



LA JOLLA VILLAGE NEWS

Congratulations to all the winners!

An important part of what makes La Jolla special is the businesses — big, medium and small — that are owned and staffed by the families and people in this wonderful community we call home.

These individuals work hard, day in and day out, to provide great food, drink, arts, entertainment, retail shopping, medical services, law advice, repair services and much, much more to locals and those not from the area visiting these establishments.

One of the most exciting times of the year for us at La Jolla Village News is the unveiling of our “Best of

La Jolla” issue, which puts a spotlight on those who are doing the very best in a wide range of categories.

Making things better for individuals voting this year in the “Best of La Jolla” issue is our new website at: bestoflajolla.voterfly.com.

The system allows for an easier voting process. Businesses can submit their brands online to be nominated, and voters take charge from there.

The Best of La Jolla issue allows us to highlight all of the wonderful businesses in our city.

Each year, we ask the most loyal readers around to nominate what

restaurants, entertainment venues, stylists, designers and other businesses and professionals stand out most to them.

Once again, we received hundreds of nominations from La Jolla residents eager to share their thoughts on the most deserving candidates. We tally the votes, compile a directory and send out the awards — many of which readers will see proudly displayed on the wall of restaurants and office.

Some of these businesses have been there for La Jolla residents and out-of-town shoppers for decades.

Others have only just begun to make an impact on the community but have obviously caught the attention of local consumers by doing things the right way time and time again.

We encourage readers to hang on to the following Best of La Jolla section throughout the year. It can be a handy companion for the next time you go in search of an optometrist, a car mechanic, a doctor, a Mexican dinner, a craft brewery or just a simple coffee with friends.

Congratulations to all winners and thank you for all you do for La Jolla!

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1 Free Appetizer
with any purchase

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zoyalajolla.com



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

The business categories were published in ballot form over a period of 4 weeks. Readers were asked to cast ballots for their favorite choices. With more than 98 categories, our readers came through with overwhelming response. We wish to thank all the readers who took the time to recognize these local businesses. *Editor's note: Factual descriptions for sponsored guides were compiled with the help of artificial intelligence and checked for accuracy by an editor.*

BEST ACAI

- Blue Whale
- Juice Kaboose

BEST AHI POKE

- Duke's
- Cherrywine Modern Asian Cuisine
- Blue Whale

BEST AMERICAN

- The Cottage
- Nine-Ten
- Small Goods Cheese Shop & Cafe

BEST APPETIZER

- Zoya
- Le Coq
- Puesto

BEST ATMOSPHERE

- George's At The Cove
- Brockton Villa
- LUCIEN

BEST BAGEL

- PopUp Bagels
- Busy Bee's
- Java Earth Coffee

BEST BAKERY

- Wayfarer Bread & Pastry
- Girard Gourmet
- Sugar & Scribe

BEST BAR

- Beaumont's
- Nine-Ten
- Birdseye Rooftop Restaurant & Bar

BEST BEER SELECTION

- Public House La Jolla
- The Spot
- Best Bloody Mary

BEAUMONT'S

- Hennessey's

BEST BREAKFAST

- Pepino Eatery & Bakeshop
- Brockton Villa
- The Cottage

BEST BRUNCH

- Pepino Eatery & Bakeshop
- Brockton Villa
- The Cottage

BEST BURGER

- Queenstown Village
- Jeffs' Beach Burger
- Nine-Ten

BEST BURRITO

- Pepino Eatery & Bakeshop
- The Taco Stand
- Don Carlos

BEST CAFE

- Cala La Jolla Café
- Pepino Eatery & Bakeshop
- Brockton Villa

BEST CANTINA

- Verdes El Ranchero
- Puesto
- Jose's Courtroom

BEST CATERING

- Small Goods Cheese Shop & Cafe
- Candor by Giuseppe
- Girard Gourmet

BEST CHEF

- Kamal Kamal @ Zoya
- Sebastian Becerra @ Pepino
- Elijah Arizmendi @ LUCIEN

BEST CHINESE

- Mandarin House
- Chin's Szechwan
- Best Chocolate

MICHELE COULON DESSERTIER

- Teuscher Chocolates Of Switzerland
- Chocolate Haus

BEST COFFEE SHOP

- Cala La Jolla Café
- Bird Rock Coffee Roasters
- Better Buzz Coffee

BEST COFFEE STAND/KIOSK

- Better Buzz Coffee
- Pinpoint Cafe
- Rancho Roasters

BEST COLD BREW

- Bird Rock Coffee Roasters
- Better Buzz Coffee
- Java Earth Coffee

BEST COMFORT FOOD

- Rock N' Roost Rotisserie
- The Cottage
- Promiscuous Fork

BEST CREPES

- Richard Walker
- Elixir Espresso Bar
- Scoops

BEST CURRY

- Taste Of The Himalayas
- Clay Oven Indian Cuisine
- Pamir Kabob

BEST DELI

- Girard Gourmet
- Small Goods Cheese Shop & Cafe
- Mimi's Panini Italian Deli

BEST DESSERTS

- Michele Coulon Dessertier
- LUCIEN
- Girard Gourmet

BEST DINNER

- Zoya
- LUCIEN
- George's At The Cove

BEST ESPRESSO

- Better Buzz
- The Cottage
- Elixir Espresso Bar

BEST FAMILY RESTAURANT

- Zoya
- Pepino Eatery & Bakeshop
- Brockton Villa

BEST FARM TO TABLE

- George's At The Cove
- Nine-Ten
- LUCIEN

BEST FAST FOOD (MEXICAN)

