When it comes to food (and, indeed, eating it), La Jolla is one of the most vibrant areas of the city. Whether you’re searching for fine dining or a bite on the go, our community has it. From sumptuous seafood to delectable desserts, from gourmet gastronomic delights to international cuisine, you’ll find it here in our seaside village. We sport some of the finest culinary creations from some of the world’s most highly regarded chefs, who build inspired menus from resources just miles away — from our ocean and our fertile farmlands — and create some of the best local fare to be had.

Our readers have lent their dining expertise in vetting the best of the best in La Jolla. This list may not include every single eatery in our community — there are simply too many to name — but it does include those that, according to our readers, are so notable that recognition was necessary. Locals have taken the time to let us know where the best dining experiences can be had in La Jolla, and we listened. We tallied the votes over several months and highlighted those that go above and beyond to make our community the gourmet haven that it is.

La Jolla Village News thanks the readers who took the time to speak out about which dining establishments they think deserve to be singled out, and we would especially like to thank the winners who work so hard to hone their craft. Use this list to revisit an old favorite or perhaps try somewhere new that’s getting rave reviews. And when you happen upon one of those top-notch restaurants proudly displaying its Readers Choice Award, take a moment to let them know how much you appreciate what they do.

— Martin Jones Westlin
Editor, La Jolla Village News
Congratulations to the following businesses who were chosen by the readers of the La Jolla Village News.

Readers were asked to cast ballots for their favorite choices. This was no simple task! With more than 50 categories, our readers had to consider a wide range of options to make their selections.

The list includes a variety of restaurants, bakeries, wine shops, and more, all of which have been praised by the readers for their excellent service, delicious food, and overall dining experience.

Let's take a look at some of the top choices:

**Best Overall Restaurant**
Truluck's

Truluck's is an escape — a getaway for the senses. Savor the freshest crab, direct from the restaurant's own fisheries. Truluck's boasts: "From our traps to your table in less than 24 hours." Enjoy the fresh catch, seafood menu or select tender, juicy steaks grilled to perfection. Then complement it all with delicious wines by the glass and bottle. Come early and enjoy Truluck's cocktail hour from 4:30 to 7 p.m. and enjoy the special priced appetizers and drink menus.

**Best New Restaurant (tie)**
The Hake Kitchen & Bar

With a farm-to-table approach focusing on fresh seafood and an upscale casual brasserie-style atmosphere, The Hake offers a unique, global-inspired menu created by chefs Federico Rigoletti and Roberto Craig of Mexico City's Pumarena.

The lively bar offers craft and classic cocktails, local beers on tap, a carefully selected wine list, a fine collection of single-malt whiskies and San Diego's largest selection of Mezcal.

**Best Restaurant Service**
Truluck's

(See listing under Best Overall)

**Best New Restaurant (tie)**
The Hake Kitchen & Bar

(See listing under Best Overall)

**Best Chef**
Truluck's

(See listing under Best Overall)

Thank you to all the readers who voted for their favorite businesses. Your support helps to make La Jolla, Bird Rock, and University City such wonderful communities.
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BEST CHEF • BEST DINNER • BEST ATMOSPHERE
BEST OVERALL SERVICE • BEST HAPPY HOUR

In UTC at the Aventine, La Jolla Village Drive just east of The 5.
858 453 2583  www.trulucks.com

Todd Perry
Managing Partner
The Cottage

The Cottage is a quintessential La Jolla destination beloved by locals, tourists, the young, the old, regulars and newcomers alike. Set in the historic Columbine cottage built in the early 1900s, The Cottage serves up an exceptional breakfast and lunch on a sun-drenched patio. Its gourmet omelets, stuffed French toast, healthful muffins and trademark granola are memorable and worth the weekend wait, which is sweetened by the coffee and cake samples offered to those milling on the sidewalk waiting for a table. Beginning May 21, the restaurant stays open for dinner. The Cottage is also available for rent for parties and receptions year-round.

