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READERS CHOICE AWARDS BEST RESTAURANTS 2024



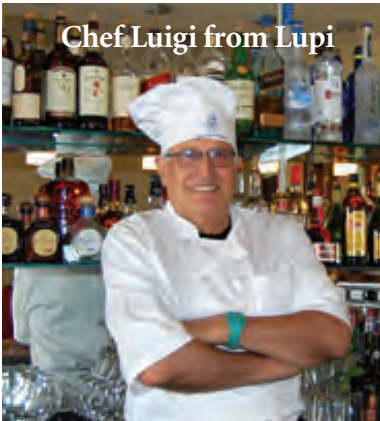
As a coastal community that welcomes visitors from around the world, La Jolla continues to balance its international reputation with a deep sense of neighborhood charm. Once an artists' colony, today it remains a place where both family-run favorites and nationally recognized establishments thrive side by side.

of the most memorable meals in San Diego and beyond. Dining here is not just about food—it's about experience, atmosphere, and community.

La Jollans are fortunate to enjoy world-class arts, culture, and—of course—dining. From fine dining destinations to local landmarks with loyal followings, the village offers some

This year, the La Jolla Village News Readers Choice Awards honor the restaurants and eateries that stood out to our readers in 2025. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who cast their votes and helped us shine a spotlight on La Jolla's best.

— La Jolla Village News Team



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Congratulations to the following businesses who were chosen by the readers of the *La Jolla Village News*.

Readers were invited to vote for their favorite selections, a task that proved to be quite challenging! With over 100 categories to consider, our readers responded with an overwhelming level of participation. We extend our sincere gratitude to all the readers who took the time to acknowledge and support the businesses that contribute immensely to the vibrancy and charm of La Jolla, Bird Rock, and University City.

WINNER
Overall Restaurant
Overall Service
New Restaurant
Acai
Ahi Poke
American
Appetizer
Atmosphere
Bagel
Bakery
Bar
Beer Selection
Bloody Mary
Burrito
Burger
Breakfast
Brunch
Cafe
Cantina
Catering
Coffee Shop
Coffee Stand/Kiosk
Cold Brew
Comfort Food
Chef
Chinese
Chocolate
Crepes
Curry
Deli
Desserts
Dinner
Family Restaurant
Fast Food (Mexican)
Farm To Table
Fish Taco
Fish & Chips
French
French Toast
Espresso
Gelato
Grab & Go Meals
Greek
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Happy Hour
Hawaiian/Polynesian
Healthy Dining
Ice Cream
Indian
Italian
Juice Bar
Kombucha
Late Night Eatery
Latte
Live Music
Lobster
Lunch
Margarita
Martini
Mediterranean
Mexican
Best New Bar/Tavern
Ocean View
Omelette
Organic
Oysters
Patio Dining
Pasta Dish
Pastry
Pancakes
Pet Friendly Restaurant
Place To Go On A Budget
Place For A Birthday Party
Place To People Watch
Pizza
Pizza (Woodfired)
Romantic
Roof Top Dining
Salad
Sandwich
Seafood
Soup
Specialty Drink
Sports Bar
Steak
Surf And Turf
Sushi
Tacos
Take-Out
Thai
Vegan
Vegetarian
Wings
Wine Bar
Wine Selection (Restaurant)
Wine Shop
Wraps
Yogurt

