

**Ed & Rob's
2015 San Diego beer trip
July 13-16**





This was a quick trip and some details may be approximate.... But it was fun... one we could repeat. We landed in SD mid-morning on July 13. The guy at the car rental discouraged us from going across the border into Tijuana, Mexico, but of all the countries we had traveled and sampled beers, we HAD to get Mexico. They warned us that the wait to get back to the American side could be as long as 7 hours. Since it was getting close to lunch time, we stopped for a Subway sandwich just south of town on the way to the border.

Approaching the border crossing into Mexico, 11:24a





**Not one of Tijuana's finer neighborhoods
11:35a**



Had our beer in the country of Mexico at 11:51a. Flies were everywhere at this open-air place.





GRUPO
COYOTE
CALLE 124 #223 ESP





This arch symbolizes the bond between Mexico and the USA. A celebrated landmark in Tijuana. Most tourist comments on travel websites are like, *“Tijuana was fun 20+ years ago, it’s awful now.” “There is nothing exciting or fun about going to Tijuana any more. there are 3 types of business in Tijuana and all are legitimate but there are dozens and dozens of pharmacies and dozens and dozens of tourist shops selling poncho’s and every other knick-knack known to mankind and dozens and dozens of sub-par and not very clean food stands and restaurants.”* We had our beer and headed back.

**By 12:44p we were in line to come back to the USA.
Local vendors have a captive market.**



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Finally got to this market area. Rob hopped out and found a restroom. By the time he got back, the car had only moved about 30 feet. Rob jumped in behind the wheel and crept along while Ed found the restroom.



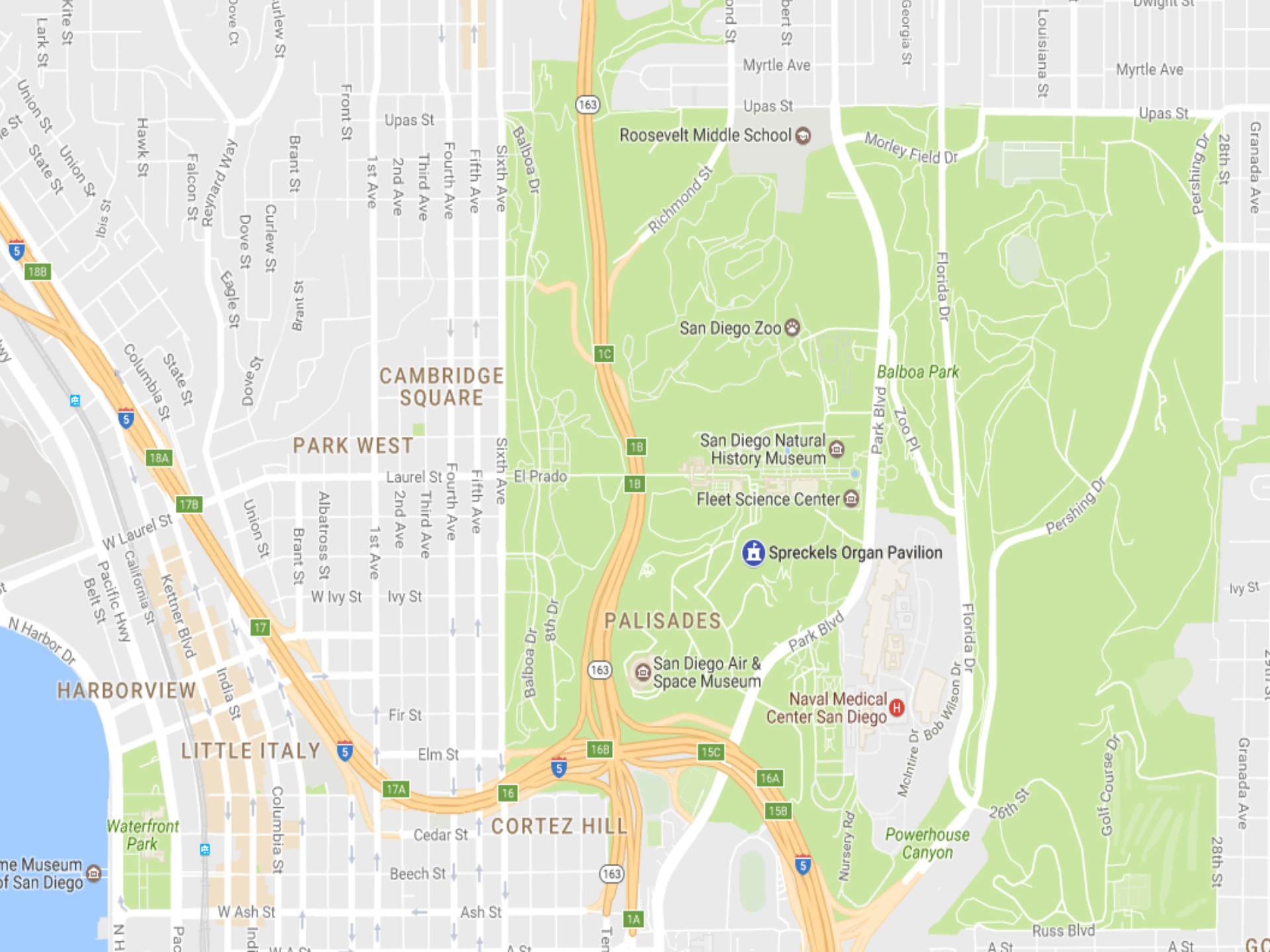


Finally crossed the border at or shortly after 3p.