The Cottage
7702 Fay Ave.
(858) 454-8409
cottagelajolla.com

Best Breakfast

Truluck's

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Truluck’s
at UTC Aventine
8990 University Center Lane
(858) 453-2583
trulucks.com

Lean and Green Café

It’s no secret that eating healthfully is the best way to eat. More important, eating clean or organic food will help improve your health. Lean and Green does just that, with an impressive array of organic gourmet salads, wraps, soups and decadent organic sweet bowls, but it also offers thirst-quenching, freshly made organic juices, smoothies and smart shots. Lean and Green Café is also a vegetarian-friendly, vegan-friendly café open for breakfast, lunch and dinner on the go (order by 5 p.m., pick up by 6:30 p.m.) Free delivery within La Jolla Village with $12 order. And don’t forget the awesome “Happy Hour Smoothie” every day from 3 to 4 p.m.

Lean and Green Cafe
7825 Fay Ave.
(858) 459-5326
leanandgreencafe.com

Best Lunch (tie)

Merici Beaucoup!

Thank You for Voting For Us!

Voted Best Overall Restaurant

Osteria Romantica
2151 Avenida de la Playa · La Jolla
858.551.1221 · www.OsteriaRomantica.com

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■ International Wine List
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Come enjoy your own private tour of Italy with us

Truluck’s

Thank You for Voting For Us!

Mexican Street Food
EatPuesto.com

Merci Beaucoup!

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Thank YOU LA JOLLA for voting us BEST FRENCH RESTAURANT

Osteria Romantica
2151 Avenida de la Playa · La Jolla
858.551.1221 · www.OsteriaRomantica.com

Thank You for Voting For Us!

Best Dinner

Truluck’s

(See listing under Best Overall)
Best Take-Out
China Chef
For a taste of China in the middle of La Jolla, look no further than China Chef, on Pearl Street. This authentic little gem has a wide range of traditional fare like chop suey, noodle dishes, chef specialties to choose from and great deals on $5 lunch specials from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Gluten-free menu items like cashew nut chicken, shrimp with assorted vegetables and Kung-Po beef to cater to everyone’s tastes.
China Chef
623 Pearl St. (858) 454-1368 lajollachinachef.com

Best Sunday Brunch
The Cottage
(See entry under Best Breakfast)

Best Family Restaurant
Sammy’s Woodfired Pizza
Families with discerning taste should count on Sammy’s for their family night out. Patrons clearly support Sammy’s mission to mix flavor with freshness in its pizza. Forget the boring cheese and pepperoni of old — Sammy’s redefines the genre with pies comprising organic arugula, pear and prosciutto. How about soups like lobster bisque and Kobe beef chili; not what you’d expect from a typical pizza place. Sammy’s offers a more simplified menu for the kids.
Sammy’s Woodfired Pizza
702 Pearl St. (858) 456-5222 sammyspizza.com

Best Atmosphere (tie)
Herringbone
La Jolla’s long-awaited new kid on the block dishes out ocean-inspired eats as fresh as the restaurant’s concept. With six 100-year-old olive trees adorning the expansive eatery, a playful spread of handcrafted cocktails in the restaurant’s cozy lounge and mouthwatering seafood fare crafted by celebrity chef Amanda Baumgarten, this 21st century wonderland is certainly one of La Jolla’s new favorite go-to hotspots for Sunday supper with the family, oyster happy hour with co-workers or cocktails with friends.
Herringbone
7387 Herschel Ave. (858) 459-0221 herringbonelajolla.com

Truluck’s
(See listing under Best Overall)

Best Wine Shop
BevMo
It’s not difficult to understand why this warehouse of alcohol has grown popular. It sells every brand and region of alcohol desired. There are thousands of bottles of wine, beer and spirits on these shelves. What to choose is the only problem. Browsing the company website may help out the wandering shopper. Rating agencies give their top picks to choose is the only problem. Browsing the company website may help out the wandering shopper. Rating agencies give their top picks.
BevMo
844 Pearl St. (858) 729-0775 bevmo.com

Best Beer Selection
Karl Strauss Brewery & Restaurant
San Diego’s own microbrewery, Karl Strauss brews and bottles its beer in a converted greenhouse just east of Pacific Beach. La Jolla oenophiles should not miss out on the freshness and flavor Karl Strauss has to offer. Two college graduates mixed their passion for handcrafted, old-world chops and succulent seafood will satisfy the most discriminating of palates. And at Donovan’s, fresh seasonal vegetables and your choice of potato are included with each entree.
Donovan’s of La Jolla
4340 La Jolla Village Dr. (858) 450-6666 donovansteakhouse.com

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Prospect Bar & Grill

The party is usually audible from down the street. Across the hall from Sushi on the Rock, Prospect Bar & Grill is a swanky hangout with music every night of the week. Dancers and novices pack the lounge on Monday evenings for a free salsa class and dancing until late. Acoustic musicians take the stage on Thursday nights, and the DJ is spinning the party on Fridays and Saturdays. On a more mellow note, relax with friends on the outdoor patio warmed by fire pits and enjoy the bar’s California cuisine.