GOLD
Bistro Du Marche/George's At The Cove
Manhattan/Bistro Du Marche
La Croq
Blue Whale/Juice Kaboose
Duke's
Nine-Ten
Sandpiper Wood Fired Grill & Oysters
George's At The Cove/The Lot
Busy Bee's
Sugar & Scribe/Wayfarer Bread & Pastry
Beaumont's
Public House La Jolla
Beaumont's
Don Carlos
Jeffs' Beach Burger /Public House La Jolla
The Cottage / Richard Walker
The Shores Restaurant/Sugar & Scribe
The Living Room/Brockton Villa
Jose's Courtroom
Girard Gourmet/Small Goods Cheese Shop
Bird Rock Coffee/Flower Pot Cafe & Bakery
Better Buzz Coffee/Subterranean Coffee
Java Earth Coffee
Cove House
Jason Knibb @ Nine-Ten
Mandarin House
Teuscher Chocolates Of Switzerland
Froglanders /Richard Walker
Taste Of The Himalayas/Pamir Kabob
Deli-Icious
Michele Coulon /Parisien Gourmandises
Nine-Ten/Bistro Du Marche
The Cottage/Harry's Coffee Shop
Don Carlos/The Taco Stand
George's At The Cove
El Pescador/Sandpiper Wood Fired Grill
Hennessey's
Bistro Du Marche
Brockton Villa
Elixir Espresso Bar/Java Earth Coffee
Bobboi
Cheese Shop/Small Goods Cheese Shop & Cafe
Spiro's Mediterranean Cuisine
Cheese Shop
Hennessey's/Sandpiper Wood Fired Grill
Duke's
Fresheria/Juice Kaboose
Baskin Robbins/ Häagen-Dazs
Taste Of The Himalayas
Lupi / Cafe Milano
Fresheria/Parakeet Juicery
Parakeet Cafe
The Living Room
Java Earth Coffee
Beaumont's
Lobster West
Beeside Balcony
Puesto
Manhattan
Olive & Basil/Spiro's Mediterranean Cuisine
Jose's Courtroom /Puesto
The Whaling Bar
The Marine Room/George's At The Cove
Richard Walker's/Harry's Coffee Shop
Trilogy Sanctuary
Sandpiper Wood Fired Grill & Oysters
Piatti
Piazza 1909/Catania
Wayfarer Bread & Pastry/Sugar & Scribe
Richard Walker/Harry's Coffee Shop
Beaumont's/Barbarella Restaurant & Bar
Don Carlos
Sammy's Woodfired Pizza
Cody's/The Living Room
Pizza On Pearl/Piazza 1909
Sammy's Woodfired Pizza/Isola Pizza Bar
Osteria Romantica/Pamir Kabob
George's At The Cove
Mary's Gourmet Salads/Blue Whale
Jersey Mike's/Girard Gourmet
El Pescador
Parakeet Cafe /Deli-Icious
The Shores Restaurant
Nautilus Tavern/The Spot
Manhattan
Marine Room
Shiku
Taco Stand/Puesto
Don Carlos / Mandarin House
Turmeric Thai Garden/Aroi Thai
Trilogy Sanctuary
Trilogy Sanctuary
Hennessey's
Lj Crafted Wines/We Olive
Nine-Ten
Bird Rock Fine Wine/Bev-Mo
Marketplace Grille
Froglanders Crepes & Yogurt

SILVER
Marisi/The Marine Room
George's At The Cove
La Corriente
Fresheria
Cherrywine Modern Asian Cuisine/Shiku
The Shack
Duke's/Bernini's Bistro
Marisi/ Queenstown Village
Java Earth Coffee
Michele Coulon/Parisien Gourmandises
Hennessey's/Birdseye Rooftop Restaurant & Bar
The Spot
Hennessey's
The Taco Stand
Nautilus Tavern/Queenstown Village
Harry's Coffee Shop / Sugar & Scribe
The Cottage/Brockton Villa
Sugar & Scribe
Verdes El Rancho
The French Gourmet
The Living Room/Encanto Cafe
Rancho Roasters
Bird Rock Coffee/Better Buzz Coffee
Promiscuous Fork
Maja Kojima-George's/Stefano Ceresoli-Piazza 1909
Chin's Szechwan
Michele Coulon Dessertier/Chocolate Haus
Scoops/Elixir Espresso Bar
Clay Oven Indian Cuisine
Girard Gourmet
Girard Gourmet/The Living Room
Catania / Bernini's Bistro
Sammy's Woodfired Pizza
Rigobertos
Farmer & The Seahorse
The Taco Stand/Don Bravo
Cody's
The French Gourmet/Le Coq
The Cottage/ Breakfast Republic
Pinpoint Cafe/Better Buzz
Cafe Milano
Valley Farm Market
Olive & Basil
Deli-Icious
Jose's Courtroom
Trilogy Sanctuary
Scoops
Taste Of The Himalayas
Piatti /Piazza 1909
Juice Kaboose
Trilogy Sanctuary
The Spot
Bird Rock Coffee Roasters
The Mediterranean Room
The Marine Room
Small Goods Cheese Shop & Cafe
Jose's Courtroom / Verdes El Rancho
The Mediterranean Room /Eddie V's
Beeside Balcony
Verdes El Ranchero
Brockton Villa
The Cottage
Parakeet Cafe
El Pescador/Beeside Balcony
Catania
Osteria Romantica
Michele Coulonr/Parisien Gourmandises
Shorehouse Kitchen
Lupi
Taco Stand
Barbarella/Mystique Dining
Jose's Courtroom
American Pizza Manufacturing
Wheat & Water
Pardisaea/The Lot
Birdseye Rooftop Restaurant & Bar
Sammy's Woodfired Pizza/Lark And Owl
Promiscuous Fork/Small Goods Cheese Shop
Marine Room
Mary's Gourmet Salads
Pardisaea
The Lot/Public House La Jolla
Eddie V's
Eddie V's
Himitsu/Sushi Mori
Don Carlos/Don Bravos
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Scoops

