



# San Diego

The Perfect Convention Destination



## SAN DIEGO CONVENTION CENTER

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PROUD TO HOST PCMA 2012 ANNUAL MEETING!

Known for our 70 miles of pristine beaches, laid-back lifestyle and near perfect weather, San Diego is the ideal place to come for inspiration during your next convention, conference or annual meeting. Our city is a gateway to international trade, business and commerce, making it a hotbed for creativity and innovation.

That's just one of the many reasons why the Professional Convention Management Association (PCMA) decided to bring more than 3,500 of the industry's leading association, corporate and independent meeting planners to the San Diego Convention Center in January 2012. Like PCMA, the San Diego Convention Center specializes in gathering together domestic and international visionaries to discuss the growing challenges of business and industry in one of the most beautiful bayside settings in North America.

Our award-winning facility is also a favorite among healthcare meeting planners. Recently the Healthcare Convention and Exhibitors Association (HCEA) ranked San Diego the #1 destination for healthcare meetings. The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS), that held its annual meeting in San Diego in 2011 and is one of the largest annual medical conventions, says the San Diego Convention Center has all of the right elements to help make their convention – or any other healthcare meeting – shine.

“The San Diego Convention Center has all the right elements – space, sleeping rooms, weather, dining, shopping, entertainment and convenient airport access,” says Susan McSorley, Director, Convention and Meeting Service at AAOS. “It also offers a unique experience with the Sails Pavilion. It brings the outside in. (If you're a meeting planner) take advantage of the bay views and hold a reception on one of the terraces. Our attendees really enjoy San Diego.”

With 525,701 square feet (sf) of contiguous exhibit space, 204,114 sf of overall meeting space, two 40,000 sf ballrooms, 72 meeting rooms, 184,514 sf of outdoor terrace space, and a 90,000 sf column-free Sails Pavillion, the San Diego Convention Center is ready host your next event by the sparkling San Diego Bay.



- 11,000 premier hotel rooms within 1.5 miles of the Center
- 3 miles from the airport
- 100 restaurants in the Gaslamp Quarter

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