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## SAN DIEGO









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## **BANKERS HILL**

## Historic and modern meet in affluent community, complete with footbridges

Home to some of San Diego's grandest historic homes, this affluent hilltop neighborhood overlooks the bay and Point Loma.

**History:** Developed in the 1890s. Bankers Hill sits north of downtown on a graceful hill that appealed to both architects and the city's wealthiest residents (hence the name). Once known as Park West or Florence Heights, the mostly residential community offers a wealth of architectural design styles in a concentrated area. There are late Victorian, Queen Anne, Georgian Revival, Craftsman and Early Modern homes by architects, including Irving Gill, Frank Mead, William S. Hebbard and Richard Regua. Newer homes and high-rises, as well as a bevy of chic restaurants, have joined the mix in recent years, but the community's pride is its lovingly restored old

mansions and heirloom landscaping.

Landmarks: The 1905 Marston House, built by Gill and Hebbard in 1905 at 3525 Seventh Ave., is one of the region's best examples of Craftsman architecture. Gill's early "cube home" designs can be seen at several homes on Albatross Street. The community's oldest homes, built from 1892 to 1898, are sprinkled along Front Street.

**Things to do:** Take a stroll on the 236-foot-span Quince Street wood footbridge, first built in 1905, which overlooks Maple Canyon and the bay and ocean beyond. Another 375-footspan footbridge on Spruce Street dates to 1912 and was built to get pedestrians across the canyon to streetcars on Fourth Avenue. It was designed by Edwin Capps, former San Diego mayor and city engineer.





**8,560** 

**MEDIAN HOME PRICE** 

\$779,500



