BRONZE
The Cottage
Blue Whale
Isola
Piatti
Brick & Bell Cafe
French Gourmet
The Spot
Shore Rider
Cody's
Don Bravos
Promiscuous Fork/858 Burger
Brockton Villa
The Mediterranean Room
Brick & Bell
Puesto
Rosemonts Cafe
Elixir Espresso Bar
The Lot
Amélie Gadoum -Bistro Du Marche
Balboa Candy
Cote D'azur Cote Cafe & Bistro
Tumeric Thai Garden
Windemere Marketplace And Deli
Bernini's Bistro
Don Bravos
Barbarella
Shore Rider
Shore Rider
Cody's
Flower Pot Cafe
Mary's Gourmet Salads
Marketplace Grille
Promiscous Fork
The Shack
La Dolce Vita Ristorante
Fruititude
Better Buzz Coffee
Birdseye Rooftop Restaurant & Bar
Flower Pot Cafe & Bakery
Manhattan
George's At The Cove
The Spot
Shore Rider
Birdseye Rooftop Restaurant & Bar
Marketplace Grille
El Charro
The Shores Restaurant
Shorehouse Kitchen
Dr Juice
Beeside Balcony
Shorehouse Kitchen
La Dolce Vita Ristorante
French Gourmet
Cody's
Shorehouse Kitchen
Shore Rider
The Lot
Birdseye Rooftop Restaurant & Bar
Lark And Owl
Bernini's Bistro
Eddie V's
Duke's
Cove House
Cheese Shop
The Shores Restaurant
Lobster West
Barbarella
The Shack
Sea & Sky
Manhattan
Haru Sushi
Verdes El Rancho
Sammy's Woodfired Pizza
Thai Gulf Restaurant
Promiscuous Fork
Elixir Espresso & Wine Bar
Marisi
Cheese Shop

First Place Winners Profiles

Best Overall Restaurant(tie)

Marisi
Marisi brings Italy to La Jolla with a focus on hearth cooking, handmade pastas, and fine wine. The menu celebrates regional Italian traditions, featuring dry-aged fish, whole animal butchery, little-known pasta shapes, and house-made Limoncello. Every dish reflects time-honored methods and fresh ingredients, paired with classic cocktails and heartfelt service. Once a dream, now a reality, Marisi offers an authentic dining experience that's both memorable and welcoming.
1044 Wall St, La Jolla
858-401-6787

Bistro Du Marché

Since 2015, Bistro du Marché by Tape-nade, is a multi awards recipient French classic bistro named in honor of the closed by Sunday Open Aire Market of La Jolla. This year the multiplication of awards includes San Diego Magazine Best French Critic's choice, Ranch and Coast Best Maitre'D by Hadrien Paquet. Under the leadership of Chef Jean-Michel Diot whose motto is “To learn this profession, one must be receptive to what nature offers us, master its techniques, and have a willingness to share knowledge with one another. Technique is reflected in gestures which can be repetitive, adapted to recipes, or acquired skills.” Executive Cheffe Amélie Gadoum, who perfectly follows Diot's motto. The cuisine is mostly composed of selected fresh, and local Californian ingredients blended with traditional French techniques and flavors. The comfortable and relaxed atmosphere of the dining room, the bar and the patio, combined with a lively ambiance, deliver an elegant setting from the turn of the century Parisian bistros. Additionally a Sunday Morning French Breakfast Service from 9 to 12.30 pm lead by

