La Jolla is one of the most vibrant areas of our city when it comes to finding something to eat. Whether you're searching for fine dining or a bite on the go, our community has it all. From sumptuous seafood to delectable desserts, and from gourmet gastro delights to international cuisine with a La Jollan flair, you'll find it here in our seaside village. We enjoy some of the finest culinary creations from some of the most highly regarded chefs in the world, who build inspired menus by drawing on resources just mere miles away — from our ocean and fertile farmlands — and create some of the best local fare to be had.

Now, our readers have lent their dining expertise to vet the best of the best in La Jolla. This list of restaurants 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 delectable 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 Today would like to thank the readers who took the time to speak out about which dining establishments 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.

— Kendra Hartmann
Editor, La Jolla Today
Congratulations to the following businesses who were chosen by the readers of the La Jolla Today.

Readers were asked to cast ballots for their favorite choices. This was no simple task! With more than 50 categories, our readers came through with overwhelming response. We wish to thank all the readers who took the time to recognize these businesses that do so much to make La Jolla, Bird Rock and University City such wonderful communities.
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Make your reservation today at www.trulucks.com
Established in 2012, Krafty Krépes is a reflection on a traditional Crêperie from Northern France back in the 60’s. The décor shouts traditional with dark wood finishes, smokey wall colors and minimalist flooring. Chalkboard menus and retro style fridges complete the vision.

Using a traditional Brittany, France batter recipe, Krafty Krépes has designed a light, fun menu - healthy and fresh - all made to order. The open cooking area allows customers to watch their dish being made, communicate directly to the chef to ensure it is made the way they want it, while also functioning as entertaining area for children while they wait.

The objective of Krafty Krépes is to engage our customers, provide the very best in service, fresh healthy foods and an overall atmosphere of belonging. This mixed with the flavors of Europe and America mixed within traditional crêpes ensures one visit will never be enough.

Having the best food or the best-designed restaurant is nothing without good staff. Come in and meet our team...second to none in service and customer satisfaction. Oh! And they make the best crêpes in town.

Our healthy, fresh and made to order food also allows for Gluten Free options.

Thank you La Jolla for voting us Best Dessert!
The Cottage

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

Best Lunch
Adobe El Restaurante

The Estancia La Jolla Hotel & Spa sets the stage for an exceptional La Jolla lunch experience at the AAA Four-Diamond Resort. The elegant, warm and inviting atmosphere at Adobe El Restaurante is host to spacious indoor seating and outdoor patio tables overlooking the resort’s lush gardens. Adobe’s menu is replete with a fresh spread of savory entrees, locally grown produce and fresh seafood with distinctive Southern California flair. This lunch favorite is the perfect place to host business lunches, dine and gab with the gals, or bring the family together.

Adobe El Restaurante
Estancia La Jolla
9700 N. Torrey Pines Rd.
(858) 964-6500
estancialajolla.com

Best Dinner
Truluck’s

(See listing under Best Overall)

Best Take-Out
Lean & Green Café

It’s no secret that eating healthy is the best way to eat. And more importantly 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, bowls, soups and decadent organic sweet bowls, but also offers thirst-quenching, freshly made organic juices, smoothies and smart shots. Lean and Green Café is also a vegetarian-friendly, vegan-friendly cafe located in La Jolla open for breakfast, lunch and dinner (order by 4 p.m. and pick-up by 6 p.m.) on the go, and offers free delivery within La Jolla Village with any $12 minimum order. And don’t forget their awesome “Happy Hour Smoothie” every day from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Only $3 smoothies and $4 shakes!

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

The Marine Room

Thank you La Jolla TODAY readers for voting The Marine Room:

Voted 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 bucco, lobster ravioli and other many authentic Italian dishes. Café Milano offers an exciting and incredible experience for the whole family at affordable prices. Early bird special: 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Choose a select soup or salad, menu entrée, and dessert for $18.95/day.

Café Milano
711 Pearl St.
454-3806
www.cafemilanolajolla.com

Each Tide Brings Something New to the Marine Room.

Thank you La Jolla TODAY readers for voting The Marine Room:
MOST ROMANTIC RESTAURANT - GOLD MEDAL
BEST OCEAN VIEW - GOLD MEDAL

Summer Sunday Brunch - New!

