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Stepping out: Charity stages 'rappel a hotel' at Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego



The tower of the Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego will be the site of a Saturday charity event in which participants will rappel from the 33rd floor to the pool deck of the hotel. (KIT)

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Talk about room at the top. The Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego will make like the Matterhorn on Saturday as participants in a charity fundraiser called [Over the Edge](#) step out onto a deck on the 33rd floor, marvel at the high-altitude view and rappel down the side of the hotel's tower.

It's a 357-foot rush in 10 minutes that ends at a Landing Party for fans and spectators at the hotel's pool deck with music, food and entertainment. (OK, supposedly it's for charity, but this sounds like a ticket to thrill-ville to us).

The rope tricks begin at 8 a.m. and continue throughout the day for people who have pledged at least \$1,000 to [Kids Included Together, or KIT](#), a San Diego nonprofit that teaches organizations how to include

disabled children in recreational, social and child-care programs. All the rappelling spots have been filled, a charity spokesman says, but anyone can watch and cheer others on. (If you decide to stay Saturday night, you can snag a room for \$199 plus tax.)

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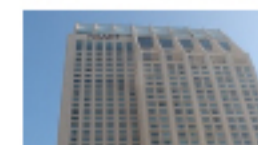


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