Carla Diot, Jenna and Charles.
7437 Girard Ave, La Jolla
bistrodumarche.net | 858-551-7500

Best Restaurant Service (tie)

Manhattan of La Jolla

Since 1986, Manhattan of La Jolla has transported guests to the elegance of New York, all within the Empress Hotel. Known for its impeccable service, this beloved spot blends East Coast sophistication with Southern California charm. Guests enjoy Zagat Award-winning veal chops, fresh seafood, and Italian-inspired cuisine in a setting that feels timeless. With its piano bar, classic cocktails, and warm hospitality, Manhattan remains a favorite.
7766 Fay Ave, La Jolla
manhattanoflajolla.com

Bistro Du Marché

(See listing under Best Overall)

Best New Restaurant

Le Croq

Fresh on the scene, Le Croq has become a buzzworthy spot in La Jolla, winning over diners with its French-inspired comfort food and modern flair. From irresistible croque sandwiches to creative entrées and indulgent desserts, every bite feels both familiar and exciting. With a stylish yet casual vibe and friendly service, Le Croq is quickly proving itself a neighborhood favorite and this year's Readers Choice standout.
5621 La Jolla Blvd, La Jolla
lecroqsandiego@gmail.com
858-412-5561

Best Acai (tie)

Juice Kaboose

Juice Kaboose is the first juice bar in So.Cal. and the first place to sell Acai energy bowl and Pitaya energy bowl. It is widely agreed that Juice Kaboose offers the most comprehensive fresh juice cleanse program. All organic veg-

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Best Cold Brew

Java Earth Coffee

Cold brew isn't just a drink at Java Earth—it's a lifestyle. This family-owned café has been fueling San Diego since 2010 and now brings its smooth, beach-vibe energy to La Jolla. Known for bold yet balanced brews, sunny spaces, and a menu of simple, flavorful bites, Java Earth keeps locals buzzing. With second-generation owners leading the charge, this spot proves that great coffee and good vibes never go out of style.

1030 Torrey Pines Rd # D, La Jolla
858-412-4779
javaearthcoffee.com

Best Comfort Food

Cove House

Cove House offers a menu full of fresh California ingredients, a beachy relaxed atmosphere, and a great gathering spot for locals. Also a charming venue ideal for your rehearsal dinner, wedding shower, brunch or corporate event!

8030 Girard Ave, La Jolla
858-999-0034 | covehouselajolla.com

Best Crepe's (tie)

Froglander's

(See listing under Best Yogurt)

Best Curry (tie)

Taste of Himalayas

Taste of Himalayas offers a vibrant dining experience with its blend of Indian and Himalayan cuisine. A casual yet lively atmosphere offering flavorful curries to traditional Himalayan dishes. Patrons can embark on a flavorful journey and indulge in a diverse range of culinary delights.

Taste of Himalayas
8008 Girard Ave, #170, La Jolla
tasteofthehimalayasca.com
858-551-9999

Pamir Kabobhouse

Since 2005, Pamir Kabob House has been serving authentic Afghan cuisine in the heart of La Jolla. Chef Noor's menu high-

lights signature lamb kabobs that melt in your mouth, savory steamed Mantu dumplings, flavorful chicken and beef dishes, and fresh vegetarian options. Every plate is infused with aromatic spices such as cardamom, cumin, turmeric, and coriander, creating bold flavors that are never bland or overly spicy. Experience warm hospitality and dishes that celebrate family, tradition, and culture.

737 Pearl St., La Jolla
pamirkabobhouse.com | **858-337-6670**

Richard Walker

(See listing under Best Breakfast)

Best Deli

Deli-icious

For more than 30 years, Deli-icious has lived up to its name, serving locals big flavor in the heart of La Jolla. Kick off the day with a breakfast burrito or egg sandwich paired with organic coffee, then come back at lunch for stacked paninis, fresh salads, and classic deli favorites. Fast, friendly, and always tasty, Deli-icious proves why it's the Village go-to spot when you're craving something truly... deli-icious.