- The Taco Stand
- Don Carlos
- Rigobertos

BEST FISH & CHIPS

- Hennessey's
- Cody's

BEST FISH TACO

- El Pescador
- Don Bravo
- Puesto

BEST FRENCH

- Bistro Du Marche
- Le Coq
- The French Gourmet

BEST FRENCH TOAST

- Beaumont's
- Brockton Villa
- The Cottage

BEST GELATO

- Bobboi
- Cafe Milano

BEST GRAB & GO MEALS

- Rock N' Roost Rotisserie
- Small Goods Cheese Shop & Cafe
- Valley Farm Market

BEST GREEK

- Zoya
- Spiro's Mediterranean Cuisine
- Olive & Basil

BEST GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH

- Small Goods Cheese Shop & Cafe
- Cheese Shop
- Deli-icious

BEST HAPPY HOUR

- Beaumont's
- Eddie V's
- Roppongi Restaurant & Lounge

BEST HAWAIIAN/POLYNESIAN

- Duke's

BEST HEALTHY DINING

- Parakeet Cafe
- Trilogy Sanctuary
- Fresheria

BEST ICE CREAM

- Scoops
- Killer Whale Creamery
- Baskin Robbins

BEST INDIAN

- Taste Of The Himalayas

BEST ITALIAN

- Piatti
- La Dolce Vita Ristorante
- Piazza 1909

BEST JUICE BAR

- Parakeet Juicery
- Fresheria
- Juice Caboose

BEST KOMBUCHA

- Trilogy Sanctuary
- Parakeet Cafe

BEST LATE NIGHT EATERY

- The Spot
- The Living Room

BEST LATTE

- Bird Rock Coffee Roasters
- The Cottage
- Java Earth Coffee

BEST LIVE MUSIC

- Beaumont's

BEST LOBSTER

- The Marine Room
- Lobster West

BEST LUNCH

- Pepino Eatery & Bakeshop
- George's At The Cove
- The Cottage

BEST MARGARITA

- Puesto
- Verdes El Ranchero
- Jose's Courtroom

BEST MARTINI

- Manhattan
- Eddie V's
- Piatti

BEST MEDITERRANEAN

- Zoya
- Spiro's Mediterranean Cuisine
- Olive & Basil

BEST MEXICAN

- Puesto
- Verdes El Ranchero
- Jose's Courtroom

BEST NEW BAR/TAVERN

- LUCIEN
- Best New Restaurant
- Zoya

ROCK N' ROOST ROTISSERIE

- LUCIEN

BEST OCEAN VIEW

- George's At The Cove
- Brockton Villa
- The Marine Room

BEST OMELETTE

- The Cottage
- Harry's Coffee Shop
- Richard Walker

BEST ORGANIC

- Parakeet Cafe
- Trilogy Sanctuary

BEST OVERALL RESTAURANT

- Zoya
- Beaumont's
- LUCIEN

BEST OVERALL SERVICE

- Beaumont's
- LUCIEN
- George's At The Cove

BEST OYSTERS

- El Pescador
- Beeside Balcony

BEST PANCAKES

- Richard Walker

- Harry's Coffee Shop
- The Cottage

BEST PASTA DISH

- Catania
- Marisi
- Osteria Romantica

BEST PASTRY

- Wayfarer Bread & Pastry
- Sugar & Scribe
- Girard Gourmet

BEST PATIO DINING

- Brockton Villa
- George's At The Cove
- Beaumont's

BEST PET FRIENDLY RESTAURANT

- Beaumont's
- Barbarella
- Piatti

BEST PIZZA

- Isola Pizza Bar
- Pizza On Pearl
- American Pizza Manufacturing

BEST PIZZA (WOODFIRED)

