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San Diego : Luxe Travel



With CES coming up, it's time to take a break and charge-up for 4 days on our feet, very little food, and tons of alcohol. It's a tough job but....

We're headed two hours south from LA - to San Diego . The city has a rep as a family vaca spot (hello, theme parks like Sea World) but we discovered a way to make it a luxury weekend va-ca.

We're staying at the new boutique **Andaz hotel**, located downtown in the historic Gaslamp Quarter, where they greet you with a complimentary drink during check-in.

With only 159 guest rooms (including 13 suites) it's understated luxury with fabulous service. You can spend the entire two days there, at the **Ivy wine bar** with 88 wines by the glass or enjoying the view from the Ivy Rooftop and Lounge, which features the requisite cabanas and fabulous cocktails. There's even a multi-levelled nightclub with DJ's, dancing and Quarter kitchen, their signature restaurant, will soon be converted to a Katsuya, which is just another excuse to go back.



Should you want to venture out from your hotel-home, we're in love with the **GOGA boutique**, owned by Project Runway contestant Gordana which features her unique designs and sourced-jewelry, most from local artisans. 401 Market Street ; (619) 564-7660.

For a truly French meal, we treated ourselves to **Bertrand's at Mister A's**, which Gayot voted as one of the Top 10 Penthouse Restaurants in the United States. 2550 Fifth Avenue, 12th Floor; (619)239-1377. It was the best food we've had since, well, Paris.



And there wasn't a whale in sight the entire trip.