

Figure 1: Venue and recommended hotel areas (left). Vacation rentals close to venue (right).

## FEW 2025 — Hotel Recommendations

Here are some options that may help you finding accommodation. We did not do any group bookings, as there were no good offers. Public transport in San Diego is somewhat limited (compared to European and Japanese standards), so we suggest three hotel areas (see Fig. 1) that are either in walking distance to the venue (Option 1) or can be reached relatively easily by bus (Options 2 and 3). If you are planning to rent a car (there are free parking spaces in front of the venue), you'll have more possibilities, such as [Downtown & Gaslamp Quarter](#) or [La Jolla](#), where the latter is nice but quite expensive. When looking for accommodation, note that hotel pages do not always show taxes/fees. In such cases the final price will be about 10-15 percent more. Note also that the specific price estimates we give below are taken directly from the hotel pages (for the time period of the workshop) and are typically the cheapest offer (i.e., often non-refundable). If you book via your favorite travel page, such as [booking.com](#), [AirBnB](#), [Vrbo](#), [home to go](#), or [hotels.com](#), you may get a better deal.

### Dates and Venue

The workshop will be held September 29 – October 3, 2025, at the [Mission Bay Women's Club](#), 840 Santa Clara Place, San Diego, CA 92109. The map in Fig. 1 (left) shows the venue location and the approximate locations of the hotel areas we recommend.

### Vacation Rentals Close to Venue

Apart from regular hotels, there's the option to rent a vacation house or apartment in walking distance to the venue (see Fig. 1; right). There are many choices, but those places are designed mostly for families or groups, and typically too expensive for a single person. However, they can be a great choice if you are willing to share accommodation with others. You may search using Google Maps, your favorite travel page, or local vacation rental companies. Here are some of the latter we could find on the internet:

- San Diego Vacation Rentals
- San Diego Sunset
- Mission Beach Villas
- Surf Style
- Penny Realty
- Mission Sands
- Bluewater

## Hotel Options 1: Pacific Beach (walking distance; typically expensive)

There are a number of hotels in [Pacific Beach](#) (a lively beach area), which are about 15–30 minutes walking distance north of the venue, and right at or very close to the ocean (see Fig. 2). However, those are all relatively expensive, in the range  $\approx \$200$ –\$400 per night. But again, they can be a great option if you can afford such a price or are willing to share a room with someone. Here are the most affordable options (around \$200–\$250 per night; some may have special offers):

- Pacific Shores Inn (2 star; 30 min walk)
- PB Surf Beachside Inn (2 star; 29 min)
- Beach Haven (2 star; 28 min)
- Pacific View Inn (2 star; 27 min)
- Surfer Beach Hotel (3 star; 16 min)

There are also three hostels in the area, in case that's an option for you. These are significantly cheaper (around \$50 for a bed in a multi-bed dorm) and offer also single rooms for around \$150–\$200, some with a shared bathroom. If you are interested in a single room, you may want to book soon, as the hostels do not seem to have many of them:

- California Dreams Hostel (26 min)
- ITH Pacific Beach Hostel (18 min)
- ITH Mission Beach Hostel (18 min)

Note that the last option (Mission Beach Hostel) is south of the venue, where there is not much going on (almost all shops, snack bars, restaurants, and bars are north of the venue).

There is also a nice hotel *right next* to the venue, the [Boardwalk Hotel](#). However, it's quite expensive (expect to pay close to \$300 per night), but it may be a great option as well, if you are willing to share a room or suite with someone.