After checking in the at the Quality Inn on the outskirts of SD, the Miramar area, we went to an organ concert at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion in Balboa Park.





CAMBRIDGE SQUARE

PARK WEST

PALISADES

HARBORVIEW

LITTLE ITALY

CORTEZ HILL

Roosevelt Middle School

San Diego Zoo

San Diego Natural History Museum

Fleet Science Center

Spreckels Organ Pavilion

San Diego Air & Space Museum

Naval Medical Center San Diego

Powerhouse Canyon

Balboa Park

Meander Museum of San Diego

Waterfront Park

Map labels include street names such as Myrtle Ave, Upas St, Front St, Brant St, Curlew St, Hawk St, Falcon St, Reynolds Way, Dove St, Eagle St, Columbia St, State St, Union St, Lark St, Balboa Dr, Richmond St, Morley Field Dr, Florida Dr, Park Blvd, Zoo Pl, Pershing Dr, 28th St, Granada Ave, El Prado, Laurel St, Fourth Ave, Fifth Ave, Sixth Ave, Albatross St, W Ivy St, Ivy St, Union St, Brant St, W Laurel St, California St, Kettner Blvd, Pacific Hwy, Belt St, N Harbor Dr, India St, Fir St, Elm St, Cedar St, Beech St, Ash St, W Ash St, W A St, A St, 1st Ave, 2nd Ave, 3rd Ave, 4th Ave, 5th Ave, 6th Ave, 8th Dr, Nursery Rg, Bob Wilson Dr, McIntire Dr, 26th St, Russ Blvd, and A St. Highway markers for I-5, SR-163, SR-168, SR-17, SR-17A, SR-17B, SR-18A, and SR-188 are also present.

At the console tonight was Aaron David Miller. During intermission Rob went back stage and spoke with him briefly



" an impressive display of swirling virtuosity."
Los Angeles Times



Aaron David Miller



By 9pm we made our way to one of over 100 brewers in the area, one of Ballast Point's locations... near our motel. This was the Miramar location. Had some delicious beer and dinner here.



**Enjoyed
food and
a couple
of beers
before
crashing
out for
the night.
Been a
long and
good day.**



Day #2, July 14. We had breakfast at Ithop by the hotel, then to the San Diego Air & Space Museum. Really cool place.





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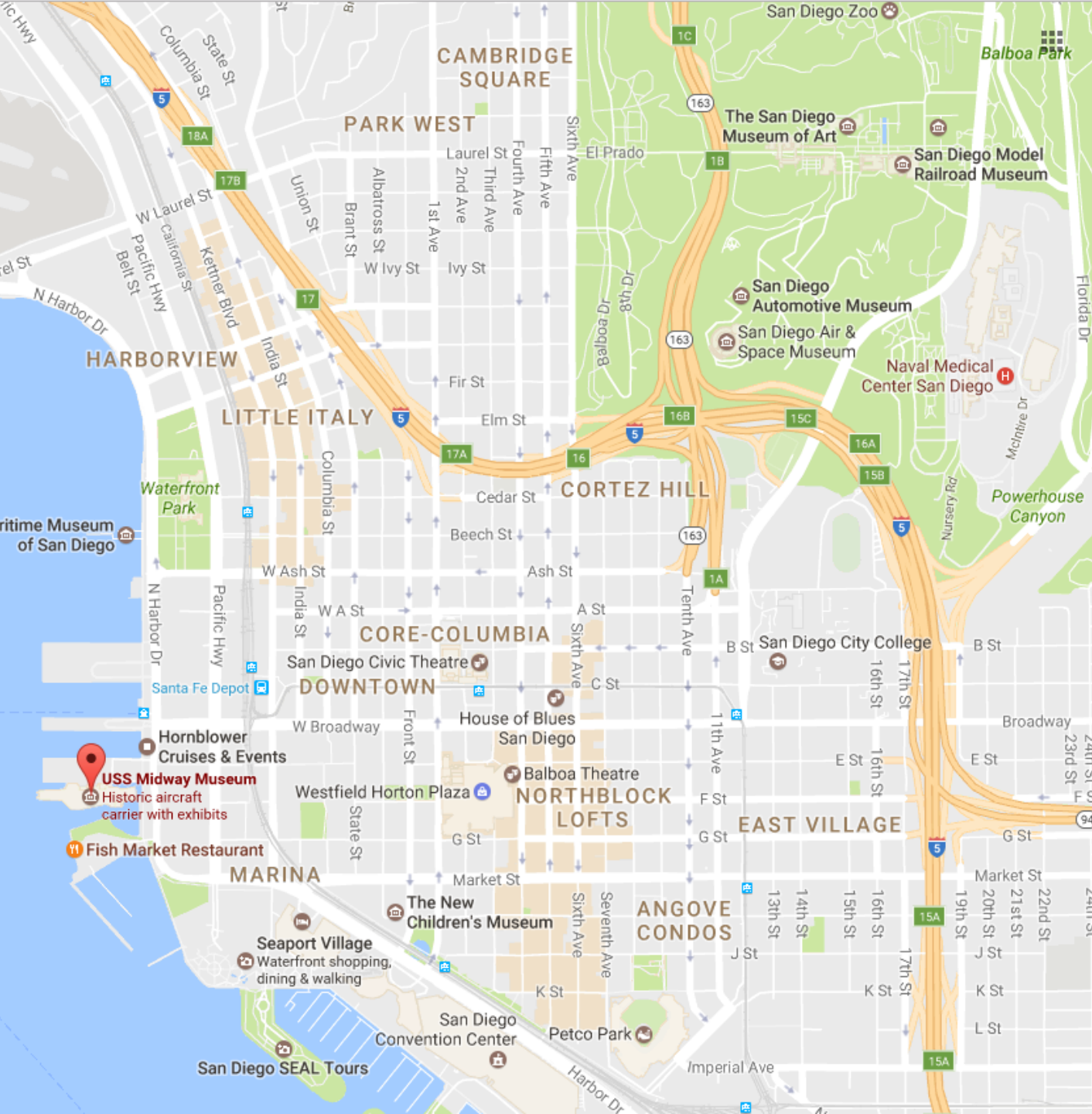