Prospect Bar & Grill
1025 Prospect St.
(858) 454-6092
prospectbar.com

1044 Wall St.
(858) 551-8250
prospectbar.com

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(858) 454-6092
prospectbar.com

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Best Margarita (tie)

Cozymel’s

Cozymel’s Mexican Grill offers authentic Mexican, including sizzling fajitas, fresh seafood and frozen margaritas. Plenty of parking in the University shopping center. Fast friendly service and festive atmosphere starting with fresh chips and salsa. Prices are fair and food is generous and good. Great place to meet friends or enjoy a family outing. You won’t be disappointed.

Cozymel’s
4303 La Jolla Village Dr.
(858) 658-0480
cozymels.com

Jose’s Courtroom

Jose’s has been delighting locals and visitors since 1978 with its colorful, casual, friendly ambiance. Specializing in carne asada, pollo asado and carnitas, along with many other delicious, authentic Mexican specialties, this is a great place to enjoy a fabulous meal with family, friends and coworkers. But for a different taste, try the “shrimp-packed burrito,” with an average of 15 shrimp, sautéed with onions, tomatoes and cilantro to make certain you get juicy, tasty shrimp in
Best Martini
Barfly
Barfly in La Jolla was created by a couple entrepreneurs who wanted to start a place that’s a cut above the normal. Although they are known in the Village for their eclectic menu, topflight DJs and dancing, their appetizer and drink happy hour is what caught the attention of readers. From 5 to 7 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, Barfly offers significant discounts on appetizers, wines, beers and well drinks in a fun and funky atmosphere. And we’re not talking about the usual pub-grub, either; fish tacos, avocado rolls, caprese salad, bruschetta and hummus falafel are offered.

Barfly
909 Prospect St. 
(858) 454-2323
barfly@lajolla.com

Best Place to People Watch
Bird Rock Coffee Roasters
Bird Rock Coffee Roasters is taking specialty coffee to a whole new level. As the only coffee company in San Diego that sources their beans at origin, Bird Rock Coffee Roasters has expanded the concept of sustainability and transparent coffee buying. The green coffee beans they buy must meet stringent standards, and then they roast and prepare this coffee with the utmost respect to those who grew it. BRCR continues to win national honors for their excellence each year as they were named one of Zagat’s top 15 coffee houses in the country in addition to being named one of Eater.com’s 15 Essential Coffee Shops in the Country, both 2014 honors. BRCR received the prestigious National 2012 National Micro-Roaster of the year award.

Bird Rock Coffee Roasters
5627 La Jolla Blvd. 
(858) 551-1707
birdrockcoffeeroasters.com

Best Pet-Friendly Place
Lupi Italian Restaurant
Lupi Italian restaurant and wine bar has always been a La Jolla favorite for those who appreciate fine Italian wine and mouthwatering authentic cuisine and now there is a new reason to visit. New partner Andriano Gasparo has teamed up with long time partner Luigi Tornatore to add a new twist to the menu while keeping all your favorites. Add to that an amazing bar menu featuring small tastes and select wines for $5 from 5 pm to closing every evening and you are all set.

Enjoy dining on the the sunny outdoor patio. You can also bring your pet for some special “pet”ality. So stop by and see what’s new at Lupi’s — your palate will be glad you did.

Lupi Italian Restaurant
5518 La Jolla Blvd. 
(858) 454-6421
lupiinvincucina.com

Happy Hour
Truluck’s
(See listing under Best Overall)

Best Comfort Food
The Spot Restaurant
This eatery opened its doors in 1978 in the oldest La Jolla building in continuous use as a restaurant. It’s became a favorite for its fresh fish, steaks, burgers, salads, pasta, sandwiches and Chicago-style pizza. In other words, it offers just about anything a late-night diner could want. There’s a full-service bar and a large selection of fine wines. The warm fire is $20 or more. Not valid with any other discounts, cannot be combined, no cash value. Expires 6-17-2014.