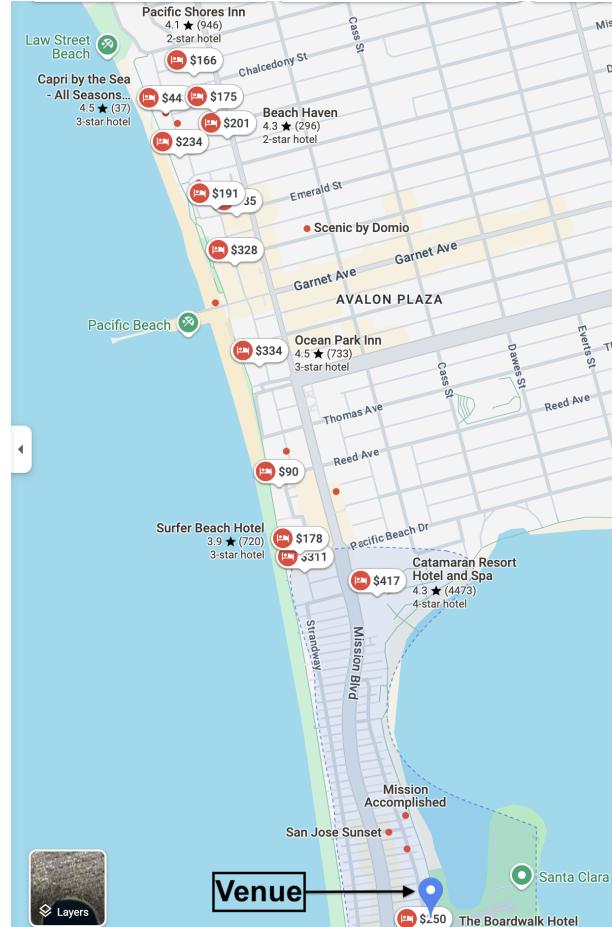


Figure 2: Hotels in Pacific Beach (Option 1 in Fig. 1)

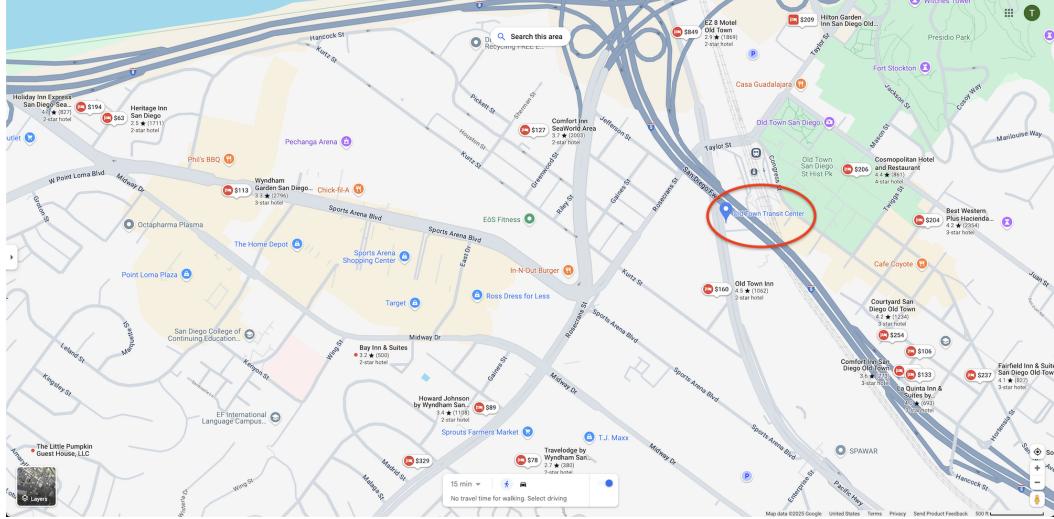


Figure 3: Hotels in the wider Old Town area (Option 2 in Fig. 1).

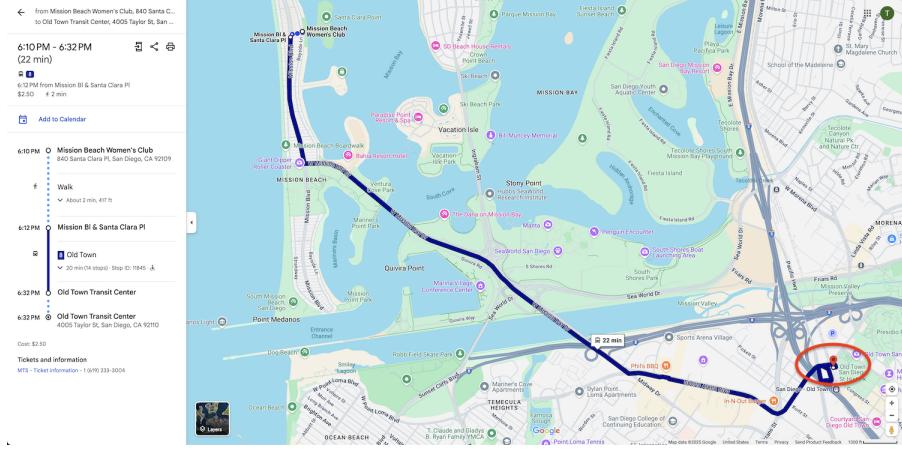


Figure 4: Bus connection Old Town Transit Center to venue.

