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## October Guide to San Diego Hotels

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The image shows a YouTube video player interface. The main video frame displays a woman in a dark top standing in front of a large, illuminated mural of a jungle scene with a tiger and birds. The video title is "October Guide to San Diego Hotels - SanDiego.com". The video player controls at the bottom show a play button, a progress bar at 0:00 / 3:07, and the YouTube logo. To the right of the video player is a vertical sidebar containing four small image thumbnails: the top one is a play button, the second shows a woman in a yellow hat, the third shows a street scene with a church spire, and the bottom one shows an interior view of a hotel lobby.

The fall season is finally upon us. October is a prolific month for fall festivities. Halloween, Oktoberfest, Breast Cancer Awareness and the inception of football season all lay claims to this month. Here's a list of some of San Diego's best hotels and the events they have going on throughout October.

**Balboa Park Inn**  
**3402 Park Boulevard**  
**San Diego, CA 92103**  
**(619) 298-0823**

Balboa Park is summoning revelers and history buffs to partake in the Museum of Man's Oktoberfest Tower After Hours. All things German - dance, food and brewskis - will be on tap October 27<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. till 8 p.m. Museum CEO, Micah Parzen, describes the festivities in the above video. Coming into town for the event? Balboa Park Inn located across the street from the 1,200 acre playground, offers 26 themed rooms. Originally built in 1915 for the exposition, the historical icon has stood the test of time and thrived. Check it out in the video. Book a few nights so you can participate in the park's Halloween Family Day on October 29<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. till 3 p.m. Children 12 and under enter a dozen museums for free. Air and Space Museum hosts the Great Pumpkin Parachute Drop and Critter Cavern spooks the kids at the Natural History Museum. (Room rates start at \$99 per night. Oktoberfest Tower After Hours admission: \$10 museum members, \$15 students & military, and \$20 non-museum members.)

**Hard Rock Hotel San Diego**  
**207 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue**  
**San Diego, CA 92101**  
**(619) 702-3000**

For 25 years October has been deemed Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The worthy cause has raised millions of dollars to help fund research that will eradicate this insidious disease. Hard Rock Hotel has joined forces in fund raising with their "Pinktober" campaign. Television personality, Kelly Osbourne, helped kick off the event by flipping a huge switch lighting up a gigantic pink ribbon to shine on the hotel's façade all month long. This is Hard Rock's 12<sup>th</sup> year in helping to save the tatas. Select guestrooms are outfitted in ribbon insignia pink sheets, with 25% of the proceeds from the room rate being donated. Hotel nightclubs and restaurants are serving pink cocktails and the gift shop is selling pink merchandise, all proceeds being contributed. (Room rates start at \$229 per night.)

**Hilton San Diego Resort & Spa**  
**1775 East Mission Bay Drive**  
**San Diego, CA 92109**  
**(619) 276-4010**

Are you ready for some football? Hank Williams, Jr. may have been silenced, but not the Hilton San Diego. Through October 30<sup>th</sup> locals can tune in at Fresco's outdoor pool bar overlooking Mission Bay for Sunday games. The Bloody Mary Bar allows fans to create their own concoction. Enter to win a \$50 Fresco gift certificate to keep the vodka infused drinks flowing. Private Cabana rentals are 50% off for those who want to recline on a cushioned chaise and watch the game on personal flat screen TVs. Guestrooms are 50% off for pigskin devotees who don't want the fun to end. (Room rates start at \$219 per night.)

**Hyatt Regency Mission Bay Spa & Marina**

**1441 Quivira Road  
San Diego, CA 92109  
(619) 224-1234**

SeaWorld San Diego's Halloween Spooktacular thrills young and old alike. Children 12 and under are encouraged to come in costume. Clyde and Seamore's Spooky Adventure features zombie trainers and Sesame Street's Count Von Count will take the stage for a Halloween musical show. Trick-or-treat throughout the park and grab ghoulish goodies or stroll Candy Garden and Penelope's Pumpkinfish Patch. An enchanting underwater Halloween Fantasea rounds out the event. Tired tykes won't want a long ride home after a day of hanging with ghosts and goblins, so book a room at Hyatt Mission Bay within walking distance of the Halloween wonderland. (Room rates start at \$169 per night. Seaworld admission: Through October 31<sup>st</sup> save \$20 on adult ticket and \$12 on child's ticket.)

**Holiday Inn San Diego (La Mesa)**

**8000 Parkway Drive  
La Mesa, CA 91942  
(619) 698-7747**

The Boulevard Boo! Parade and Carnival is San Diego's only Halloween themed procession. On the radar since 2005, it's quickly drawing larger and larger crowds. Big black cat floats, candy corn clad dancers and over 100 other participants march El Cajon Boulevard from 59<sup>th</sup> Street to the Rolando Village near San Diego State University. The parade begins at 10 a.m. with thousands lining the street. Afterwards the Carnival starts at Clay Park, one block off the main drag, with hours of trick-or-treating, a Haunted Pumpkin Patch, and Pumpkin Bowling. Enter one of the costume contest for kids and canines, or Marie Callender's Pie-Eating challenge...the beer garden may egg on the needed bravado. All fun culminates with tunes from Lost Coyotes and Bousso African Dance and Drum Ensemble. Those staying at the Holiday Inn La Mesa one mile from the action, can take the party to the hotels Mesa Grill Lounge. Five dollars worth of libations come with free burgers, fries or buffalo wings. Kids eat free. (Room rates start at \$93 per night.)

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