- Isola Pizza Bar
- Wheat & Water
- Sammy's Woodfired Pizza

BEST PLACE FOR A BIRTHDAY PARTY

- LUCIEN
- Barbarella

BEST PLACE TO GO ON A BUDGET

- Taco Stand
- Don Carlos

BEST PLACE TO PEOPLE WATCH

- Jose's Courtroom
- The Cottage
- Nine-Ten

BEST ROMANTIC

- LUCIEN
- Brockton Villa
- George's At The Cove

BEST ROOF TOP DINING

- George's At The Cove
- Birdseye Rooftop Restaurant & Bar
- LUCIEN

BEST SALAD

- Zoya
- Mary's Gourmet Salads
- Sammy's Woodfired Pizza

BEST SANDWICH

- Pepino Eatery & Bakeshop
- Small Goods Cheese Shop & Cafe
- The Cottage

BEST SEAFOOD

- El Pescador Fish Market
- LUCIEN
- The Marine Room

BEST SOUP

- Zoya
- Lobster West
- Verdes El Ranchero

BEST SPECIALTY DRINK

- Pardisaea
- Nine-Ten
- LUCIEN

BEST SPORTS BAR

- Nautilus Tavern
- The Lot
- Public House La Jolla

BEST STEAK

- Eddie V's
- LUCIEN
- Manhattan

BEST SURF AND TURF

- Eddie V's
- The Marine Room

BEST SUSHI

- Himitsu
- Sushi Nekosan
- TAKARAMONO SUSHI

BEST TACOS

- Puesto
- Taco Stand
- Don Bravos

BEST TAKE-OUT

- Rock N' Roost Rotisserie
- Small Goods Cheese Shop & Cafe
- Chin's Szechwan

BEST THAI

- Aroi Thai
- Turmeric Thai Garden
- King Of Thai

BEST VEGAN

- Trilogy Sanctuary
- Fresheria

BEST VEGETARIAN

- Trilogy Sanctuary
- Parakeet Cafe
- Fresharia

BEST WINE BAR

- Bird Rock Fine Wine
- LJ Crafted Wines
- We Olive

BEST WINE SELECTION (RESTAURANT)

- Nine-Ten
- Eddie V's
- LUCIEN

BEST WINE SHOP

- Bird Rock Fine Wine
- We Olive

BEST WINGS

- Nautilus Tavern
- Hennessey's
- Public House La Jolla

BEST WRAPS

- Marketplace Grille
- Fresheria

BEST YOGURT

- Froglanders Crepes & Yogurt
- Scoops



Puesto

Best Tacos | Gold
Best Mexican | Gold
Best Margarita | Gold

GOLD WINNER LISTINGS: BEST RESTAURANTS

Best Acai Blue Whale

Experience the wonders of the ocean while indulging in delicious, locally sourced brunch options. Enjoy the finest breakfast, lunch, and coffee in California. Step inside this unique coastal 'house' located near picturesque La Jolla Cove, and immerse yourself in the relaxed ambiance as you savor every bite. Their team is dedicated to creating delightful culinary experiences that will leave you craving more.

834 Kline St, La Jolla
858-352-6580 | bluewhalesd.com

Best Ahi Poke Duke's La Jolla

Duke's reputation precedes it, with iconic Hawaii-themed locations and 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 and the laid-back, inclusive atmosphere reminiscent of its namesake.

1262 Prospect St, La Jolla

858-454-5888 | dukeslajolla.com.com

Best American The Cottage

The Cottage is a quintessential La Jolla destination beloved by locals, tourists, the young, the old, regulars and newcomers alike for the past 30 years. Set in the historic "Columbine Cottage," built in the early 1900's, serves exceptional breakfast and lunch on the sun-touched patio. The gourmet omelets, stuffed French toast, sandwiches, salads and trademark house-made granola are memorable and well worth the wait.

7720 Fay Ave, La Jolla
858-454 8409 | cottagelajolla.com

Best Appetizer Zoya

Discover delicious Mediterranean flavors at this new, popular La Jolla favorite. Whether you're feeling made-from-scratch seafood, hand-crafted margarita pizza or a traditional Middle Eastern dish, Zoya offers it all with wholesome ingredients, organic vegetables and no seed oils! Celebrate by hosting special events at Zoya and enjoy their curated selection of wines and local beers.

1000 Prospect St, La Jolla
858-203-7049 | zoyalajolla.com

Best Atmosphere George's at the Cove

Make every day a special occasion – one that begins with a bounty of locally grown and harvested products and ends with inventive preparations that surprise and delight you. George's is known for its ocean-view dining room—contemporary yet comfortable, with an intimate setting where conversation comes easy. Let their knowledgeable staff guide you through the many exciting choices.

1250 Prospect St, La Jolla
858-454 4244 | georgesatthecove.com

Best Bagel PopUp Bagels

PopUp Bagels is a popular East Coast-based franchise that operates only in certain states, and La Jolla is lucky enough to have its own location. Known for their signature artisanal cream cheese spreads and flavored butters, PopUp Bagels is sure to satisfy your chewy, New York-style bagel cravings. They offer weekly specials and schmear flavors, and you can order your freshly baked bagel online to save time.

637 Pearl St, La Jolla
855-747-6347 | popupbagels.com

Best Bakery Wayfarer Bread & Pastry

Wayfarer Bread & Pastry feels like a true neighborhood treasure. Owned by baker Crystal White, this cozy spot fills La Jolla mornings with the smell of fresh, naturally fermented breads made in small batches with care. Locals line up early for loaves, croissants, and brioche, while afternoons bring sandwiches layered on their signature bread. Wayfarer's charm lies in its simplicity — delicious, honest baking that's become part of daily life in the village.

