

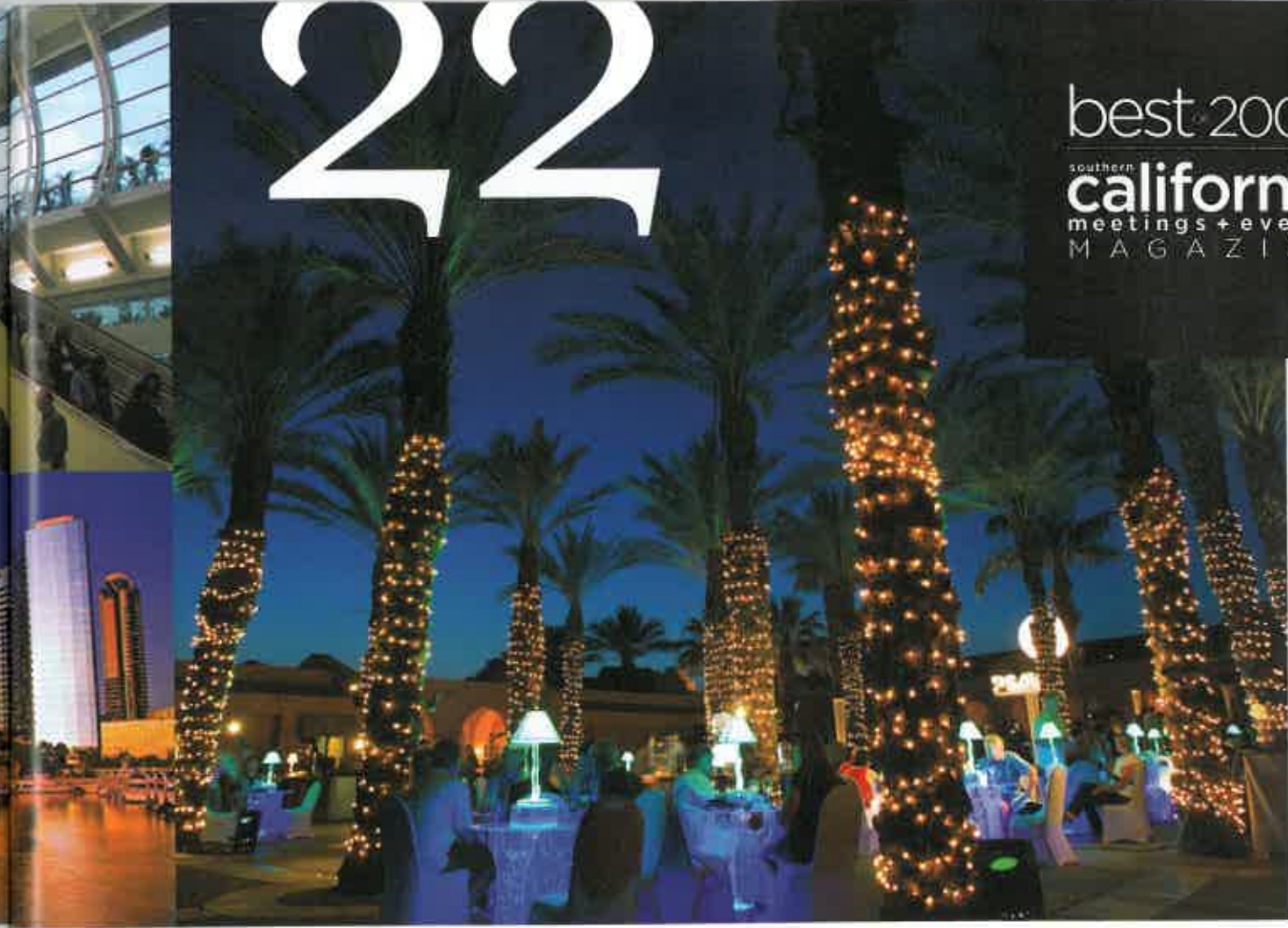
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17. Coastal Attraction