**After the museum,
we made our way to
the downtown
location (Little
Italy) of Ballast
Point for lunch.
1:30p-ish**



This was a noteworthy find too. The USS Midway







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612

F-16 Fighting Falcon
Block 35
520

EXHIBIT

Bridge from SD to Coronado



SAN DIEGO: BIRTHPLACE OF NAVAL AVIATION

The Pioneer 1899-1900



THE PIONEER

The first flight in the world was made on December 17, 1903, at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. The Wright brothers, Orville and Wilbur, were the first to fly a powered, heavier-than-air aircraft. Their flight was a milestone in the history of aviation.

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SAN DIEGO: BIRTHPLACE OF NAVAL AVIATION

The Celebration

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All kinds of weird stuff going on. Almost like Austin. This was on Coronado Island, with SD in the background.





The famous Hotel del Coronado has been housing, feeding, and entertaining for over a century.



This is a Chamber-of-Commerce pic. You can easily imagine the Clark Gables and other Hollywood elite roaming its halls, beaches, and pool areas back in the day.

**With such a
nice climate,
plants thrive
around here
and are rich
in color**





**A classy
restored Ford
Bronco**





HOTEL DEL CORONADO

THIS VICTORIAN HOTEL, BUILT IN 1887, IS ONE OF AMERICA'S LARGEST WOODEN BUILDINGS. FEW SEASIDE RESORT HOTELS OF THIS SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL STYLE REMAIN IN AMERICA. THE HOTEL HAS HOSTED SEVERAL PRESIDENTS AND OTHER NATIONAL FIGURES.

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DECEMBER 17, 1970.

Not sure what kind of tree this is, but that is the deepest red – and still called red - that I remember seeing.



**Coronado Brewing Co was right there...
and yes, the sun
was up over the
yardarm, so it was
time for a beer.**





Our goal was to check out several breweries. The first was AleSmith. Got there around 7:45p. Hadn't had dinner yet so food was on the horizon, but not here. This place was probably 5 minutes from the Quality Inn where we were staying.



This was a neat place, with lots of people our age.... Ha!



UPCOMING EVENTS

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YEAR-ROUND ON DRAFT

X	EXTRA PALE ALE	5.35
	Lil' DEVIL BELGIAN PALE ALE	5.75
	NUT BROWN ALE	5
	ANVIL ESB EXTRA SPECIAL BITTER	5.5
	IPA INDIA PALE ALE	7.25
	HORN' DEVIL BELGIAN DARK STRONG	10
	<i>Grand Coru</i> BELGIAN DARK STRONG	10
	Wee Heavy BELGIAN PALE ALE	10
	<i>Nutroll</i> belgian dark strong	11
	SPEEDWAY STOUT SPECIAL BREW	12

SEASONALS/SPECIALTIES

SAN DIEGO A pale ale 3.94	VEYBA MATE IPA 5.99
ROBUST PORTER 8.50	THAI IPA 5.99
NUT BROWN 5.00	CREAM ALE 5.99
PALE ALE 3.94	AVAILABILITY
	< 85% 4oz 8oz
	> 85% 4oz 8oz
	32oz GRABBER 5.99
	64oz GRABBER 11.99
	5gal KEG 59.99
	15.5gal KEG 149.99
	PASSION FRUIT 7.99
	Citrus IPA 7.99



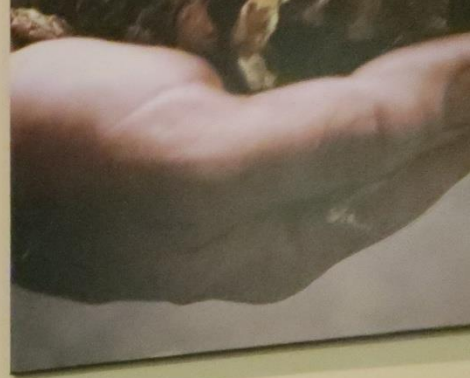
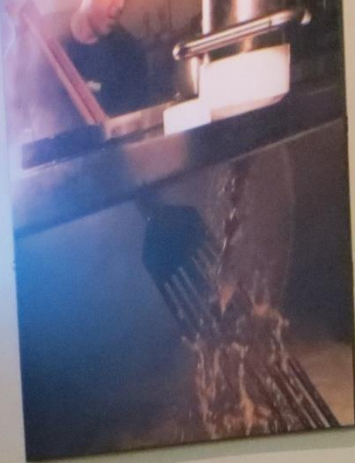
What happened while we were there had us laughing like we hadn't laughed in a long time. Some guy struck up conversation about... uhhh... beer, I think. He was comparing two beers and said their flavor was *deminimis*. After he left we laughed that he *made up* the word *deminimis* to simply try to impress us. While we were laughing Rob looked found the website below and showed it to Ed who then said, "well I'll be *ö." Ya probably had to be there to get the humor. (Even spellcheck puts a squiggly red line under it)

