Diego each month!



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January 1: Resolution Day Party

For San Diego revelers who just can't stop partying like it's 2011, this New Year's Day poolside fête offers nine hours of fun and frolicking, courtesy of Fortune Industries, on the Andaz rooftop.

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January 1 & 2: San Diego Tango Festival

We all know it takes two to tango—in this case, two days in January to round out this tango festival "by dancers, for dancers." Not for the beginner, this four-day festival over the New Year's weekend (commencing December 30) features intermediate and advanced classes, workshops, deejays, musicians and more, at the Kona Kai Resort on Shelter Island. [More details »](#)

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January 1 & 2: San Diego International Auto Show

If all you wanted for Christmas was on four hot wheels, this is the place for you. Hundreds of the hottest new, classic and exotic automobiles are on display at the San Diego Convention Center. Highlights of this year's show, "Where the Cars Are the Stars," include a salute to classic VW Bugs and a showcase of five decades of Ford Mustangs. [More details »](#)

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January 1 & 2: Skating by the Sea

It's your last chance of the season to lace up your skates and partake in seaside ice-capades at the Hotel del Coronado. [More details »](#)

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January 4-9: *West Side Story*

More than half a century since the Jets and the Sharks first battled it out on the stage, this classic American musical hits the San Diego Civic Theatre with its memorable medley of song, dance, drama and romance. [More details »](#)

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January 6: Toys for TJ Tots

Santa didn't skip over Tijuana's littlest residents; his generosity just comes a little bit later in the season—on the Day of the Wise Men-- when this local organization hosts a fund-raiser to collect toys and other donations for children of two Tijuana orphanages and a trash site that families call home. [More details »](#)

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January 8: Ray at Night

Spend the second Saturday of the new year (and every month in 2011) enjoying the arts and entertainment of the North Park neighborhood at this evening gallery walk. Boutiques, galleries and other area businesses keep their doors open late to offer refreshments, entertainment, shopping and artwork admiration. [More details »](#)

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January 9: Resolution Run

After all the eating, drinking and merrymaking you did over the holiday season, it's time to get your body back in gear. This 5K/15K run around Fiesta Island encourages fitness and raises funds for eco-friendly charities. [More details »](#)

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January 11 & 12: 30 Seconds to Mars

There are those 30-something females who remember Jared Leto as the swoon-worthy Jordan Catalano in *My So-Called Life*, and there are those who know him solely as the sultry lead singer of this musical sensation. [More details »](#)

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January 13: Coming of Age Film Festival: *The World's Fastest Indian*

San Diego's Film Festival on Aging offers a free glimpse into the hopes, dreams and ambition of an aging adventure-seeker. This heartwarming 2005 true-life film, starring Anthony Hopkins as New Zealand motorcycle enthusiast Burt Munro, screens at the Museum of Photographic Arts. [More details »](#)

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January 15: San Diego Multicultural Festival

Cultures come together in celebration at this 13th annual free, family-friendly festival, featuring food, entertainment and an educational Global Village, along the Martin Luther King Jr. [More](#)

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January 16: San Diego Derby Dolls

The lovely ladies of roller derby show off their strength, skill and sporty sense of humor on a banked track at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. [More details »](#)

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January 16: Festa Italiana

Classical music lovers are invited to take a trip through Italy with Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart during this fund-raiser for Mainly Mozart. The evening at downtown's Westgate Hotel depicts Mozart's 18th-century journeys through Italy with music, auctions and a gourmet Italian feast in Le Fontainebleu Ristorante. [More details »](#)

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January 16-21: San Diego Restaurant Week

San Diego foodies rejoice as Restaurant Week returns for its twice-yearly display of the county's delicious culinary diversity at discount prices. With more than 180 local restaurants offering three-course meals for \$20, \$30 or \$40 per person, there's something on the menu for everyone. [More details »](#)

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January 21: Zandra Rhodes Fashion Show

Glamour gods and goddesses head to Mingei International Museum for this evening of high fashion, featuring the historic and current designs of Zandra Rhodes, food and drink, fabulous auction items and fund-raising for the Mingei's current and future exhibitions. [More details »](#)

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January 21-23: Del Mar Antique Show

After more than half a century, this popular antique show at the fairgrounds continues to remind us that one person's trash is another person's treasure, as hundreds of antique dealers, appraisers, restorers and repairers gather to find, fix and maybe make a fortune off diamonds in the rough. [More details »](#)

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January 21: Chef's Market Dinner

Mission Hills culinary hot spot The Red Door Restaurant & Wine Bar invites food-and-wine lovers to experience fine dining through a chef's eyes during this intimate four-course dinner and market walk event. Guests shop the Mission Hills farmers' market alongside executive chef Brian Johnston and learn how to select—and then use—the season's freshest ingredients. [More details »](#)

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January 21-23: *Goodbye Memories*

Local playwright Anita Yellin Simons sheds new light on one of history's most beloved--and tragic--writers, Anne Frank, in this production by J*Company Youth Theatre. Performed in collaboration with the San Diego Jewish Academy, the show captures the storyteller's life before Frank and her family went into hiding. [More details »](#)

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January 22: Big Bay Whale Days

The sea-loving businesses along San Diego Bay offer guests a whale of a good time at this free, family-friendly festival, featuring discounts on food, services and attractions—including dolphin- and whale-watching harbor excursions, free for kids under 12—as well as entertainment, interactive exhibits, kids' activities and a "Concert for Whales" featuring Eve Selis. [More details »](#)

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January 23: New Shanghai Circus

Prepare to be amazed by the acrobatic aptitude of Shanghai's performance athletes, who bring more than 2,000 years of Chinese circus history to the stage at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. [More details »](#)

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January 25: Crafty Conspiracy Craft Night

The San Diego North Park Craft Mafia invites crafty types to gather for a casual night of creative inspiration at this free monthly event at the Velvet Klaw Studio in the NTC Promenade at Liberty Station. Bring your current artistic endeavor and work alongside like-minded craft makers. [More details »](#)

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January 27: Carlsbad Thursdays on the Coast

Art lovers cruise the coastal streets of quaint Carlsbad Village on the fourth Thursday evening of every month during this free, self-guided art walk, featuring food, music, the works of area artists and the wares of local merchants. [More details »](#)

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January 27-30: San Diego Black Film Festival

The San Diego Black Film Foundation continues its "Spotlight on African-American and African Diaspora Cinema" as one of the larger black film festivals in the country features screenings, receptions, panel discussions, celebrity and filmmaker meet-and-greet events, a Shaft Superfly Party at the festival's Club Noir and a new, family-friendly SDBFF Expo. [More details »](#)

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January 28: People to Watch Party

Mix and mingle with the hottest up-and-coming San Diegans at this always-anticipated party of the year! Hosted by *San Diego Magazine* at Fluxx nightclub, the event features hosted feast and merriment with the year's "People to Watch." [More details »](#)

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January 28: Thank Globe It's Friday

The Old Globe Theatre invites theatergoers to mix and mingle over hosted martinis, wine, hors d'oeuvres and dessert at this pre-show party. This month's events precede the performances of *Jane Austen's Emma and Death of a Salesman*. [More details »](#)