5525 La Jolla Blvd, La Jolla
wayfarerbread.com

Best Bar Beaumont's Neighborhood Eatery

With everyday happy hours, a weekly Wednesday "Girl Dinner" menu, weekend bottomless mimosas or live local music, Beaumont's knows how to throw a party. Come feel the electric vibes and turn a night out into a full experience. With over two de-

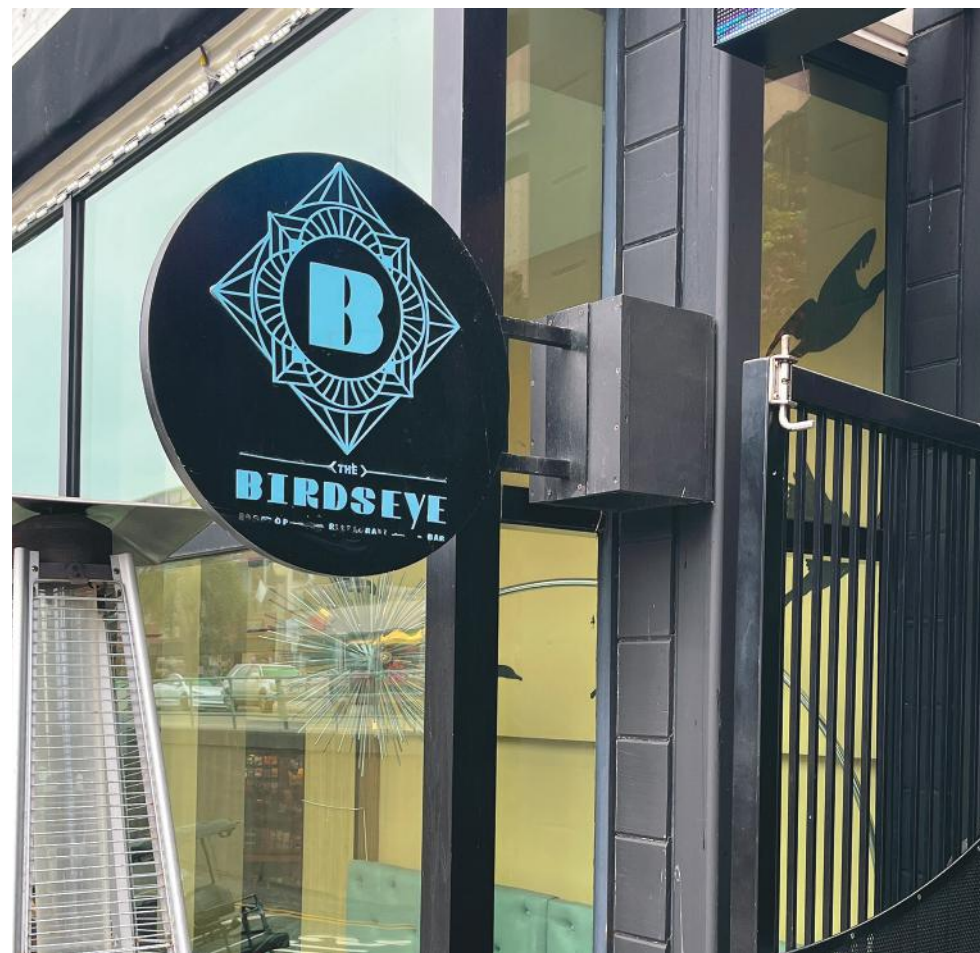


*Thank You La Jolla for your support the last **49** Years! We are honored to have been voted for the following in 2026:*



Best Chinese

www.MadarinHouseLJ.com



cadecades in business, Beaumont’s remains Bird Rock’s go-to for food and fun.

5662 La Jolla Blvd.
858-459-0474 | beaumontseatery.com

Best Beer Selection
Public House La Jolla

The Public House specializes in a delicious variety of burgers, wine, and limited-release beer. Come hang out and enjoy the rotating taps of Belgian and German beers, local San Diego beers, and many hard-to-find craft beers and microbrews from all around the world. Relax in the backyard, outdoors, or make yourself at home inside.

830 Kline St, La Jolla
858-551-9210 | the-publichouse.com

Best Bloody Mary
Beaumont’s

(See listing under Best Bar)

Best Breakfast
Pepino Eatery & Bakeshop

Pepino’s award-winning chef and owner, Sebastian Becerra, is a native La Jolla native with Peruvian origins. Although he has worked around the world, he finds his passion in seasonal and local ingredients. At Pepino, breakfast is served all day, with bowls, burritos, eggs and sandwiches. This cozy spot has grown in popularity thanks to its quality coffee and freshly baked goods that are sure to make a wonderful start to your day.

7556 Fay Ave Ste F, La Jolla
619-609-7065 | pepinosd.com

Best Brunch
Pepino Eatery & Bakeshop

(See listing under Best Breakfast)

Best Burger
Queenstown Village

Queenstown Village and its New Zealand-inspired cuisine charms guests who love inventive plates, bold flavors, and creative cocktails. With hearty burger 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
858-352-6595 | q-town.com

Best Burrito
Pepino Eatery & Bakeshop

(See listing under Best Breakfast)

Best Cafe
Cala La Jolla Café

Located in the historic Arcade building in The Village, Cala Café offers a wide selection of nourishing meals, from fresh paninis to crisp salads and protein-packed wraps. Pair that with a refreshing cold brew or a specialty latte, and you will feel right at home in this

cozy neighborhood cafe.
7910 Girard Ave, La Jolla
858 333-8610 | calalajolla.com

Best Cantina
Verdes El Ranchero

After 80 years in business, this locally owned Sonoran-style Mexican restaurant continues to bring beloved traditional meals to its La Jollans. If you’re in the mood for chile rellenos, carnitas, tamales, and hearty soups, or you want to sip on a curated selection of Mexican beers and tequilas, Verdes El Ranchero has both the food and the atmosphere to greet you. Surrounded by hand-painted murals and historical artwork, this restaurant allows generations to connect and gather over warm meals made with love.