Half sandwich's are not included. No cash value. Cannot be combined with any other offers or discounts. Limit 1 free nosh box per order/customer. Expires 6-17-2014.

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burning in the middle of the room
seals the cozy ambiance of this late
night spot.

The Spot Restaurant and Tavern
1005 Prospect St.
(858) 459-0800
thespotonline.com

Best Late Night Eateries (tie)

The Spot Restaurant
(See listing under Best Comfort Food)

Best Place to go on a Budget

Burger Lounge
In many ways, Burger Lounge is the
antithesis of a fast-food joint. It is
about a passion to create something
great. Starting with all-natural, grass-
fed Tallgrass beef delivered directly
from the rancher, hand-cut french
fries, fresh-made onion rings and
home-baked buns, Burger Lounge has
created a food experience it hopes you
will want to have again and again.

Burger Lounge also serves cool, crisp
salads, a turkey burger with fresh basil
and its own vegetarian burger made
from organic quinoa.

Burger Lounge
1101 Wall St.
(858) 456-0196
burgerlounge.com

Best Place for B-day Party

Prospect Bar & Grill
(See entry under Best Sports Bar)

Best Ocean View (tie)

The Marine Room
When The Marine Room opened at its
current location, Franklin Roosevelt
had just been elected to his third term
as president. That pretty much makes
The Marine Room the oldest San
Diego restaurant still owned and
operated by its founders in its original
location. Executive chef Bernard Guill-
ies uses all that history to his best
advantage — he’s got a lot to draw
from as he travels the world in search
of the finest cuisine for The Marine
Room’s legion of customers.

The Marine Room
2000 Spindrift Drive
(858) 459-7222
marineroom.com

George’s at the Cove
George’s at the Cove has been in La
Jolla since 1984, but there’s no sign
that it seeks to rest on its laurels. The
exceptional dining experiences are no
accident — this restaurant has three
extraordinary on-site restaurants ded-
icated to providing guests with the
best food and service possible. Guests
can either opt for California modern
or a more casual, bistro dining experi-
ence at George’s Bar, complete with
an outdoor patio. For a spectacular
view of the ocean, head upstairs to the
ocean terrace.

George’s at the Cove
1250 Prospect St.
(858) 454-4244
georgesatthecove.com

Most Romantic

The Marine Room
(See entry under Best View)

Best American

Whisknladle
(See entry under Best Patio Dining)

Best Asian Fusion

Roppongi Restaurant & Sushi Bar
Roppongi offers the rare opportuni-
ty to sample new Asian cuisine and
choose from a variety of sushi rolls
in a chic atmosphere where profes-
sionals are known to cluster. Chef
Stephen Window offers meals far
beyond the standard fare, like the miso-glazed Japanese eggplant and crispy buttermilk onion rings with wasabi garlic aioli sauce. Popular for its generous happy hour portions, Roppongi is the very definition of umami: the Japanese word for savory.

Roppongi Restaurant & Sushi Bar
875 Prospect St.
(858) 551-5252
roppongiusa.com

Best Appetizer
The Hake
(See listing under Best New Restaurant)

Best Bakery (tie)
Aroma Café
Aroma Café is the product of its founders’ diverse cultural backgrounds. This one-of-a-kind cafe incorporates an interesting twist of Middle Eastern and western European influences in its menu to provide a comforting second home where patrons can relax, imbibe in gourmet coffees and drinks from around the world and munch on a selection of award-winning home-made pastries at the full-service cafe. Chef Sean Sommer brings his culinary expertise to the table, fusing contemporary flavors and fresh entrees for locals to enjoy amid a nearby backdrop of the stunning Pacific.

Aroma Cafe
909 Prospect St.
(858) 454-4447
aromalajolla.com

The French Gourmet
Those pesky wine boutiques are popping up with alarming regularity around here – and if you go to The French Gourmet for a meal, you’ll get a ground-floor view of one of the latest. Meanwhile, this La Jolla staple has been around for 29 years and in that time has managed to open its own in-house bakery and catering kitchen, ensuring the kind of customer service you’ve come to expect.