Sundays beginning June 16 through Labor Day
From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. $14.99 per person
You are invited to an all-new summer experience at The Marine Room! Enjoy a Sunday brunch buffet while taking in La Jolla’s “Best Ocean View” through the restaurant’s floor-to-ceiling windows. Savor appetizers like Yucena Star Anise Salmon Gravlax and Red Quinoa Tabbouleh and main dishes featuring Brandt Farms Prime Rib Roast and Signature Crayfish La Jolla. Top off your meal with an assortment of desserts including Candied Ginger Blueberry Cheesecake, Sea Salt Caramel Brownies and more.

Father’s Day Specials
June 14-16 beginning at 6 p.m.
Treat Dad to a special dinner all weekend long with an outstanding seasonal dinner menu and à la carte specials like Colorado Free Range Wild Osso Bucco, Angus Cone De Boef and a delicious Seafood Tapa.

High Tide Dinners
June 20-22 and July 18-22 beginning at 6 p.m.
Experience High Tide Dinner at The Marine Room when the tide brings the surf right up to the picture windows. Visit MarineRoom.com/HighTide for peak tide times and additional dates.

Menu items subject to change. Prices do not include tax and gratuity.

Espumilla’s Place

Thank You for voting us Best Mexican (Fast) Food!
621 Pearl St. La Jolla
454-8006

In Appreciation
Free Street Taco!

No purchase necessary. Steak, Carnitas or Carne Asada (Shrimp excluded).
With coupon. One free taco per person. Expires 6-8-13

Mucha’s Gracias!
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VOTED BEST COFFEE SHOP
3 Years in a Row!

La Jolla Today
Voted Best Patio Dining

Mustangs & Burros

Executive chef Kimberley Kramer brings a deliciously unique and inviting Southwestern-inspired dining experience to patrons at Mustangs & Burros at Estancia La Jolla. Throughout her extensive culinary expertise in California continental cuisine, Kramer has always been inspired by fresh seasonal products and sustainable seafood. The New Mexico-raised chef fuses influences from American and European chefs she has worked with throughout her career to craft the regionally motivated, locally grown and fresh cuisine at Mustangs & Burros.

Restaurant Wine Selection

Nine-Ten

Nine-Ten is the place to go to stimulate your taste buds and expand your appreciation of the culinary art. Voters recognized the restaurant again and again for its service, wine selection, happy hour and even nominated its burger as one of the best in the Village. Nine-Ten boasts a well-balanced, extensive and award-winning wine cellar. The list is a carefully selected excursion of local and global vineyards recognized with an Award of Excellence from Wine Spectator magazine. The restaurant is not just about fine dining by night. Nine-Ten also serves breakfast and lunch, and patrons are welcome to stop by for a casual bar-side pani-ni. Breakfast can get gourmet fast if you opt for the short-rib hash in a red wine sauce served with

BAR MENU

5PM-CLOSING EVERY EVENING

(Small Tastes) $4.95

SALAMICCI

mild Italian sausage sautéed with red onion, garlic, white wine

POLPETTINE AL POMODORO

housemade meatballs (2) with tomato ragù sauce

GRIGLIATA DI VERDURE

griddled seasonal vegetables, garlic, XVOO

OLIVETTE

House seasoned olives

ZUCCHINE RIFIEN

meat stuffed zucchini, topped with tomato sauce

GIARDINIERA ITALIANA

pickled mixed vegetables

ANTIPASTO DI SALUMI

assorted cold cuts, cheese

Crostini Caruso

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

WINES BY CITRA

(only available by the glass)

$4.95

Trebbiano (white)

San GIOVENE (red)

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Every Evening 5pm til Closing

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BEST SALAD
BEST HEALTHY DINING
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Nine-Ten
910 Prospect St.
(858) 964-5400
nine-ten.com

★

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 to avoid wandering. Rating agencies give their top picks for the beer, wine and spirits. Kegs are also sold for parties.

BevMo
844 Pearl St.
(858) 729-0775
dealeervisitor@bevmo.com

★

Best Beer Selection
Karl Strauss Brewery & Restaurant
San Diego’s very 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 beer with technical finesse to build a strong reputation. Karl Strauss now brews 30 beers each year with seasonal offerings and sends it to 2,500 bars, restaurants, liquor stores and grocery stores throughout Southern California. Sipping a cold brew at the La Jolla restaurant is of cultural importance!

Karl Strauss Brewery & Restaurant
1044 Wall St.
(858) 551-2739
karlstraus.com

★

Best Sports Bar
Barfly
Barfly in La Jolla was created by a couple of 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, top flight DJs and dancing, their appetizer and drink happy hour is what caught the attention of readers. From 5 to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, 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 (although hot wings and nachos are available); fish tacos, avocado rolls, caprese salad, bruschetta and hummus falafel are offered.

