

# MUST TRY RESTAURANTS IN SAN DIEGO

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With so many dining options in San Diego, it's hard to decide where to go. From French cuisine to good 'ole American comfort food, here are some of our favorite spots!

## FOR MEXICAN FOOD TRY...

### BARRIO STAR

2706 5th Ave, San Diego, CA 92103

"Mexican food for foodies. Great tacos and delicious margaritas."

— Jill Linder, Programming Manager

*\*Located in Bankers Hill, just a short taxi ride away from Hard Rock\**

## FOR A FINE DINING EXPERIENCE...

### JUNIPER & IVY

2228 Kettner Blvd, San Diego, CA 92101

"Chef Richard Blais is the 2010 season *Top Chef* winner and is an incredible chef. The food is delicious, small portions, farm to table—San Diego's new hot spot."

—Joie Parmenter, Corporate Development Executive

*\*Located in Little Italy, just a short taxi ride away from Hard Rock\**

## FOR A "SPEAK EASY" AMBIENCE TRY...

### NOBLE EXPERIMENT

777 G St, San Diego, CA 92101

"You have to text them to get in and the entrance is hidden behind a wall of fake beer kegs inside a downtown restaurant. But once you get in, you will enjoy the best mixed drinks that San Diego mixologists have to offer."

—Andy Trimlett, Radio & On-Air Fundraising Producer

*\*Located in Downtown, walking distance from Hard Rock\**

## FOR FRENCH CUISINE TRY...

### CHEZ LOMA

1132 Loma Ave, Coronado, CA 92118

"They serve French cuisine located in a beautiful, charming, historical house that has quaint ambience. Our favorite dish is their delicious roasted duck prepared in a port cherry sauce."

— Andrea Goodrich, Account Executive

*\*Located in Coronado, about 5 miles away from Hard Rock\**

## FOR BURGERS AND BEER TRY...

### ROCKY'S CROWN PUB

3786 Ingraham St, San Diego, CA 92109

"All they offer is burgers and you often have to hunt for, or share tables with new friends you meet. It's a cash only, 21 and over. Look for Joe the Bartender, or Rocky, the owner (petite woman w/ dark hair). Tell them Kirsten from KPBS sent ya! It won't get you anything extra. But you'll meet two of the best people in the business."

— Kirsten Stahl, Corporate Development Executive

*\*Located in Pacific Beach, about 9 miles away from Hard Rock\**

## FOR A RESTAURANT AND JAZZ BAR TRY...

### CROCE'S PARK WEST

2760 5th Ave, San Diego, CA

"I like the food and the ambience; intimate and cozy. I never felt like I had to rush through dinner. The roasted chicken there is really good. And who doesn't love 'Bad Bad Lee Roy Brown?'"

— Claudine Casillas, Special Event and Communications Manager

*\*Located in Hillcrest, just a short taxi ride away from Hard Rock\**

## FOR BRAZILIAN BBQ TRY...

### FOGO DE CHAO

668 6th Ave, San Diego, CA 92101

"It is a carnivores dream come true. Waiters walking around offering you big cuts of lamb, beef, chicken and pork. They offer lots of side dishes too, like a whole wheel of aged parmesan cheese along with different cold cuts, salad, etc."

— Tiffany Ohlund, Customer Service Representative

*\*Located in Downtown, walking distance from Hard Rock\**

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## FOR DINNER WITH A VIEW TRY...

### ISLAND PRIME/ C-LEVEL

**880 Harbor Island Dr., San Diego, CA 92101**

"Great place to watch the setting sun reflected on the buildings of downtown. There are certainly places with better food but not better ambience and the service is always excellent."

— Jim Tinsky, Interactive Strategy Manager

*\*Located on the San Diego Harbor, just a short taxi ride from Hard Rock\**

## FOR CALIFORNIAN ECLECTIC CUISINE TRY...

### THE PRADO AT BALBOA PARK

**1549 El Prado, San Diego, CA 92101**

"Great vibe and consistent signature dishes."

— James Rowten, Corporate Development Manager

*\*Located at Balboa Park, just a short taxi ride from Hard Rock\**

## FOR PIZZA TRY...

### FILIPPI'S PIZZA GROTTO

**1747 India Street, San Diego, California 92101**

"It's been around for 50 years or so and serves authentic Italian food (and the best, cheesiest pizza!) The front of the restaurant is a grocery store, with specialty meats and cheeses; and the restaurant portion is very quaint with checkered tablecloths and candles."

— Kelly Hillock, Corporate Development Assistant

*\*Located in Little Italy, just a short taxi ride away from Hard Rock\**

## FOR SUSHI TRY...

### NIBAN

**7081 Clairemont Mesa Blvd #101, San Diego, CA 92111**

"It has the most amazing sushi and they have other fantastic Japanese dishes. The prices are very reasonable and the service is fantastic. Simply a delicious meal and a great price!"