The French Gourmet
960 Turquoise St.
(858) 488-1725
thefrenchgourmet.com

Best Bagel
Einstein Bagels
As the nation’s largest operator of bagel bakeries and the leader in the quick casual segment of the restaurant industry, Einstein Noah Restaurant Group is moving with the cultural shift toward food that is fast but never tastes that way. Think fresh-baked goods, made-to-order sandwiches, crisp salads and gourmet coffee.

Einstein Bros. Bagels
4150 Regents Park Row #180
(858) 458-0392
einsteinbros.com

Best Bar
Barfly
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Barfly
909 Prospect St.
(858) 454-2323
barflylajolla.com

Apollonìa
Apollonìa has been the destination of choice for La Jollans with an appetite for Greek delicacies. The restaurant has a handsome outdoor patio where shaded alfresco dining is delightful. Venture inside and you will find a charming ambiance in every dining room and in the beautiful lounge. The menu includes age-old favorites such as Dolmathakia and Moussaka, alongside some absolute surprises guaranteed to tantalize your adventurous curiosity. The menu offers many heart-healthy items prevalent in Greek cuisine. Apollonìa’s service is very friendly and as pleasant as the food. Open daily from 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM (Sun-Thu) and to 10:00 PM (Fri & Sat).

Apollonìa
8650 Genesee Ave #106
(858) 455-1535
apolloniabistro.com
Lupi Italian Restaurant

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Lupi Italian Restaurant
5518 La Jolla Blvd.
(858) 456-6421
lupivincucina.com

Best Burrito
Rubio’s

It was 30 years ago that Ralph Rubio tasted a fish taco in San Felipe, Mexico. He returned to San Diego to handcraft his own recipe and introduced America to the fish taco. Now, Rubio’s can be enjoyed in many locations throughout San Diego. The freshness of the food and salsa is what makes Rubio’s the go-to place for great food at great prices.
Rubio’s
639 Pearl St.
(858) 459-0027
rubios.com

Best Café
Living Room Café

The Living Room has truly lived up to its name in La Jolla. The café has drawn young and old alike to sip tea, coffee and deluxe smoothies in a homey ambiance furnished with antique, ornate coaches and wood- en tables. Patrons find the community atmosphere inspiring and relaxing; you’ll find groups of friends smoking the hookah on the patio and others pouring over books in the back. Scrumptious desserts are available, along with wine, beer and hookah tobacco. Enjoy the views from the second floor Ocean View room and don’t miss happy hour from 12 to 6 p.m., daily, offering $3 wine mimosas, and $4 draft beers and $5, well drinks and beer!
Living Room Café
1010 Prospect St.
(858) 459-1187
livingroomcafe.com

Best Catering
Girard Gourmet

(See entry under Best Dessert)

Best Chinese
China Chef

(See entry under Best Take-Out)

Best Coffee Shop
Bird Rock Coffee Roasters

(See entry under Best Place to People Watch)

Best Deli
Girard Gourmet

(See entry under Best Take-Out)

Best Desserts
Michelle Coulon

Michele Coulon Dessertier desserts and savory offerings are made from fresh local organic produce, only real butter, and Belgian chocolate. They take pride in creating spectacular wedding cakes and desserts that are both appealing to the eye and tantalizing to the taste.
Michelle Coulon
Sycamore Court, 7556 Fay Ave,
(858) 456-5098
dessertier.com

Best Fish Taco
Wahoo’s Fish Tacos

Wahoo’s has become a La Jolla tradition for young and old. Ask any kid who grew up in La Jolla — they remember hanging out after school at Wahoo’s. Walls, tables and even bathrooms are laden with signed memorabilia and stickers, like a giant skateboard. Starters include tasty Maui onion rings and spicy chicken tortilla soup, but it’s the fish tacos that draw the crowds. Kids continue to love the place because of the free stickers!
Wahoo’s Fish Tacos
639 Pearl St.
(858) 459-0027
wahos.com

Best French
Tapenade

Since 1998, chef Jean-Michel Diot has been serving up award-winning French-American fusion cuisine at Tapenade Restaurant. While Diot’s delectable hors d’oeuvres, reinterpreted fresh Gallic cuisine and delicately sweet desserts account for some mouthwatering menu options, the famed chef and his cuisine are not the only reasons to visit the fine-dining, coastal restaurant. With an on-site sommelier and excellent customer service, the Tapenade experience is worthy of a standing ovation from start to finish.
Tapenade
7612 Fay Ave.
(858) 551-7500
tapenaderestaurant.com