## Hotel Options 2: Old Town (direct bus connection; less expensive)

The [Old Town](#) area (the historic district of San Diego) offers several hotels in walking distance to Old Town Transit center (see Fig. 3), which are partly cheaper than those at the beach. From the transit center you can take bus No. 8, which has a direct connection (20 min; \$2.50) to the venue and stops right in front of it (see Fig. 4). Here are some options (price estimates include taxes/fees; some rooms have two separate beds in case you consider sharing):

- [Western Inn](#) (2 star;  $\approx \$150$  per night; 30 min to venue)
- [Comfort Inn Old Town](#) (3 star;  $\approx \$135$ ; 32 min)
- [Best Western Plus Hacienda](#) (3 star;  $\approx \$230$ ; 27 min)
- [Hilton Garden Inn](#) (3 star;  $\approx \$240$ ; 26 min)
- [The Cosmopolitan](#) (4 star;  $\approx \$225$  \$; 24 min)

If you plan to stay here, we strongly recommend to book a hotel *east of* Highway I5, as the area right next to the highway on its western side is pretty shabby. You should only book a hotel there if you have a car that you can park at the hotel or very close to it.

There are also some options further west of the highway, in walking distance to Bus No. 8. These are typically in or close to mall areas (not the most attractive, but more safe):

- **Heritage Inn** (2 star;  $\approx \$100$ ; 15 min to venue)
- **Howard Johnson Seaworld** (2 star;  $\approx \$140$ ; 24 min)
- **Wyndham Garden** (3 star;  $\approx \$170$ ; 12 min)

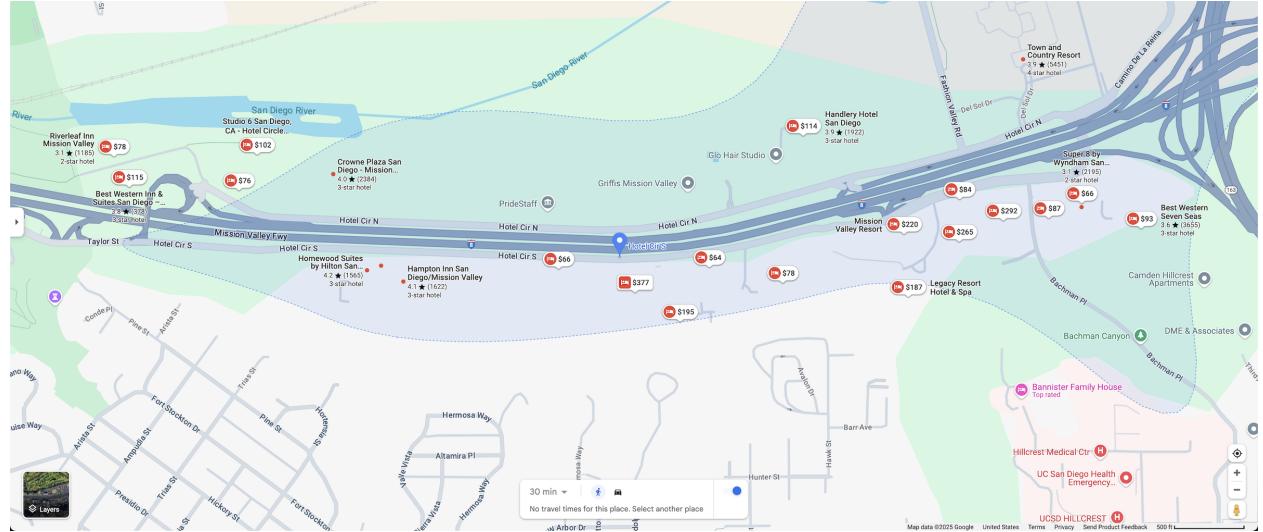


Figure 5: Hotels in the “Hotel Circle” area (Option 3 in Fig. 1).

### Hotel Options 3: Hotel Circle (most affordable; longer commute or car)

The [Hotel Circle](#) area in [Mission Valley](#) offers a selection of hotels at reasonable prices, starting at about \$110. However, getting to the venue via public transport takes about 30–45 minutes one way (depending on your exact location) and you have to take two buses, Nos. 88 and 8 (which means that you have to buy a ticket at each bus, so a single ride is \$5). Therefore, if you consider staying here, you may want to rent a car. Note also that all the hotels are centered around the freeway, so there’s not much to do or see there in your free time. On the other hand, you would be relatively close to [Old Town](#) and the vibrant [Hill Crest](#) neighborhood. Here are some affordable options we got from Google Maps (prices include taxes/fees; some rooms have two separate beds in case you consider sharing):

- **Motel 6** (2 star; \$110; 30 min to venue [with buses 88 and 8])
- **Handlery** (3 star;  $\approx \$140$ ; 35 min)
- **Days Inn** (3 star; \$130; 43 min)
- **Super 8** (2 star;  $\approx \$110$ ; 43 min)
- **Howard Johnson Hotel Circle** (2 star; \$150; 45 min)