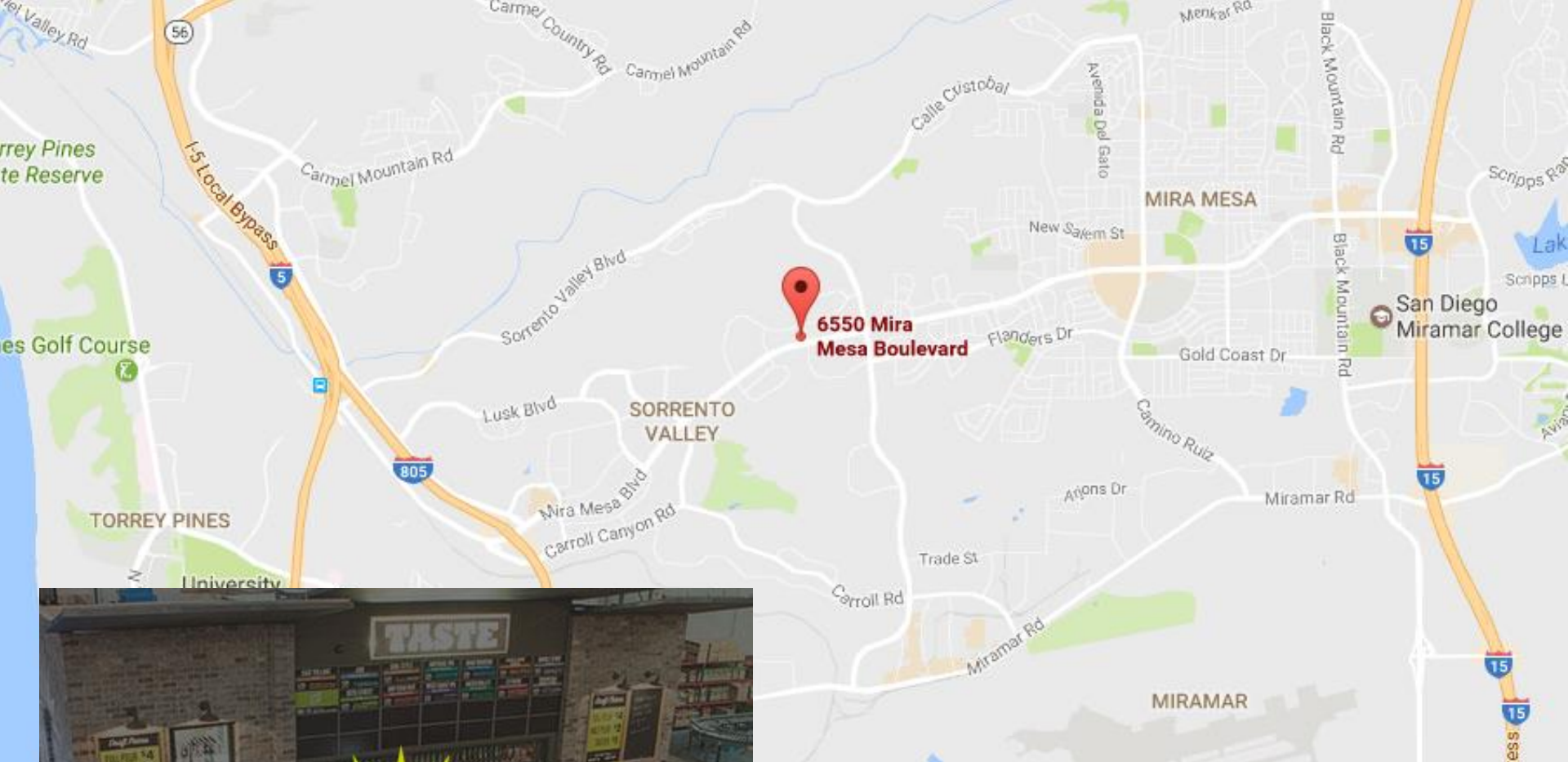
de min·i·mis

/dā 'mini,mēs/

adjective

too trivial or minor to merit consideration, especially in law.
"de minimis fringe benefit rules"





Our next stop was Green Flash Brewing. This was a nice place too. Finding microbrewers are following the pattern of wine tasting rooms: concrete floors, barrels sitting around....



Brewery
TOURS

Got here about 8:30. Food trucks outside were closing up

Green Flash

BREWING COMPANY

SAN DIEGO CALIFORNIA



**Studly beer
aficionados**

A photograph of a building at night with a glowing blue neon sign that reads "Green Flash Brewing Co." The sign features a sunburst icon above the word "Flash". The background is dark, with some distant lights and trees visible.

Green Flash Brewing Co.

Left Green Flash shortly after 9p. Still hadn't had dinner, so we drove back to the Ballast Point we were at last night for food and night cap beers. As we were leaving BP, there were some young guys (even younger than us 😊) flying their drones watching the camera view from their lap-tops. It was fun watching them pursue their hobby.

