IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE ARTS

PORT of SAN DIEGO Experiences

SIX SELF-GUIDED ART TOURS AROUND SAN DIEGO BAY
The public art around the Port of San Diego’s waterfront offers a singular experience, unique to each person who happens by. From monumental to intimate pieces... traditional bronze sculptures, vibrant murals, fountains, kinetic artworks, light projections, sound art, and conceptual artworks – we invite you to immerse yourself in the arts at the Port of San Diego.

The following pages offer a small sampling of our collection in a series of self-guided tours that will allow you to visit each of our member cities and experience the waterfront from a unique, artistic perspective. Mapped out with walking distances, the tours include: San Diego’s Shelter Island and North Embarcadero; National City Marina District; Chula Vista Bayfront; Imperial Beach Oceanfront; and Coronado Bayside.

We hope you enjoy the artwork included in the tours as well as the many other artworks the Port of San Diego has to offer.

Parks & Recreation
BETWEEN BAY & SKY
Kim Emerson
mosaic tile benches & fountain
1400 Tidelands Avenue
2003

ARBOR URBANUS METALLICUS
James T. Frost
steel sculpture
1400 Tidelands Avenue
2015

1887 RAILWAY PASSENGER CAR
Lichtenhop
vintage railroad restoration
National City Historic Railcar Plaza
2005

CERAMIC TILE ARTWORK
Marlo Bartels
ceramic tiles
National City Historic Railcar Plaza
2000

HELICOID III
Robert Pietruszewski
aluminum kinetic sculpture
Pier 32 Marina
2008

LE BATEAU IVRE
Alber de Mattels
steel with rust patina
Pier 32 Marina
2009

SCHOOL OF BLUE BOTTLENOSES
David Boyer
steel & glass kinetic sculpture
Pier 32 Marina
2009

SEA DRAGON
Deana Mando
steel and fiberglass sculpture
Pepper Park
2007

WORKING WATERFRONT
DAAS
mural, acrylic paint
National Distribution Center
2020
The Port of San Diego’s Parks & Recreation department is focused on creating a vibrant destination with innovative public art, cultural programming, and activation opportunities that enhance the visual excitement and cultural richness of our waterfront. With a permanent outdoor collection of over 70 artworks, combined with more than 30 tenant-commissioned artworks, and a dynamic curatorial plan focused on contemporary exhibitions, there is something for everyone around San Diego Bay. You can enjoy the many artworks on permanent display year-round and come back to see new temporary pop-up exhibitions.
The Port of San Diego serves the people of California as a specially created district, balancing multiple uses on 34 miles along San Diego Bay spanning five cities. The Port champions Maritime, Waterfront Development, Public Safety, Experiences and Environment, all focused on enriching the relationship people and businesses have with our dynamic waterfront. From cargo and cruise terminals to hotels and restaurants, from marinas to museums, from 22 public parks to countless events, the Port contributes to the region’s prosperity and remarkable way of life on a daily basis. The Port of San Diego welcomes businesses, residents, and visitors from across the globe to enjoy and prosper from our dynamic waterfront. As a treasured destination, the Port provides unique opportunities to captivate visitors and ensure everyone is welcomed, connected, and inspired by our beautiful waterfront.

Did You Know?
The Port of San Diego is a financially self-sustaining public agency. Collecting no tax dollars, the Port manages a diverse portfolio to generate revenues that support vital public services and amenities.
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