7404 La Jolla Blvd, La Jolla
858 459-5877 | verdeselranchero.com

Best Catering
Smallgoods Cheese Shop & Cafe

Smallgoods American Cheeses & Provisions started in the San Diego Farmer’s Markets in 2015. They opened their brick-and-mortar in La Jolla in 2020. Here, they proudly bring their version of a gourmet deli, cafe and caterer to life with award-winning sandwiches, charcuterie platters, local finds and neighborhood charm.

7524 La Jolla Blvd, La Jolla
858-886-7217 | smallgoodsusa.com

Best Chef
Kamal Kamal @ Zoya

Kamal Kamal is as popular on Instagram as his cooking is at Zoya. As an Iraqi-American chef and a world traveler, Kamal knows how to pair different flavors to bring out the best of Mediterranean food. Featured on local news channels, Kamal emphasizes his goal of bringing community together, especially through his fan-favorite breakfast menu and family-platter options.

1000 Prospect St, La Jolla, CA 92037
858 203-7049 | zoyalajolla.com

Best Chinese
Mandarin House La Jolla

Since 1977, Mandarin House has served the best versions of the classic Chinese dishes you know and love in a fun, retro-yet-modern environment. Their classically trained chefs still use traditional techniques, paired with our original recipes, to deliver a dining experience unlike anywhere else in the world. There may be thousands of other Chinese restaurants worldwide, but there’s only one Mandarin House La Jolla.

6765 La Jolla Blvd, La Jolla
858-454-2007 | mandarinhouselj.com

Best Chocolate
Michele Coulon Dessertier

Step inside Michele Coulon Dessertier and

you’ll find 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.

7556 Fay Ave, La Jolla
858-456-5098 | dessertier.com

Best Coffee Shop
Cala La Jolla Café

(See listing under Best Cafe)



THE COTTAGE

LA JOLLA ENCINITAS DEL MAR

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BEST OMELETTE

Gold

★

BEST ESPRESSO

Silver

★

BEST PANCAKES

Bronze

★

BEST LUNCH

Bronze

★

BEST AMERICAN

Gold

★

BEST PLACE TO PEOPLE WATCH

Silver

★

BEST FRENCH TOAST

Bronze

★

BEST SANDWICH

Bronze

★

BEST COMFORT FOOD

Silver

★

BEST BREAKFAST

Bronze

★

BEST BRUNCH

Bronze

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124 El Camino Real Encinitas, 92024 p: (760) 854-4212

1555 Camino Del Mar, Ste. 102, Del Mar CA 92104 p: (858) 290-0200

thecottagerestaurants.com

in San Diego. BRCCR has won multiple national and international awards for quality, taste, roasting and socially responsible practices. Bird Rock Coffee Roaster's staff sources the best coffees in the world directly from origin. They engage in direct trade with farmers and are proud to serve the best green coffee, prepared with the utmost respect for sources.

5627 La Jolla Blvd, La Jolla
858-551-1707 | birdrockcoffeeroasters.com

Best Comfort Food
Rock N' Roost Rotisserie

With its 100% natural, antibiotic-free, hormone-free and cage-free chicken, Rock N' Roost lets you indulge in savory, juicy and flavorful roasted chicken guilt-free. The Mediterranean spices and olive oil roast deliver the crisp, aromatic flavors you crave ... all there's left to do is pick it up!

5662 La Jolla Blvd, La Jolla
619 810-2582 | rocknroost.com

Best Crepes
Richard Walker's
Pancake House

Since 1948, the Walker family name has become synonymous with quality family dining. The only thing better than their incredible made-from-scratch, daily breakfast creations is the ambiance of their restaurants and the friendly staff who serve you 365 days a year.

9090 Prospect St, La Jolla
858-459-8800 | richardwalkers.com

Best Curry
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 and traditional Himalayan dishes. Patrons can embark on a flavorful journey and indulge in a diverse range of culinary delights.

8008 Girard Ave, #170, La Jolla
858-551-9999 | tasteofthehimalayasca.com

Best Deli
Girard Gourmet

For more than 39 years, Girard Gourmet has been a La Jolla staple, celebrated for its quality, sustainability, and community spirit. From chocolate croissants and raspberry rugelach to custom cookies and specialty desserts, their creations delight. Using organic ingredients and European technique, Girard Gourmet exemplifies their commitment to healthy, honest food for happy, satisfied customers.

7837 Girard Ave, La Jolla
858-454-3321 | girardgourmet.com

Best Desserts
Michele Coulon Dessertier

(See listing under Best Chocolate)

Best Dinner
Zoya

(See listing under Best Appetizer)

Best Espresso
Better Buzz

(See listing under Best Coffee Stand/Kiosk)

Best Family Restaurant
Zoya

(See listing under Best Appetizer)

Best Farm To Table
George's At The Cove

(See listing under Best Atmosphere)

Best Fast Food (Mexican)
The 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.