Best Mexican
Puesto

Puesto is a La Jolla locals favorite known for its refined flavors of...
Mexican street food with an emphasis on fresh, sustainably grown, all-natural and organic ingredients. Puesto also offers an innovative cocktail menu with an exotic selection of hand crafted creations from Mexico’s best flavors, including La Verdad, which has agua fresca de nopal, tequila blanco and fresh lemon juice and Tequila Sunrises crafted with tequila añejo, pomegranate and fresh-squeezed orange juice. The restaurant combines its traditional taco line, a full-service bar and a stunning dining room all designed by Thomas Schoos.

Puesto
1025 Wall Street
(858) 454-1260
eatpuesto.com

Best Fish & Chips
Cody’s La Jolla
Cody’s presents exceptional food that is refreshingly uncomplicated and uniquely American, like the eggs and bacon and crabeakes you’re so fond of. This lovely seaside cottage is La Jolla’s prime spot for relaxed oceanview dining serving breakfast and lunch daily. And after May, you can enjoy it all along some cool piano and acoustic guitar through summer.

Cody’s La Jolla
8030 Girard Ave.
(858) 459-0040
codysla.jolla.com

Best Gelato
Gelateria Frizzante
Gelateria Frizzante serves 140 different gelato and sorbet flavors perfectly with their Italian-style coffee and espresso drinks! All gelato and sorbetto are made daily and they brew only fresh-roasted beans from Herkimer Coffee in Seattle.

Gelateria Frizzante
1025 Prospect St., Ste. 130
(858) 454-5798
gelati.tfrazzi.com

Best Healthy Dining
Lean & Green Café
Lean & Green Café is refreshingly uncomplicated and designed by Thomas Schoos.

Lean & Green Café
6050 Genesee Ave #106
(858) 455-1535
apolloniabistro.com

Best Greek
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Best Indian
Tandoori Chef
Enjoy the casual dining atmosphere and an extensive menu of authentic Indian dishes. Tandoori Chef offers eight different kinds of naan, tandoori meat and seafood platters as well as vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free dishes. If you are new to Indian cuisine, try the chef’s sampler, which includes a combination of Indian dishes. Tandoori Chef offers an innovative traditional taco line, a full-service bar and a stunning dining room all designed by Thomas Schoos.

Tandoori Chef
613 Pearl St.
(858) 454-5798
tandoorichef.com

Best Ice Cream
Cold Stone Creamery
Cold Stone Creamery has been around here for more than seven years and takes pride in excellent customer service. Its ice creams and sorbets are handmade every day just for you — and the thing is that you get to choose whatever mix-in you bloody well want as the proprietors prepare your confection on a frozen granite slab right in front of you. Cold Stone also added frozen yogurt to its fare and already offers cakes, shakes and smoothies.

Cold Stone Creamery
909 Prospect St.
(858) 454-2300
coldstonecreamery.com

Michelle Coulon Dessertier
Michelle Coulon Dessertier desserts and savory offerings are made from the finest ingredients: fresh local organic produce, only real butter, and Belgian chocolate. They take pride in creating spectacular wedding cakes and desserts that are both appealing to the eye and tantalizing to the taste.

Michelle Coulon Dessertier
Sycamore Court, 7556 Fay Ave,
(858) 456-5098
dessertier.com

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housemade meatballs (2) with tomato ragu sauce

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griddled seasonal vegetables, garlic, XV00

OLIVETTE
House seasoned olives

ZUCCHINE RIPiene
meat stuffed zucchini, topped with tomato sauce

SMALL MARGARITA PIZZA
assorted cold cuts, cheese

CRUSTINI CARUSO
housemade toasted bread topped with braised chicken livers, sherry wine sauce

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**Best Italian (tie)**

**Café Milano**

Owner/chef Pasquale Cianni brought northern Italian cuisine to La Jolla 12 years ago and has been successfully pleasing both local residents and out-of-towners — even out-of-the-country guests — with his homemade pappardelle pasta, veal osso buco, lobster ravioli and many other authentic Italian dishes. Café Milano is an exciting and incredible experience for the whole family at affordable prices. Early bird special: 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. Choose a select soup or salad, menu entrée and dessert for $18.95. Open M-F 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Sat 2-10 p.m., Sun. 2-9 p.m.