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

★

Best Margarita
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 co-workers. But for a different taste, try the “shrimp-packet burrito,” with an average of 15 shrimp stuffed with onions, tomatoes and cilantro to make certain you get juicy, tasty shrimp in every bite! Whether you come alone or with a group, you’re sure to enjoy unsurpassed quality food and friendly service.

Jose’s Courtroom
1037 Prospect St.
(858) 454-7655
joses.com

★

Best Martini
Donovan’s of La Jolla
They may look good enough to eat, but the paintings and sculptures at Donovan’s of La Jolla are strictly off limits — so you’ll have to content yourself with the USDA Prime beef, the eatery’s star attraction. If steak isn’t in the plan, pork and veal 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

★

Best Place to People Watch
Bird Rock Coffee Roasters
Bird Rock Coffee Roasters is taking specialty coffee to a whole new level. The cornerstone Bird Rock merchant is one of a dozen coffee roasters nationwide participating in the Las MIngas Project, which rewards indigenous coffee growers for exemplary work. Quality is the driving force behind Bird Rock Coffee Roasters. From the beans they buy to the espresso served at the coffee bar, they are always striving for perfection. The green coffee beans they seek must meet stringent standards, and then they roast and prepare this coffee with the utmost respect to those who grew it. BRCR received the prestigious 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
Lupi Italian restaurant and wine bar offers ample seating, a sunny outdoor patio and delicious Roman-style trattoria menu options. The Bird Rock hotspot not only exudes a love for fine Italian wine and mouthwatering authentic cuisine, but it also leads the pack in hot ‘pet’alities for you and your beloved furry companions. Lupi’s evening “Vappie Hours” offer a social occasion for your pup, as well as great deals on truffles, beer and wines by the glass for the restaurant’s human guests. The dog-friendly social event takes place every evening from 5 p.m. to close on the patio.

Lupi
5518 La Jolla Blvd.
(858) 454-6421
lupivinocucina.com

★

Restaurant with Live Music
Barfly
(See entry under Best Sports Bar)

★

Happy Hour
Roppongi Restaurant & Sushi Bar
Roppongi offers the rare opportunity to sample new Asian cuisine and choose from a variety of sushi rolls in a chic atmosphere where professionals are known to cluster. Chef Stephen Window offers meals far beyond the standard fare, like

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Roy Yamaguchi’s Pacific Rim Cuisine

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Roy Yamaguchi’s Pacific Rim Cuisine
8670 Genesee Ave.
(858) 455-1616
royrestaurant.com

1978 in the oldest La Jolla building in continuous use as a restaurant. It’s become 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, too. The warm fire 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
thepotonline.com

Beaumont’s Eatery

Beaumont’s has become the focal point — the only point — for nightlife in Bird Rock. Live bands play on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, and neighbors like to throw back drinks and get a little rowdy (think Bird Rock rowdy, not PB!). The menu is exceptional and unique, and offers a range of entrées, from a juicy burger to Spanish seafood paella and French country-style meatloaf. Neighbors love the Blues Brunch so much that acoustic music performances are now a regular feature on Sundays. Count on Beaumont’s for a delectable meal and a chance to meet your neighbor!

Beaumont’s Eatery
5662 La Jolla Blvd.
459-0474
beaumontsateery.com

Rigoberto’s Taco Shop

Rigoberto’s is now a regular feature on Sundays. Count on Beaumont’s for a delectable meal and a chance to meet your neighbor!

Rigoberto’s Taco Shop
6990 La Jolla Blvd.
(858) 552-3372
rigobertostacoshop.com

Barbarella

Barbarella is sure to delight anyone. It’s always a delicious day at this restaurant that really knows how to party! With private indoor and outdoor dining areas for intimate gatherings for up to 60 guests, Barbarella is sure to make your party a memorable occasion. The always-festive atmosphere at Barbarella is enhanced by the restaurant’s stellar service, full bar and delicious European-style cuisine that is sure to delight anyone.