Day #3, July 15 (happy 69th birthday to Linda Ronstadt) Ate at the same Ihop then to Old Town, where we caught the hop-on, hop-off bus tour. The driver/tour guide was informative and entertaining. Here we are going across the bridge again to Coronado.











Through Balboa Park, and the Spreckels Organ





After the tour, we walked a short distance for lunch at this place. Mexican cuisine, perfect temp, etc. 1:06p



OLD TOWN SAN DIEGO STATE HISTORIC PARK

→ MCCOY HOUSE INTERPRETIVE CENTER. ROBINSON-ROSE VISITOR CENTER & PLAZA. →

OLD TOWN SAN DIEGO

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ROBINSON-ROSE VISITOR CENTER & PLAZA

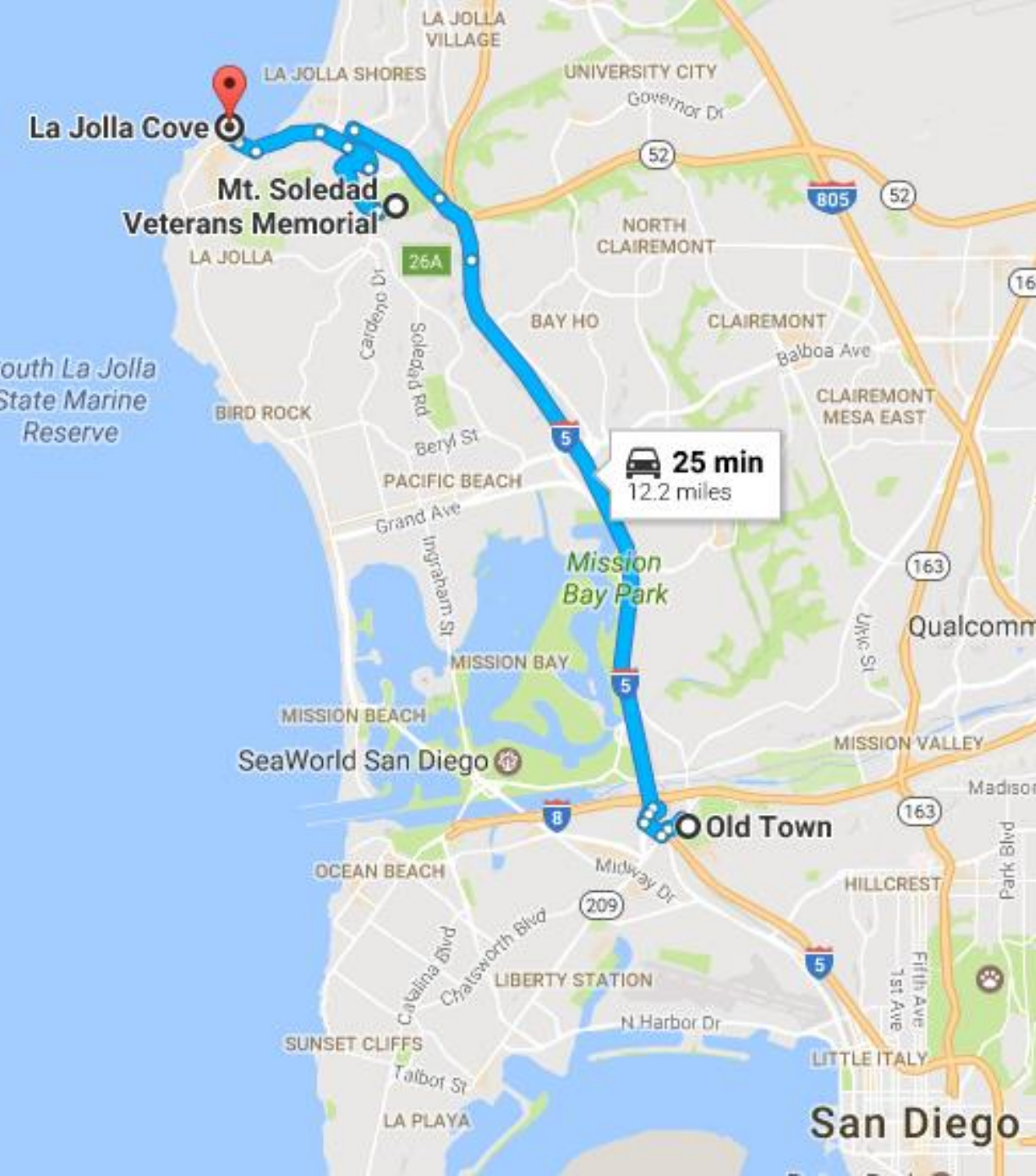


OLD TOWN SAN DIEGO

OLD TOWN SAN DIEGO

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**NO BICYCLES
NO SKATEBOARDS**



Our next excursion was another bus trip from Old Town to La Jolla via Mt. Soledad Veterans Memorial. Caught the bus around 1:40p-ish

Mt. Soledad Veteran's Memorial











The bus then dropped us off at La Jolla and gave us 2 hours to hang out. 2:05p





TASTE OF THE HAWAII





Someone had to have hacked my camera to take this pic.