— Ena Newell, Director of Production

*\*Located in Clairemont Mesa, about 10 miles from Hard Rock\**

## FOR A UNIQUE "BUILD YOUR OWN"

### DINING EXPERIENCE TRY...

### SODA & SWINE

**2943 Adams Ave, San Diego, CA 92116**

"Great meatball sliders! Large selection of sodas, hence the name Soda & Swine. Try The Hog if you like chorizo and a side of roasted Brussels sprouts with bacon."

—Tony Zuniga, Senior Graphic Designer

*\*Located in University Heights, about 7 miles from Hard Rock\**

## FOR ETHNIC FOOD TRY...

### MUZITA BISTRO

**4651 Park Blvd, San Diego, CA 92116**

"Fun to go with a group, in order to mix and match various plates."

— Carl Pogue, Traffic Coordinator

*\*Located in University Heights, about 4 miles from Hard Rock\**

## FOR TACOS TRY...

### OSCAR'S MEXICAN SEAFOOD

**703 Turquoise St, Pacific Beach, CA 92109**

"Their tacos are made with skirt steak, fresh cabbage, cilantro and red onion, but their sauces are what really sets them apart. I first located them after seeing they were rated #7 for restaurants in the nation on Yelp."

— Megan Murphy, Fundraising Data Assistant

*\*Located in Hillcrest, about 11 miles from Hard Rock\**

## FOR A BAKERY AND CAFÉ TRY...

### BREAD AND CIE

**350 University Ave, San Diego, CA 92103**

"Not only the best bread in town and creative, delicious sandwiches but their pain au chocolate (Belgian chocolate baked into milk bread) is to die for."

—Beth Accomando, Arts/ Culture Reporter

*\*Located in Hillcrest, about 4 miles from Hard Rock\**

# 10 THINGS TO DO IN SAN DIEGO

Whether you like being outdoors or enjoy more social settings, San Diego has something for everyone. Here are some fun things to do while you're visiting California's second largest city!

## IF YOU WANT TO STAY DOWNTOWN...

### 1. SEAPORT VILLAGE

This 14 acre waterfront is the home to a variety of shops, restaurants and entertainment experiences. In addition to street performers and artisans, Seaport Village offers live musical performances daily ranging from jazz to country.

### 2. 207 NIGHTCLUB AT HARD ROCK HOTEL

Located on the ground floor of the Hard Rock Hotel, 207 is the perfect place to unwind over drinks. Known for its laid-back atmosphere, 207 is a trendy bar by day and nightclub by night with local DJs every Thursday through Sunday. 207 is also located at the same place as the conference!

### 3. USS MIDWAY MUSEUM

From tours to memorabilia, visiting the USS Midway is a great way to see 50 years of world history up close and personal. Situated right on the San Diego Harbor, guests have the opportunity to explore more than 60 exhibitions and see 29 restored aircrafts aboard the longest-serving Navy aircraft carrier of the 20th century.

### 4. SHOUT HOUSE DUELING PIANOS

If the club scene isn't for you, spend the night at The Shout House for live music, a little comedy and a whole night of fun. Two piano players/singers duel it out on grand pianos performing everything from classic rock 'n roll hits to present favorites.

### 5. HARBOR CRUISES

What better way to see San Diego than with a cruise around the city? Hornblower Cruises & Events offers a number of different cruises visitors can experience combining sightseeing, boat tours and dining options. To learn more about the different variety of cruises available visit: [www.hornblower.com/home/sd](http://www.hornblower.com/home/sd).

## IF YOU WANT TO EXPLORE OTHER AREAS OF SD...

### 1. LA JOLLA COVE

A must see if you love a little outdoor adventure. To help keep the beauty alive, the cove is ecologically protected and is home to diverse aquatic life including colorful garibaldi, yellowtail, rays and leopard sharks.

### 2. CORONADO ISLAND

Coronado is a town admired for its pristine beaches and charming community. Coronado is also home to the National Historic Landmark, the Hotel del Coronado built in 1888. One way to get to Coronado is to take a water taxi from downtown!

### 3. OLD TOWN SAN DIEGO

Old Town is the site of the first European settlement in present-day California. Visitors can explore the historic Spanish architecture, enjoy unique dining options and southwestern stores sprinkled throughout the town. Feeling brave? Visit the Whaley House Museum and take a ghost tour to add a spooky twist to your night!

### 4. SAN DIEGO ZOO

Housing over 3,700 animals and 650 species, the San Diego Zoo sets the standards high for other zoos alike. Situated on 100 acres of parkland, this is one of the few zoos in the world offering a giant panda exhibit amongst numerous other exhibits designed around particular habitats.

### 5. POTATO CHIP ROCK

Potato Chip Rock has grown to be a popular trail for hikers looking to not only challenge themselves but live a little on the edge... literally! Once at the top of the mountain, hikers are met with a thin piece of rock that looks like you're on the edge of a cliff. This hiking trail is located at the peak of Mount Woodson in Poway.