621 Pearl St, La Jolla
858-551-6666 | letstaco.com

Best Fish & Chips
Hennessey's Tavern

For 50 years, Hennessey's has served liters of cold pints, crispy fish & chips and a whole lot of Irish hospitality. Whether you're there for breakfast classics, a filling lunch, or to celebrate Oktoberfest with a beer, Hennessey's has what you need. Find your favorites in this lively neighborhood pub.

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

Best Fish Taco
El Pescador

A La Jolla staple for more than 50 years, El Pescador Fish Market is beloved for its fresh, flavorful seafood served in a laid-back, beach-casual setting. Famous for fish sandwiches like swordfish and calamari, it also lets guests hand-pick fish to be char-grilled or sautéed, served with salad and rice. With friendly service, fair prices, and unmatched quality, El Pescador remains a true local gem for seafood lovers from all over San Diego.

634 Pearl St, La Jolla
858-456-2526 | elpescadorfishmarket.com

Best French
Bistro Du Marche

Since 2015, Bistro du Marché by Tapenade has been a multi-award-winning French classic bistro named in honor of La Jolla's



THANKS

-for voting us-



GOLD
BEST
CANTINA



SILVER
BEST
MEXICAN



SILVER
BEST
MARGARITA



BRONZE
BEST
SOUP



VERDES
EL RANCHERO



80
YEARS

858-459-5877 | 7404 La Jolla Blvd. | La Jolla, CA 92037 | www.VerdesElRanchero.com

PIATTI

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WINNER



GOLD | Best Italian
BRONZE | Best Martini
BRONZE | Best Pet Friendly Restaurant



OPEN DAILY
SUN - THURS: 11AM - 9PM
FRI & SAT: 11AM - 9:30PM

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PIATTI.COM | @PIATTILAJOLLA

closed-by Sunday Open Air Market. The cuisine blends selected fresh, local Californian ingredients with traditional French techniques and flavors. The comfortable, relaxed atmosphere of the dining room, bar and patio, combined with a lively ambiance, creates an elegant setting reminiscent of turn-of-the-century Parisian bistros.

7437 Girard Ave, La Jolla
858-551-7500 | bistrodumarche.net

Best French Toast

Beaumont's

(See listing under Best Bar)

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 Rose-honey, 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
858-255-8693 | bobboi.com/la-jolla

Best Grab & Go Meals

Rock N' Roost Rotisserie

(See listing under Best Comfort Food)

Best Greek

Zoya

(See listing under Best Appetizer)

Best Grilled Cheese Sandwich

Smallgoods Cheese

Shop & Cafe

(See listing under Best Catering)

Best Happy Hour

Beaumont's

(See listing under Best Bar)

Best Hawaiian/Polynesian

Duke's

(See listing under Best Ahi Poke)

Best Healthy Dining

Parakeet Café

At Parakeet Café, authenticity means food that's as nourishing as it is delicious. Known for soups made with the highest quality ingredients from local organic farms, Parakeet caters to every lifestyle—vegan, vegetarian, paleo, keto, gluten-free, or simply health-conscious. Their commitment to sustainability ensures every bowl supports both the planet and the palate, making Parakeet a favorite for those who want real food, real flavor, and wholesome comfort. Perfect for fall weather.

927 Silverado St, La Jolla
858-412-5627 | parakeetcafe.com

Best Ice Cream

Scoops

Because one wasn't enough, Scoops opened two locations in La Jolla to satisfy all the local sweet tooths. On their way to a hot beach day, customers can stop to savor handcrafted ice cream, with popular flavors including brown sugar cookie dough chunk, black cherry chip, honeycomb and Sicilian pistachio. There's something for everyone with additional vegan options featuring cashew and coconut milk.

2179 Avenida De La Playa, La Jolla
858-246-6321 | scoopsajolla.com

Best Indian

Taste Of The Himalayas

Located in the heart of La Jolla Village, Taste of the Himalayas offers authentic Nepalese cuisine and stellar vegetarian dishes for dine in, carryout or catering. Standout dishes include classics like chicken tikka masala, lamb korma, palak paneer and chana masala, along with handmade momos (soft meat or veggie dumplings)

8008 Girard Ave, La Jolla
858-551-9999 | tasteofthehimalayasajolla.com

Best Italian

Piatti

Established in 1987, Piatti offers finely crafted, classic Italian cuisine rooted in tradition and served in a warm yet refined setting. At the heart of our menu is the pasta—rolled and cut by hand each day, and cooked with care and intention. Piatti brings a fresh perspective to the time-honored Italian restaurant, blending polished hospitality with a familiar, welcoming spirit. It's a place where cherished traditions are celebrated, new memories are made, and friends and family naturally gather—whether dining in or enjoying at home.