**Killin time waiting on trolley
for return trip. 3:53p.**

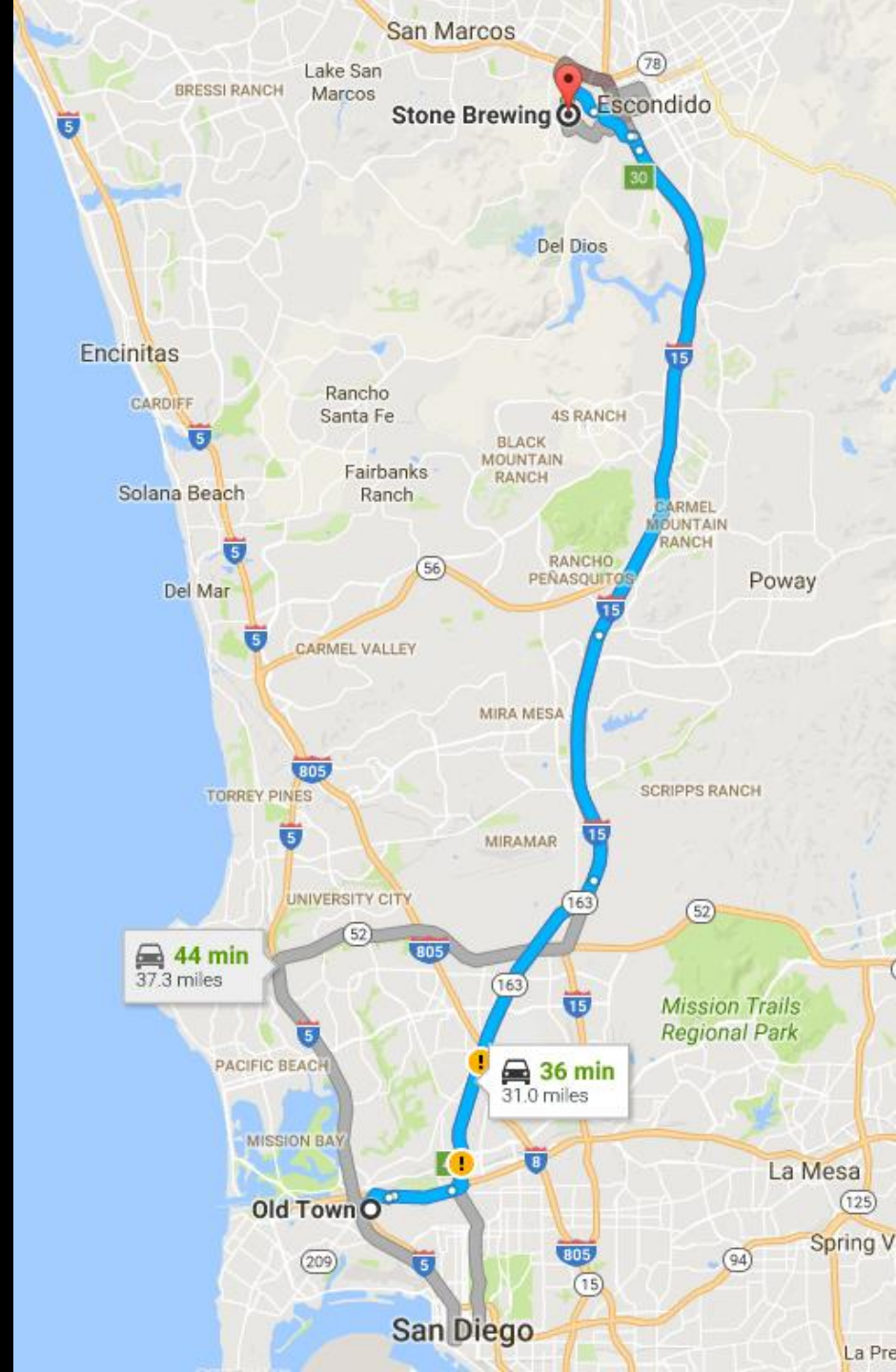


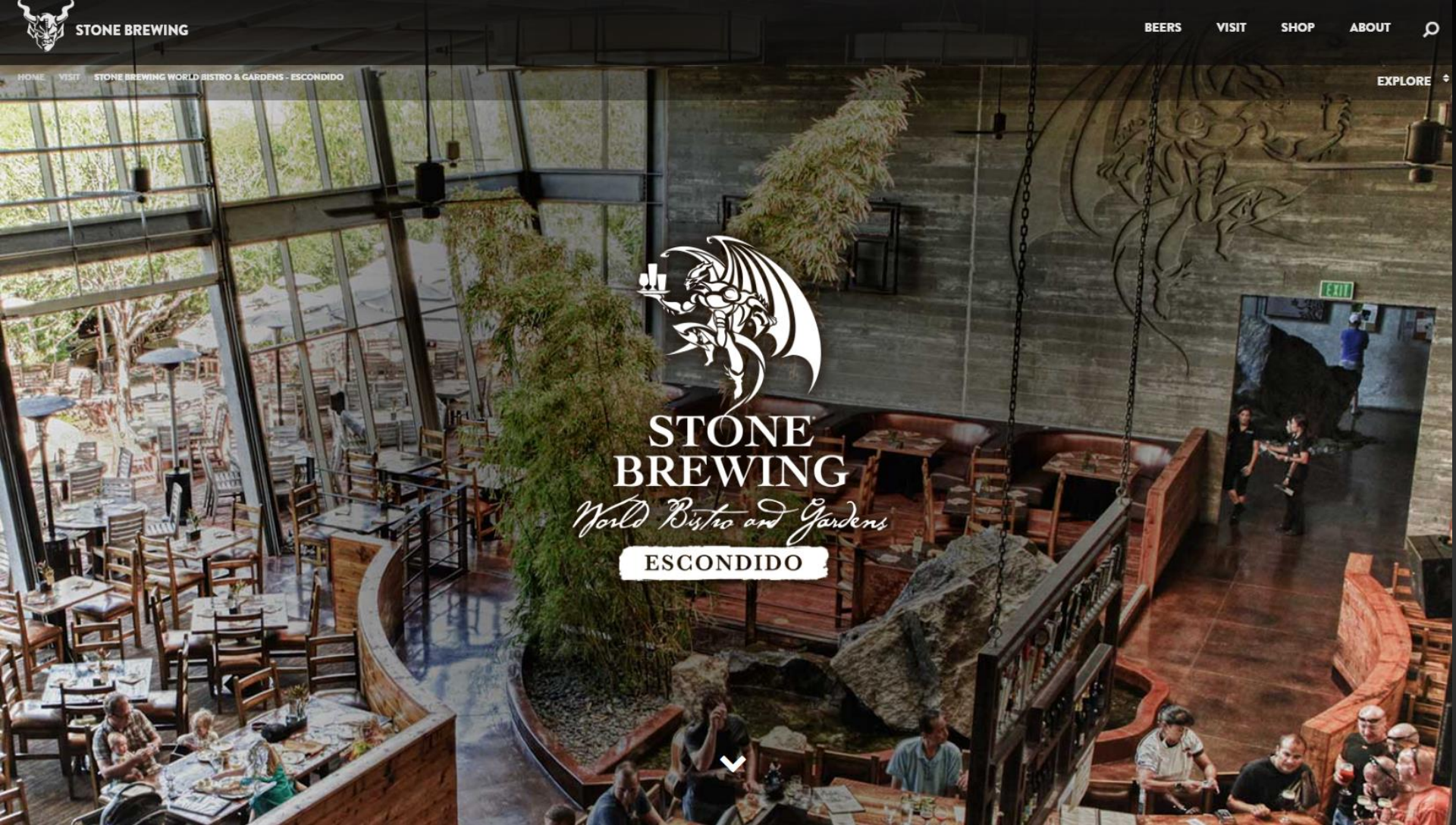
LIFEGUARD



**End of this
tour, about 5p**

Another highlight of this trip was our visit to Stone Brewing (World Gardens and Bistro) Co. in Escondido, CA. Only 35-40 minute drive, and well worth the time. We have enjoyed Stone IPA's for several years now. This was a pilgrimage of sorts.





STONE
BREWING

World Bistro and Gardens

ESCONDIDO



Hard to tell where outdoor begins and indoor ends



**At their
outdoor
bar**

Stone Saison

6%, SAISON - ESCONDIDO, CA

Drew Curtis/Wil Wheaton/Greg Koch

Stone Farking Wheaton w00tstout (2015)

* 8oz, 13%, IMPERIAL STOUT - ESCONDIDO, CA

Contains Pecans.