1237 Prospect St J, La Jolla
(858) 456-6235 | deliicious.com

Best Desserts (tie)

Michele Coulon Dessertier

Step inside Michele Coulon Dessertier and you're met with desserts that feel more like works of art than simple sweets. Using the best Belgian chocolate, real butter, and fresh organic produce, every bite is rich, balanced, and unforgettable. From elegant wedding cakes to jewel-like pastries and savory creations, their philosophy is simple: food should be as beautiful as it is delicious. A true La Jolla gem for those who savor indulgence done right.

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7643 Girard Ave, La Jolla
parisiengourmandises.com
858-352-6552

Best Dinner (tie)
Bistro Du Marché
(See listing under Best French)

Nine-Ten
(See listing under Best Chef)

Best Espresso
Elixir Espresso Bar
(See listing under Best Cold Brew)

Best Family Restaurant (tie)
Cottage
(See listing under Best Breakfast)

Harry's Coffee Shop
A La Jolla landmark since 1960, Harry's Coffee Shop has been serving generations of families with hearty breakfasts, classic diner fare, and a welcoming atmosphere. Known for its retro charm and generous portions, Harry's is the kind of place where kids, parents, and grandparents all feel at home. Whether it's pancakes on a Saturday morning or burgers after the beach, Harry's remains a timeless spot for family dining.
7545 Girard Ave, La Jolla
858-454-7381 | harryscoffeeshop.com

Best Fast Mexican Food (tie)
Don Carlos
(See listing under Best Burrito)

Taco Stand
When's the last time you had a custom-made taco? Usually, those things are one-and-done, with a particular size fitting all. Not here -- here, you can pretty much make your own stuff, with (almost) all the guacamole you can stand. You can do the same thing in downtown Encinitas. Or you could go on a run between the three and see which is better. Chances are the quality's set at the same high standard.
621 Pearl St, La Jolla
letstaco.com | 858-551-6666

Best Farm to Table
George's at the Cove
(See listing under Best Atmosphere)

Best Fish Taco (tie)
El Pescador
(See listing under Best Seafood)

Sandpiper Wood Fired Grill & Oysters Bar
(See listing under Best Appetizer)

Best Fish & Chips
Hennessey's Tavern
(See listing under Best Wings)

Best French
Bistro Du Marché
(See listing under Best Overall)

Best French Toast
Brockton Villa
Perched above La Jolla Cove in a historic 1894 beach cottage, Brockton Villa is as famous for its views as it is for its signature "Coast Toast." This family-owned favorite serves breakfast, lunch, and seasonal dinners with

menus crafted by Chef John Ford and Chef Mike Levine. Cozy and welcoming, it's also a popular choice for private parties and holiday gatherings—delicious food and unforgettable ocean scenery.
1235 Coast Blvd, La Jolla
brocktonvilla.com | 858-454-7393

Best Gelato
Bobboi Gelato
At Bobboi Gelato, every scoop feels like a little adventure. One day you're savoring a timeless pistachio or velvety stracciatella, the next you're discovering Matchatella—matcha swirled with chocolate shards—or Rosehoney, kissed with Lebanese rosewater and organic honey. Made daily from fresh, seasonal ingredients, the flavors are as vibrant and unexpected as La Jolla.
8008 Girard Ave, La Jolla
bobboi.com/la-jolla | 858-255-8693

Best Grab & Go Meals (tie)
Cheese Shop
Part time capsule, The Cheese Shop has been fueling La Jolla Shores since 1972. Famous for stacked sandwiches, roasted meats, and cookies baked fresh in-house, it's the kind of place where locals return year after year—and bring their kids. Packed with mom-and-pop charm and picnic-perfect meals, The Cheese Shop makes "grab & go" feel like something special. Quick, delicious, and unmistakably La Jolla.
2165 Avenida De La Playa, La Jolla
858-459-3921 | cheeseshoplajolla.com

Small Goods
(See listing under Best Catering)

Best Greek
Spiro's Mediterranean Cuisine
Spiro's brings the flavors of Greece straight to La Jolla with a menu that's as crave-worthy as it is authentic. Think sizzling gyros, skewers of souvlaki, crisp artisan salads, and family-style plates





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909 Prospect St, Ste 100B
858-352-6588

Best Grilled Sandwich (tie) The Cheese Shop

(See listing under Best Grab & Go Meals)

Best Happy Hour Hennessey's

Locals may never crack the code of Hennessey's spicy chicken wings—some swear it's the seasoning, others joke it's something more secret. What everyone agrees on? They're addictive, especially paired with one of La Jolla's favorite happy hours. Cozy up around the fire pit, share a round with friends, and keep the debate going over what makes those wings so good. At Hennessey's, the answer doesn't matter—the flavor and fun speak for themselves.