Barbarella
2171 Avenida de la Playa
(858) 454-7373
barbarellarestaurant.com

Phở La Jolla

Phở La Jolla is 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

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Best Place to go on a Budget

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Mustangs & Burros
(See entry under Best Chef)

★

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 Guillas 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
459-7222
marineroom.com

Eddie V’s
(See entry under Best Atmosphere)

★

Most Romantic

The Marine Room
(See entry under Best View)

★

Best American

Bubba’s Smoke House BBQ
After a career in the Navy serving on the USS Coronado together, Jeff and Bruce realized a longtime dream: open the perfect restaurant. The friends put their heads together to define perfection: food good enough to collect regulars in a joint friendly enough to become a neighborhood tradition. Thus, Bubba’s Smoke House BBQ was born in La Jolla on April 21, 2009. Members of the military and La Jolla residents receive a 10 percent discount. As for the food, let’s just say it’s finger-licking good.

Bubba’s Smoke House BBQ
888 Prospect St.
(858) 551-4227
bubbassmokehousebbq.com

Best Asian Fusion (tie)

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Roy Yamaguchi’s Pacific Rim Cuisine
8670 Genesee Ave.
(858) 455-1616
roysrestaurant.com

Roppongi Restaurant and Sushi Bar
(See entry under Best Happy Hour)

★

Best Appetizer

Roppongi Restaurant and Sushi Bar
(See entry under Best Happy Hour)

★

Best Bakery (tie)

Girard Gourmet
(See entry under Best Desserts)

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 homemade pastries at the full service cafe. Chef Sean Sommer brings his culinary expertise to the table for an exciting dining experience.

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Tandoori Chef
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Tandoori Chef
613 Pearl St.
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tandoorigroup.com

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Best Appetizer

Roppongi Restaurant and Sushi Bar
(See entry under Best Happy Hour)

★

Best Bakery (tie)

Girard Gourmet
(See entry under Best Desserts)
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La Jolla
639 Pearl St.
La Jolla, CA 92037
858-459-0027

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Best Bagel
Busy Bee’s
Busy Bee’s is the perfect place for a busy bee to stop by for a quick bite to eat. The service is fast and the prices are decent. While the bagel shop is known for its bagel sandwiches and specialty bagels like the pesto bagel and sun-dried tomato bagel, it also offers a variety of other baked goods like muffins and croissants.

Busy Bee’s
6861 La Jolla Blvd.
(858) 456-2738

Best Bar
Barfly
(See entry under Best Sports Bar)

Best BBQ
Bubba’s Smoke House BBQ
(See entry under Best American)

Best Burger
Burger Lounge
The folks at Burger Lounge don’t just think burgers should taste great. They believe the common American meal should utilize healthy, sustainable ingredients as well. Burger Lounge’s vision is evident at every turn — from the organic ketchup to the wild salmon burger topped with fried green tomatoes and BBQ glaze. While this premium burger joint has other divine splurges to indulge in like the fresh vegetable salad and onion rings, Burger Lounge’s good old fashioned grass-fed burger is king here.

Burger Lounge
1101 Wall St.
(858) 454-2196
burgerlounge.com

Best Burrito
Jose’s Courtroom
(See entry under Best Margarita)

Best Café
Living Room Café
The Living Room café 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 wooden tables. Patrons find the communal 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 3-6 p.m. offering $3 wine and beer!

Living Room Café
1010 Prospect St.
(858) 459-1187
www.livingroomcafe.com

Best Catering
Girard Gourmet
(See entry under Best Desserts)

Best Chinese
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. China Chef also offers 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 Coffee Shop
Bird Rock Coffee Roasters
(See entry under Best Place to People Watch)

Best Deli
Girard Gourmet
(See entry under Best Desserts)

Best Desserts
Girard Gourmet
For as long as many La Jollans can remember, François and Diana Goodchilds have been the heart and soul of the Village community, serving up delicious, healthy fare to a seemingly endless flow of patrons who walk through Girard Gourmet’s doors each day. Now, in their 25th year running, the mom-and-pop deli, bakery and catering business has continued serving up La Jollans — many of whom the couple know by name — from their longstanding helm on lower Girard. François harvests many of his ingredients from his local farm and comes to the bakery with an imagination for fresh new recipes that
continue to satisfy La Jollans year after year.

Girard Gourmet
7837 Girard Ave.  
(858) 454-3321  
girardgourmet.com

Best Fish & Chips
Hennessey’s
Hennessey’s is the neighborhood meeting place! Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner along with good old-fashioned Irish hospitality, 7 days a week. While fairly new to La Jolla, they are seasoned with experience. One of the more popular days for locals is Tuesday, where they know they can enjoy two of the famous giant burgers for the price of one — all day long! Other highlights on the menu include the restaurant’s fish and chips and spicy buffalo wings. You can find a list of all their promotions and specials at their website, and “like them” on Facebook to stay up-to-date with everything going on at Hennessey’s.