Stochasticity Project HiFi+LoFi Mixtape

* 8oz, 8.8%, AMERICAN STRONG ALE - ESCONDIDO

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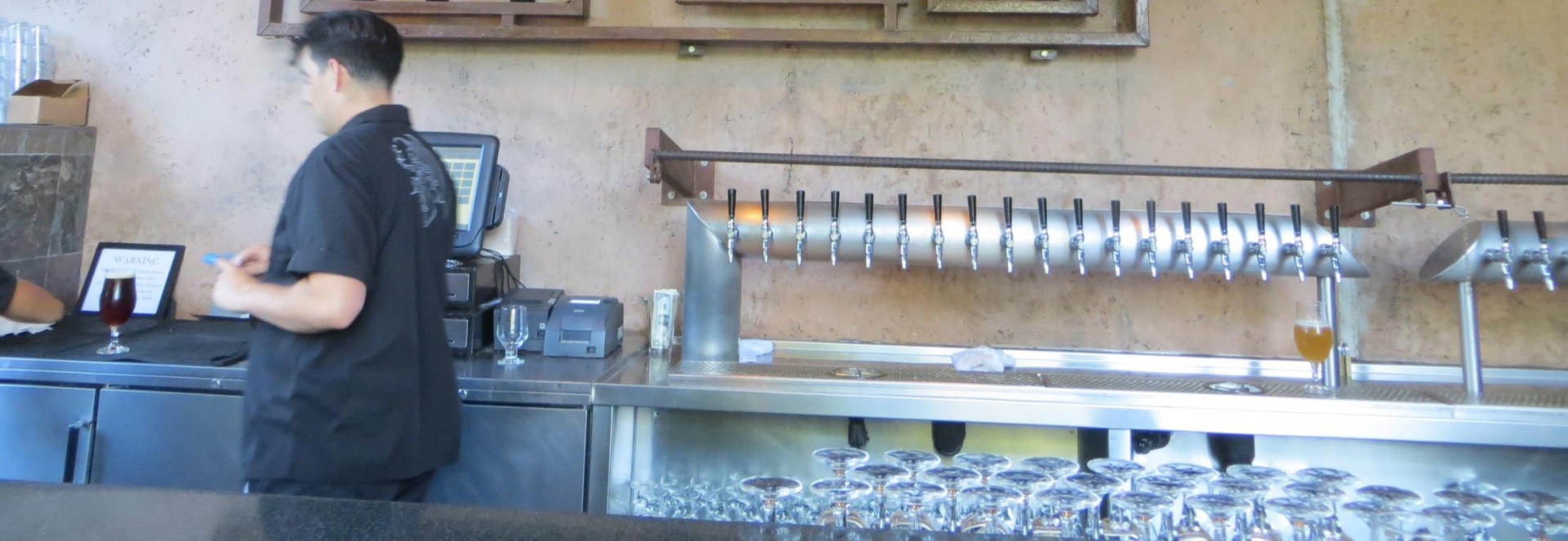
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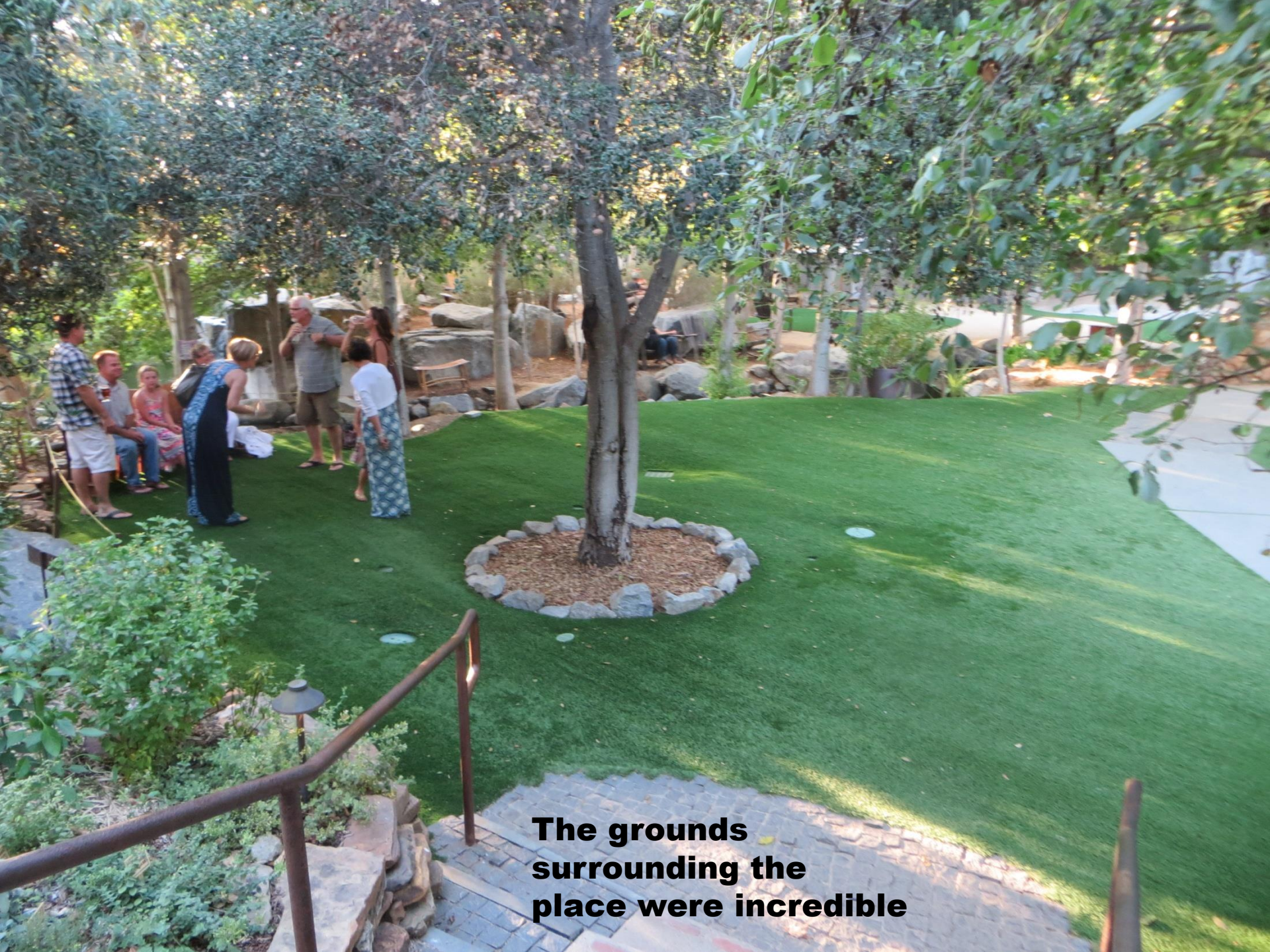
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For the National Cemetery
at All Saints
St. Joseph's Church
All Saints Church
in the National Cemetery
While Waiting for the
Benevolent



**The grounds
surrounding the
place were incredible**



In some areas of the garden, the ground is so soft, clayey that you can't walk safely & easily!











**The bar where we
had been**





The road back to San Diego. 7:12p. Got back and found a hotel in downtown SD in the Little Italy area. Wanted to be close to airport since we had an early flight back the next morning. Walked to a hole-in-the-wall pizzeria for dinner, then walked to the downtown Ballast Point to close out the evening. The next morning we dropped the car off before daylight and ate some breakfast at the airport before flying back. A worthy experience it was. Thanks again to wives MK & J for blessing our trips.