7811 Herschel Ave. | (858) 551-8772
hennesseystavern.com

Sandpiper Wood Fired Grill & Oysters Bar

(See listing under Best Appetizer)

Best Hawaiian /Polynesian Duke's La Jolla

Duke's reputation precedes itself with its iconic Hawaii-themed locations, offering expansive beachfront venues that pay homage to sun, surf, and the legendary Duke Kahanamoku, revered as the pioneer of modern surfing. Yet, the allure of Hawaii pales in comparison to the magnetic pull of Duke's La Jolla. Since its opening, patrons have flocked to indulge in the delectable Hawaiian-inspired cuisine; the laid-back, inclusive atmosphere

reminiscent of its namesake.
1262 Prospect St, La Jolla
dukeslajolla.com | 858-454-5888

Best Healthy Dining (tie) Juice Kaboose

Before acai bowls were Instagram-famous, Juice Kaboose was serving them up right here in La Jolla. As Southern California's first juice bar, it set the standard for fresh, organic juices and energizing pitaya and acai bowls. Add in crisp salads, gluten-free snacks, and light wraps, and you've got a menu that fuels an active lifestyle without sacrificing flavor.

7556 Fay Ave, La Jolla
858-456-9300 | juicekaboose.com

Freshería

(See listing under Best Acai)

Best Ice Cream (tie) Baskin-Robbins

Baskin-Robbins has been the place where ice cream lovers go to celebrate life's sweetest moments. Famous for introducing the revolutionary concept of "31 flavors," the brand continues to delight with classics, seasonal specials, and creative new scoops that keep fans coming back. Whether it's a childhood favorite, a birthday cake, or a quick stop for a cone, Baskin-Robbins remains a timeless destination for frozen fun.

7470 La Jolla Blvd, La Jolla
858-459-5353

Häagen-Dazs

Häagen-Dazs is ice cream at its most decadent. For over five decades, the brand has perfected the art of indulgence, crafting velvety textures and bold flavors from only the finest ingredients. Every scoop feels like a moment of luxury—whether it's rich Belgian chocolate, Madagascar vanilla, or a seasonal creation that surprises and delights. In La Jolla, Häagen-Dazs remains the go-to for those who believe dessert should be nothing short of

extraordinary.
1172 Prospect St, La Jolla
858-459-4381

Best Indian

Taste of Himalayas

(See listing under Best Curry)

Best Italian (tie) Cafe Milano

Cafe Milano, under the guidance of Step into Café Milano and you're transported straight to northern Italy. For three decades, Chef Pasquale Cianni has welcomed La Jolla with handmade pastas, delicate lobster ravioli, and slow-braised veal ossobuco—dishes that capture the heart of Italian cooking. Warm service, candlelit tables, and authentic flavors make every meal feel like a special occasion. With 12 straight wins as Best Italian, Café Milano continues to be La Jolla's most beloved Italian escape.

711 Pearl St, La Jolla
cafemilanolajolla.com | 858-454-3806

Lupi Italian Restaurant

For nearly 25 years, Chef Luigi Tornatore has made Lupi Italian Restaurant a cherished La Jolla favorite. Known for homemade bread, sauces, pastas, and pizza dough crafted with locally sourced, organic ingredients, Lupi blends tradition with creativity. Guests enjoy seasonal specials alongside classic Italian favorites, paired with fine wines and a full bar. With a serene dining room and pet-friendly patio, Lupi continues to capture the heart of authentic Italian dining.

