

San Diego Food Finds Blog

San Diego Restaurants Raise The Bar Scene

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Let's face it, with each year, comes a new standard. The stakes get higher, the competition soars, and once again the bar is set higher. Have you ever wondered which San Diego restaurants are pushing these limits, shattering standards, and mastering the art of the dining scene? Look no further than these six restaurants that are, once again, raising the bar.

This prime piece of North Park real estate, [Encontro](#), has people raving about the chic and sleek interior and relaxed atmosphere. Adorned with wood and metal accents, LED lighting, big windows and trendy barstools, the design is enough to get you in the door. Once you're there, enjoy your choice of 21 rotating craft beers or hard root beer, while satisfying your early or late-night food cravings with one of their signature sausage plates, portobello fries, or a fresh and hearty salad.

America is rooted in giving people freedom of choice, and why should craft beer be any different? [Barrel Republic](#) has mastered this concept of self-serve with their "Freedom to Pour" motto, freedom to compare, and freedom to be amongst other like-minded craft beer enthusiasts. This is not your typical bar. At Barrel Republic in [Pacific Beach](#) or [Oceanside](#), you are your own bartender and can sample from over 40 different rotating taps that line the wall of this vintage barrel-themed bar.

At [Miss B's Coconut Club](#) in Mission Beach, there is no bad seat in the house. With vibes as good as the beach next door, you'll feel like you're on vacation. Sip a cocktail out of a copper flamingo while sitting at the bar and enjoying the beachy, lounge-style interior. Take a seat around the fire-pit on the wrap around patio as you listen to the waves hit the shore and take in the animated life of Mission Blvd. Tropical fruits, crafty drinks and good vibes always guaranteed.

Dark wood interior, hot red bar stools, unique decorations and over 30 rotating taps is what you'll find at Kearny Mesa's [Common Theory Public House](#). Created by friends, for friends, this casual brew house will give you an unforgettable culture-clash experience blending Korean, Chinese, Mexican and

American cuisine. When you're not sitting at the bar, you can enjoy a comfortable living room lounge complete with couches, wall art, a piano, brick walls and of course – kegs.

There's always something a little mysterious and intriguing about an underground bar. When you're in the mood to strike a secret spot, look no further than [ginger's](#), located underneath [barleymash](#) in the heart of the San Diego Gaslamp district. This full bar and lounge will make you feel like the classy person you are, complete with white love seat couches, high top tables, brick walls, tasteful purple curtains and most importantly a killer dance floor and live music.

The spot San Diegans are all waiting for...is finally here! [The Corner Drafthouse](#) has that wow-factor we all want to see when we try something new. This vintage-inspired bar is adorned with rustic wood paneling, gold ceiling tiles and booth and outdoor patio seating. Located right next Balboa Park in Bankers Hill, this central location serves as the quintessential stop while you're exploring everything San Diego has to offer.

Once again, the bar has been raised. There is no doubt that these six hot San Diego bars are setting the new standards and taking over the bar scene. From trendy bar stools, to self-serve craft beers, the competition is going to have a difficult time outdoing these fresh, memorable and crafty destinations.