2182 Avenida De La Playa
858-454-1589 | lajolla.piatti.com

Best Juice Bar

Parakeet Juicery

Owned by Carol and Jonathan Goldwasser, the same couple who run Parakeet Cafe, this juicery is full of fresh, ethically sourced ingredients and good intentions. Their juice bar serves yummy smoothies, nourishing juices, and even some vitamin immunity booster shots. With countless flavors and mixtures, customers are sure to find more than one favorite in this healthy, high-quality juicery.

935 Silverado St, La Jolla
858 451-4812 | parakeetcafe.com

Best Kombucha

Trilogy Sanctuary

Trilogy Sanctuary is a vibrant wellness center in La Jolla serving the community - indoor and outdoor yoga studio, aerial yoga, rooftop



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7650 Girard Ave, Ste 400, La Jolla (rooftop)
858-633-3893 | trilogysanctuary.com

Best Late Night Eatery

The Spot

This landmark restaurant on Prospect is best known for its 'highly customizable' Burger menu, unique take on Chicago-style Pizza, full-service bar, and late-night dining. It offers a full-service bar, a large selection of fine wines, and good vibes! It's where the cool people hang out.

1005 Prospect St, La Jolla
858-459-0800 | thespotonline.com

Best Latte

Bird Rock Coffee Roasters

(See listing under Best Cold Brew)

Best Live Music

Beaumont's

(See listing under Best Bar)

Best Lobster

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
858-459-7222 | marineroom.com

Best Lunch

Pepino Eatery & Bakeshop

(See listing under Best Breakfast)

Best Margarita

Puesto

As first-generation Mexican Americans, they grew up immersed in authentic Mexican cooking. Traveling has fueled their fascination with how local cuisine reflects a city's people, art and culture. They frequently visit Mexico City in search of everything from innovative flavors to treasured family traditions passed down through generations. This is where they bring all of that inspiration to life.

1026 Wall St, La Jolla
858-454-1260 | eatpuesto.com

Best Martini

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 timeless setting. With its piano bar, classic cocktails, and warm hospitality, Manhattan remains a favorite.

7766 Fay Ave, La Jolla
858-459-0700 | manhattanoflajolla.com

Best Mediterranean

Zoya

(See listing under Best Appetizer)

Best Mexican

Puesto

(See listing under Best Margarita)

Best New Bar/Tavern

LUCIEN

Opened just over a year ago, LUCIEN has already earned its first MICHELIN star and is quickly becoming a renowned fine dining restaurant in the heart of downtown La Jolla. With a limited 30 seats, the intimate atmosphere is ideal for a romantic dinner or private events. Guests can enjoy a refined 10+ course tasting menu, crafted with Chef Elijah

Arizmendi's expertise and made with locally sourced, high-quality ingredients.

7863 Girard Ave #308, La Jolla
619-786-3082 | luciensd.com

Best New Restaurant

Zoya

(See listing under Best Appetizer)

Best Ocean View

George's At The Cove

(See listing under Best Atmosphere)

Best Omelette

The Cottage

(See listing under Best American)

Best Organic

Parakeet Cafe

(See listing under Best Healthy Dining)

Best Overall Restaurant

Zoya

(See listing under Best Appetizer)

Best Overall Service

Beaumont's

(See listing under Best Bar)



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Best Oysters

El Pescador

(See listing under Best Fish Taco)

Best Pancakes

Richard Walker’s
Pancake House

(See listing under Best Crepes)

Best Pasta Dish

Catania

Located on the top floor of the newly redesigned La Plaza center on the historic corner of Wall and Girard, Catania Coastal Italian is the result of the vision of Whisknadle Hospitality owner Arturo Kassel and Culinary Partner/Director Ryan Johnston, inspired by a two-week, 1,400-mile road trip through Italy years ago. The restaurant offers guests authentic Italian coastal cuisine in a relaxed setting with panoramic ocean views.

7863 Girard Ave. #301 F3, La Jolla
858-551-5105 | cataniasd.com

Best Pastry

Wayfarer Bread & Pastry

(See listing under Best Bakery)

Best Patio Dining

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 carefully crafted menus. 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
858-454-7393 | brocktonvilla.com

Best Pet Friendly Restaurant

Beaumont’s

(See listing under Best Bar)

Best Pizza

Isola Pizza Bar

Isola Pizza Bar brings the authentic flavors of Italy straight to La Jolla, earning it the title of Best Pizza in this year’s Readers’ Choice Awards. Known for its wood-fired pizzas made with fresh, high-quality ingredients, Isola offers everything from classic Margherita to inventive seasonal combinations. The cozy yet modern setting, paired with a curated wine list and attentive service, makes it a favorite for both casual nights out and special occasions—a true slice of Italy in the heart of the village.

7734 Girard Ave, La Jolla
858-412-5566 | isolapizzabar.com

Best Pizza (Woodfired)

Isola Pizza Bar

(See listing under Best Pizza)

Best Place For A Birthday Party

LUCIEN

(See listing under Best New Bar/Tavern)

Best Place To Go On A
Budget

Taco Stand

(See listing under Best Fast Food (Mexican))

Best Place To People Watch

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
858-454-7655 | joses.com

Best Romantic

LUCIEN

(See listing under Best New Bar/Tavern)

Best Roof Top Dining

George’s At The Cove

(See listing under Best Atmosphere)

Best Salad

Zoya

(See listing under Best Appetizer)

Best Sandwich

Pepino Eatery & Bakeshop

This cozy La Jolla bakery with a Peruvian influence is beloved by locals for its welcoming atmosphere and house-made offerings. Known for delicious coffee, fresh baked goods and a well-curated selection of beer & wine, Pepino Eatery & Bakeshop brings a refined feeling to casual dining.