5518 La Jolla Blvd, Bird Rock
lupivinocucina.com | 858-454-6421

Best Juice Bar

Freshería

(See listing under Best Acai)

Best Kombucha

Parakeet Cafe

(See listing under Best Acai)

Best Late Night Eatery

Living Room Coffeehouse

(See listing under Best Café)

Best Latte

Java Earth Coffee

Java Earth Coffee has been fueling San Diego since 2010, first on Cass Street and now in its sunny La Jolla location. Family-owned by the Arstensteins, the café is known for smooth, flavorful lattes, laid-back beach vibes, and fresh, simple dishes created by Debbie Arstenstein. Under second-generation owners Alex and Andrea, Java Earth continues its "Get Your Happy On" mantra while offering locals a welcoming space.

1030 Torrey Pines Rd # D, La Jolla
858-412-4779
javaearthcoffee.com

Best Live Music

Beaumont's Eatery

(See listing under Best Bar)

Best Lobster

Lobster West

The Lobster West family is thrilled to bring their fresh seafood rolls to La Jolla, one of the top beach destinations in the world. Located across the street from George's at the Cove, Lobster West La Jolla is perfect for grabbing some lobster rolls and exploring this stunning town. Abundant with activities like snorkeling and kayaking, mysterious sea caves, and breathtaking views, La Jolla lives up to its nickname as the "Jewel" of San Diego.

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brunch here an experience, not just a meal. The restaurant also earned 2nd Place for Best Atmosphere, thanks to its stylish yet laid-back vibe. With hearty favorites, lively energy, and warm service, Queenstown has quickly become a go-to destination in the heart of La Jolla.
1044 Wall St, La Jolla
q-town.com | 858-352-6595

Beeside Balcony
Beeside Balcony has quickly become a La Jolla favorite, serving Mediterranean classics like seafood risotto, Spanish octopus, and peppercorn filet mignon. But here's the twist—tucked behind a secret door is The Hive, a speakeasy with Moroccan décor, vintage vibes, and its own cocktail lineup (don't miss the Bed of Roses). By day it's sunny, flavorful dining; by night it's hidden cocktails and conversation. Come, discover the secret.
1025 Prospect St STE 250, La Jolla
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Best Margarita Puesto
It was tacos from the beginning. Their family story begins with tacos. As first-generation Mexican Americans, they have been immersed in authentic, Mexican cooking since childhood. Traveling has fueled their fascination with how local cuisine reflects the people, art and culture of a city. They frequently visit Mexico City on the hunt for everything from innovative flavors to treasured family traditions handed down from generation to generation. This is where they bring all of that inspiration to life.
1026 Wall St, La Jolla
eatpuesto.com | 858-454-1260

Best Martini Manhattan of La Jolla
(See listing under Best Service)

Best Mediterranean Spiro's Mediterranean Cuisine
(See listing under Best Greek)
Best Mexican Fast Food (tie) Don Carlos
(See listing under Best Burrito)
Taco Stand
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letstaco.com | 858-551-6666

Best Mexican (tie) Puesto
(See listing under Best Margarita)

Jose's Courtroom
For locals, Jose's Courtroom isn't just a restaurant—it's where the fiesta starts. Classic Mexican dishes meet La Jolla flair, with favorites like ceviche, burritos, and house-made chips with salsa. Every sauce, side, and marinade is crafted from scratch, making each bite full of flavor. Add in their legendary margaritas, craft cocktails, and an impressive lineup of Mexican and local beers, and you've got the recipe for good times, great food, good cheers.
1037 Prospect St, La Jolla
joses.com | 858-454-7655

Best Ocean View (tie) The Marine Room
Few dining experiences rival The Marine Room, where the ocean itself becomes part of the evening. Since 1941, this La Jolla icon has enchanted guests with its floor-to-ceiling windows and the thrill of waves crashing just beyond the glass. As the tide rises, so does the romance—perfectly paired with world-class seafood, seasonal flavors, and decadent desserts crafted by Chefs Bernard Guillas and Ron Oliver.
2000 Spindrift Dr, La Jolla
marineroom.com | 858-459-7222

Georges at the Cove
(See listing under Best Atmosphere)

Best Omelette (tie) Richard Walker's Pancake House
(See listing under Best Breakfast)

Harry's Coffee Shop
(See listing under Best Family Restaurant)