*Café Milano*
711 Pearl St.
(858) 454-3806
cafevilano@laajolla.com

**Piatti Ristorante**

The open kitchens and stone pizza hearths of the Piatti restaurants reflect the warm charm and welcoming atmosphere of a traditional Italian trattoria. While every Piatti has its own character and ambiance suited to its locale, all are characterized by simple, unpretentious designs, rustic yet flavorful cuisine and family-friendly service. Piatti is gathering places where friends, family and neighbors eat, drink and socialize while enjoying the sense of community found in Italy’s most popular trattorias.

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**Best Mediterranean**

**Apollonia**

(See entry under Best Greek)

**Best Mexican (tie)**

**Su Casa Mexican & Seafood Restaurant**

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*Su Casa Mexican & Seafood*
(858) 6738 La Jolla Blvd.
454-0369
sucasa@laajolla.com

**Alfonso’s of La Jolla**

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*Alfonso’s of La Jolla*
1251 Prospect St.
(858) 454-2232
alfonsosoflaajolla.com

**Best Omelette**

**The Cottage**

(See entry under Best Breakfast)

**Best Organic**

**Lean and Green**

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*Café Milano*

8008 Girard Ave.
(858) 551-0282
little-korea.com

**Best Korean**

Little Korea

Little Korea is a quaint and sophisticated restaurant serving delicious Korean cuisine in the heart of La Jolla with great ocean views. Attention to detail in these wonderfully prepared dishes shows the true passion behind this great-find restaurant. Using the freshest ingredients, combined with a comfortable and relaxing atmosphere, is what makes Little Korea the perfect spot to enjoy a great dinner with friends, co-workers or just a dinner for two.

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and Mike Forter have unlocked the secrets to the famed pizzarias in New York, Boston and Connecticut and brought a taste of that cheesy goodness right to our shores in La Jolla. Pies here are baked directly on the brick floor of the open-flame oven according to Italian tradition to produce a mouthwatering pizza with a thin, crisp, foldable crust that is distinctively delicious.

**Amici’s**
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amicis.com

**Pizza on Pearl**
Too far from New York for thin crust pizza? No problem. There is authentic thin crust pies and slices right here. So whether you’re an east coast transplant, thin crust connoisseur, or a “newbie” to slices you can fold, you will love Pizza on Pearl in La Jolla. You’ll find pizza, calzones, stromboli, heroes, fresh salads, and desserts. They have it all. Dine In or Carry Out. If you can’t make up your mind on what to order, that’s ok. There are always a variety of slices to choose from. They buy only the best quality ingredients on the market. Everything is prepared daily. You, “their customers”, are the most important part of their business, and they try to make sure that you are well cared for so you will keep coming back for more. Every month Pizza on Pearl features an innovative creation with their “pizza of the month.” Come visit, call, or order online for delivery and taste the quality of Pizza on Pearl!

**Pho of La Jolla**
3211 Holiday Court, Ste 102
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(858) 587-4658
pholajolla.com

**Lean and Green Café**
(See entry under Best Lunch)

**Whole Foods**
Regulars of Whole Foods are already hip to the store’s reputation for cleanliness and convenience. Everything is carefully labeled “organic” or “no preservatives” if the label fits and the displays are colorful and arranged for aesthetic appeal. Don’t forget, that all that goes for the salad bar as well — it features healthful touches, such as extra-virgin olive oil and exactly one
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Froglander’s
915 Pearl St.
(858) 459-3764
tapenaderestaurant.com

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Since 1998, chef Jean-Michel Diot has been serving up award-winning French-American fusion cuisine at Tapenade Restaurant. While Diot’s delectable hors d’oeuvres, reinterpreted fresh Gallic cuisine and delicately sweet desserts account for some mouthwatering menu options, the famed chef and his cuisine are not the only reasons to visit the fine-dining, coastal restaurant. With sultry live music, an on-site sommelier and excellent customer service, the Tapenade experience is worthy of a standing ovation from start to finish.

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