THE WINNER IS: U.S.S. Midway Aircraft Carrier Museum
RUNNERS-UP: Montage Laguna Beach, Hotel del Coronado
●●● The U.S.S. Midway aircraft carrier is a floating museum in San Diego Bay. It holds 60 exhibits and 25 restored aircraft. The museum is a popular meeting and event venue. It's located downtown, proximal to the convention center and offers a 360-degree panoramic view. The Midway can accommodate up to 3,500 guests. (619.544.9600, midway.org)

18. Outdoor

THE WINNER IS: Embarcadero Marina Park
RUNNERS-UP: Balboa Park, Mission San Juan Capistrano
●●● Embarcadero Marina Park is two grassy areas in the San Diego Bay that wrap around the Embarcadero Marina. A walkway extends along the shore, around the marina and past the San Diego Convention Center. Walk out of Seaport Village shops and go right into Embarcadero Marina Park North. Large groups booked into the convention center sometimes take over this area with food stands and entertainment. Embarcadero Marina Park South has been home to the San Diego Symphony's Summer Pops series. (619.686.6300, portofsandiego.org)

19. Boats

THE WINNER IS: Hornblower Cruises
RUNNERS-UP: San Diego Harbor Excursion, FantaSea Yachts
●●● Hornblower offers yachts and floating event space in San Diego, Newport Beach and Marina del Rey. The company has introduced a half dozen group packages that cost less than \$60 per person, including a sales booster raining cruise and a client appreciation luau cruise. (888.467.6256, hornblower.com)

20. Transportation

THE WINNER IS: Cloud 9 Super Shuttle
RUNNERS-UP: VIP Transportation Limousine Coaches, La Jolla Transportation
●●● Cloud 9 SuperShuttle bills itself to meeting planners and corporate travel managers as a one-stop shop for group ground transportation. Employees are experts on the facilities, hotels, and transportation patterns in 23 cities in the country, including Los Angeles, Orange County and San Diego. For VIP delegates or executive travel, SuperShuttle also offers a private sedan service called ExecuCars. (Los Angeles/Orange County: 310.782.6600; San Diego: 800.974.8885, supershuttle.com)

21. Convention Center

THE WINNER IS: San Diego Convention Center
RUNNERS-UP: Anaheim Convention Center, Los Angeles Convention Center
●●● The San Diego Convention Center is located adjacent to the San Diego Bay in the heart of a busy downtown. The 2.6-million-square-foot facility includes 525,701 square feet of contiguous ground-level space, and 90,000 square feet of column-free space in the Sails Pavilion. Annually, 15.2 million people visit the building to attend 4,200 events. An expansion of the convention center is currently being debated. (619.525.5000, visitsandiego.com)

22. Photo/Video

THE WINNER IS: Morningstar Productions
RUNNERS-UP: Pro Digital Photography, Hulse Photography
●●● Palm Springs photographers Rand Larson and David Atkisson are adept at working with event planners for small sales meetings or over-the-top incentive programs. They've got 20 years of experience. Many of their clients call them to shoot Palm Springs corporate events—but they've also traveled the world with their cameras. (760.864.9702, morningstarproductions.com)

23. Winery

THE WINNER IS: Wilson Creek Winery & Vineyards
RUNNERS-UP: Orfila Vineyards and Winery, South Coast Winery
●●● It's a family run business located in Temecula Wine Country. Wilson Creek is warm and friendly—but elegant. A Wilson Creek Event Center offers a variety of packages for meeting planners. The facility offers meeting rooms and state-of-the-art technology. You might design a wine pairing menu with teambuilding activities, a private showing of Joey & Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding or a grape stomping. (951.699.9463, wilsoncreekwinery.com)

24. Conference Center

THE WINNER IS: Pacific Palms Resort
RUNNERS-UP: Town and Country, Scripps Seaside Forum
●●● Pacific Palms is a recently renovated, 292-room resort set near the San Gabriel Mountains in Los Angeles. The property has L.A.'s only full-service conference center, with more than 45,000 square feet of function space—including a 12,000-square-foot Majestic Ballroom, 28 meeting and breakout rooms, a business center and a technology café. (626.810.4455, pacificpalmsresort.com)

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