Best Organic Trilogy Sanctuary
Trilogy Sanctuary is a vibrant wellness center in La Jolla serving community - indoor and outdoor yoga studio, aerial yoga, rooftop vegan and organic cafe with plant-based catering, spiritual counseling, juice cleanses via cold-pressed juice, boho boutique & event venue! Nourishing mind, body & spirit right here on a rooftop in La Jolla.
7650 Girard Ave, Ste 400, La Jolla (rooftop)
trilogysanctuary.com | 858-633-3893

Best Oysters Sandpiper Wood Fired Grill & Oysters Bar
Beach day? End it at Sandpiper. Just steps from the surf, this neighborhood favorite serves fresh oysters, wood-fired bites, and shareable plates perfect for hungry beachgoers. Grab a seat at the oyster bar, cozy up by the fireplace on the dog-friendly patio, or keep it casual inside with friends. With desserts by Georges at the Cove pastry chef Aly Lyng, Sandpiper proves you don't need fussy to have first-rate food and fun.
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(See under Best Woodfired Pizza)

Most Romantic (tie)
Osteria Romantica

In the heart of La Jolla Shores, Osteria Romantica lives up to its name with intimate charm and authentic Italian cuisine. Operatic melodies by Pavarotti and others float through the dining room, while the patio invites guests to linger in the afternoon sun or evening breeze. Founded in 2004, the restaurant blends flavors from across Italy into one romantic experience.
2151 Avenida De La Playa, La Jolla
osteriaromantica.com | 858-551-1221

Best Roof Top Dining
George's at the Cove
(See listing under Best Atmosphere)

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Best Sandwich (tie)
Jersey Mike's
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Best Seafood
El Pescador
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634 Pearl St, La Jolla
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Best Soup (tie)
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927 Silverado St, La Jolla
parakeetcafe.com | 858-412-5627

Best Specialty Drink
The Shores Restaurant
(See listing under Best Sunday Brunch)

Best Sports Bar (tie)
Nautilus Tavern
Fall means football, and Nautilus Tavern is the place to watch every play. With wall-to-wall TVs, cold brews, and one of the best happy hours by the beach, it's game-day central in La Jolla. Fans flock here for daily specials, big flavors, and the lively energy of two patios buzzing with sports spirit.
830 La Jolla Blvd #103, La Jolla
858-750-2056 | nautilustavern.com

The Spot
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1005 Prospect St, La Jolla
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Best Steak
Manhattan of La Jolla
(See listing under Best Service)

Best Surf & Turf
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(See listing under Best Ocean View)

Best Sushi
Shiku Sushi
Shiku Sushi in La Jolla has been voted Best Sushi in this year's Readers Choice Awards. Known for its fresh fish, creative rolls, and warm, inviting ambiance, Shiku delivers a sushi experience that feels both refined and relaxed. Whether you're craving clas-

sic nigiri, inventive signature rolls, or sashimi that melts in your mouth, Shiku hits the mark. Friendly service and attention to detail make every visit memorable — perfect for sushi lovers looking for local quality and flavor.
1277 Prospect St, La Jolla
858-456-7118

Best Tacos (tie)
Taco Stand
(See under Best Mexican Fastfood)

Puesto
(See listing under Best Margarita)

Best Take-Out (tie)
Don Carlos
(See listing under Best Mexican Food)

Mandarin House
(See listing under Best Chinese)

Best Thai (tie)
Aroi Thai
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7523 Fay Ave, Ste A, La Jolla
aroithailajolla.com | 858-729-1883

Turmeric Thai Garden
Turmeric Thai Garden has earned a loyal following in La Jolla with its bold flavors, fresh herbs, and vibrant spices. The menu celebrates traditional Thai favorites, from fragrant curries and spicy stir-fries to refreshing noodle dishes and crisp spring rolls. Paired with warm hospitality and a welcoming, garden-inspired setting, it's a go-to spot for both casual lunches and relaxed dinners.
6435 Caminito Blythe field, La Jolla
858) 886-7985 | turmericthai.com

Best Vegan
Trilogy Sanctuary
(See under Best Organic)

Best Vegetarian
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(See under Best Organic)

Best Wings
Hennessey's Tavern
(See listing under Best Happy Hour)

Best Wine Bar (tie)
We Olive
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Best Wine Selection (restaurant)
Nine-Ten
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5687 La Jolla Blvd, La Jolla
birdrockfinewine.com | 858-230-6956

Best Wraps

Marketplace Grille

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