

RITA RUDNER: O.C. resident right at home in show this month

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PERFECT GETAWAY

# CARLSBAD

*The city offers refreshed and refined options. by Anastacia Grenda*

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ourists first came to Carlsbad in the 1930s for the mineral springs, but now there's plenty more to draw visitors looking for a refreshing getaway. The 7-mile coastline and three lagoons offer everything from surfing to boating. Charming Carlsbad Village is home to a lively dining and craft beer scene, plus an array of shops selling French soaps and Spanish olive oils, vintage clothing and contemporary ceramics. The north San Diego County locale means relaxation is a short drive away.

#### ROOMS WITH A VIEW

Park Hyatt Aviara Resort, Golf Club & Spa's \$50 million renovation showcases the hilltop hotel's commanding views of the ocean and Batiquitos Lagoon. The fresh, coastal-inspired look extends to the property's 327 guestrooms (\$695 and up) and three new restaurants, including Ember & Rye from "Top Chef" winner Richard Blais. For sports and leisure, there are adult and family pools, a 15,000-square-foot spa, six tennis courts, a golf course, and a lagoon trail sprouting with spring wildflowers.

#### BEACH BEAUTY

Stroll the 4-mile Carlsbad Seawall to admire the splendor of the city's coast. Start a morning walk in the Village with a double chocolate croissant (\$5) from gourmet doughnut shop The Goods or the Truly Madly Green drink (\$11) from Choice Juicery, then head south along the seawall path from Carlsbad Boulevard. Along the way, stop and dip your toes in the water at Tamarack Beach.

**ABOVE** The Flower Fields are in full glory this time of year in Carlsbad.