7556 Fay Ave Ste F
619-609-7065 | pepinosd.com

Best Seafood

El Pescador Fish Market

A La Jolla staple for more than 50 years, El Pescador Fish Market is beloved for its fresh, flavorful seafood served in a laid-back, beach-casual setting. Famous for fish sandwiches like swordfish and calamari, it also lets guests handpick fish to be char-grilled or sautéed, served with salad and rice. With friendly service, fair prices, and unmatched quality, El Pescador remains a true local gem

for seafood lovers from all over San Diego.

634 Pearl St, La Jolla
858-456-2526 | elpescadorfishmarket.com

Best Soup

Zoya

(See listing under Best Appetizer)

Best Specialty Drink

Pardisaea

Paradisaea is a destination restaurant and bar in the heart of La Jolla’s Bird Rock neighborhood. MICHELIN Guide recommended since 2023, the restaurant serves modern French cuisine and deliciously inventive cocktails like the Paradisaea Mai Tai, the Big Dill, Ch4 Kryptonite and Toki Highball.

5680 La Jolla Blvd
858-255-8011 | paradisaea.com

Best Sports Bar

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

Best Steak

Eddie V’s

Looking for expertly prepared seafood and steak? Well, look no further; Eddie V’s has you covered. This premier seafood restaurant near La Jolla Bay delivers a vast array of fresh seafood, like Pacific Ahi Tuna and raw oysters, and deliciously prepared premium hand-cut steaks and chops. To complement the meal, Eddie V’s offers handcrafted cocktails and an extensive wine menu curated by their in-house sommelier

1270 Prospect St, La Jolla
(858) 459-5500 | eddiev.com/
locations/ca/la-jolla/la-jolla/8511

Best Surf And Turf

Eddie V’s

(See listing under Best Steak)

Best Sushi

Himitsu

Inspired by the sushi bars of Ginza, Tokyo and Southern California lifestyle, Himitsu brings Japanese culture, dining and hospitality to San Diego. Chef Mitsu Aihara presents a menu of traditional sushi and nigiri, along with Japanese-style tapas, using the highest-quality products and ingredients. Meals can be paired with drinks from their carefully curated sake list, natural wines and Japanese and local craft beers.

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Best Tacos
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(See listing under Best Margarita)

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(See listing under Best Comfort Food)

Best Thai
Aroi Thai
Aroi Thai Cuisine brings the vibrant flavors of Thailand to La Jolla with authentic soups, noodles, curries, and stir-fries crafted with care. Family-owned and welcoming, it's a place where guests can enjoy Thai hospitality over lunch or dinner. Every dish is prepared with passion and precision, delivering an experience that's flavorful, comforting, and truly memorable.
7523 Fay Ave, Ste A, La Jolla
858-729-1883 | aroithailajolla.com

Best Vegan
Trilogy Sanctuary
(See listing under Best Kombucha)

Best Vegetarian
Trilogy Sanctuary
(See listing under Best Kombucha)

Best Wine Bar
Bird Rock Fine Wine
Bird Rock Fine Wine is a traditional 'brick and mortar' store located in the Bird Rock area of La Jolla. It opened in 2012 and still has the same local owner, Ken Chalmers.
5687 La Jolla Blvd, La Jolla
858-230-6956 | birdrockfinewine.com

Best Wine Selection (Restaurant)
Nine-Ten
NINE-TEN Restaurant's evolving California cuisine features the best of the harvest from local artisan farmers, where produce is selected daily. Lunch and dinner are served daily and Brunch every Sunday, in the main dining room, sidewalk patio or back terrace with glimpses of the ocean.
910 Prospect St, La Jolla
858-964-5400 | nineten.com

Best Wine Shop
Bird Rock Fine Wine
(See listing under Best Wine Bar)

Best Wings
Nautilus Tavern
(See listing under Best Sports Bar)

Best Wraps
Marketplace Grille
Marketplace Grille is renowned for its Mediterranean cuisine, featuring a delectable array of mesquite-grilled meat and veggie skewers, wraps, and bowls. Known for its exceptional service and value, Marketplace Grille offers a delightful counter-serve experience, satisfying discerning palates with flavorful dishes crafted with care and expertise.
1030 Torrey Pines Rd, La Jolla
858-456-9576 | marketplacegrille.com

Best Yogurt
Froglanders Crepes & Yogurt
For over 38 years, Froglander's has been a La Jolla favorite for frozen yogurt and more. Guests can build their own Froyo creations, dive into acai bowls, or enjoy classics like banana splits. Known also for its authentic French crepes—sweet, savory, gluten-free, or vegan—Froglander's offers something for everyone. With rotating flavors, organic coffee, and endless combinations, every visit brings a new treat.
915 Pearl St, La Jolla
858-459-3764 | froglanders.com

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