Hennessey’s
7811 Herschel Ave.  
(858) 581-8772  
hennessystavern.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, windows 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.  
459-0027  
wahoos.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, interpreted fresh Gallic cuisine and delicately sweet deserts 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.

Tapenade
7612 Fay Ave.  
(858) 551-7500  
tapenaderestaurant.com

Best Fast Food (Mexican)
Ortega’s Place
Ortega’s Place is a great little Mexican place with affordable, authentic Mexican food. Ortega’s dedication to staying authentic shows in its menu items like nopalitos (cactus) and milanesa. It also offers taco shop staples like carne asada fries, rolled tacos, enchiladas and chimichangas. The shop’s California, carnitas and chile relleno burritos are also a hit with customers. You’ll love the food, atmosphere and prices!

Ortega’s Place
621 Pearl St.  
(858) 454-8006

Best Ice Cream
Cold Stone Creamery
Cold Stone Creamery has been around here for more than seven years, and takes pride in excellent and healthful food without compromising great taste. Its menu items build upon a “California-fresh” ideal with savory, rich and robust Mediterranean undertones. Salads are prepared to order, kabobs are hand-made daily, lean meats and seafood are grilled to order, and gyro meat is slow-roasted on the rotisserie. Many of the menu items fall under 700 calories and can be customized to accommodate low-fat, low-carb, high-protein diets as well as vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free diets.

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Best Gelato
Gelateria Frizzante
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Gelateria Frizzante
1025 Prospect St., Ste 130  
(858) 454-5798

Best Greek
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Best Healthy Dining
Lean & Green Café
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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.
454-2300
www.coldstonecreamery.com

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 vegetarian or chicken samosas, pakora, onion bhaji and alu tikki, or one of the chef’s specialty kebabs that are marinated in Indian herbs, spices and cooked in a clay oven. Delivery and take-out available
Tandoori Chef
613 Pearl St.
858-454-6999
tandoorigroup.com

Best Italian (tie)
Café Milano’s
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 an exciting and incredible experience for the whole family at affordable prices. Early bird special: 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Choose a select soup or salad, menu entrée and dessert for $18.95.

Café Milano
711 Pearl St.
(858) 454-3806
www.cafemilanolajolla.com

Osteria Romantica
Osteria Romantica in La Jolla Shores is a gathering place for La Jollans seeking a warm, inviting ambiance, a carafe of quality international wine and authentic Italian cuisine to share among loved ones. Osteria Romantica is reminiscent of old Italian villages with vintage wine bottles adorning the walls, the voice of Pavarotti filling the room with soft melodies, and checkered tablecloths topping wooden tables. The casual, romantic setting provides the perfect taste of Italy on the La Jolla shoreline.

Osteria Romantica
2151 Avenida de la Playa
(858) 551-1221
www.osteriaromantica.co

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.

Little Korea
8008 Girard Ave.
(858) 551-0282

Best Mediterranean
Whisknladle
Whisknladle adheres to the belief that you don’t have to cook complicated masterpieces to create a delicious meal. They live by the mantra that fresh ingredients make the finest cuisine and they have proven that success with every made-from-scratch dish crafted at La Jolla’s favorite neighborhood bistro. Executive chef Ryan Johnston dishes out farm-fresh dishes that emphasize a back-to-the-basics approach to cooking gourmet comfort food that has firmly planted Whisknladle in the hearts of La Jollans.

Whisknladle
1044 Wall St.
(858) 551-7575
whisknladle.com

Amici’s
East Coast duo Peter Cooperstein 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 mouth-watering pizza with a thin, crisp, foldable crust that is distinctively delicious.

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Jersey Mike's
7836 Herschel Ave.
(858) 200-9888
jerseymikes.com

Best Sandwich
Jersey Mike's
The authentic Jersey taste and high quality ingredients that go into Jersey Mike's subs are evident with every scrumptious bite. The sub shop's meats and cheeses are of top-quality premium brands. The bread is freshly baked in-store daily and every sub is prepared on site right in front of you. Jersey Mike's is committed to fresh flavor, top quality, authentic tradition and community giving, a combination that has helped earn the La Jolla sub shop our top title for the Best Sandwich around.

Truluck's
(See entry under Best Overall Restaurant)
Best Steak
Donovan’s of La Jolla
(See entry under Best Martini)

Best Sushi
Aloha Sushi Lounge
Exciting, progressive culinary concepts and a relaxing, resort-style ambience has combined to make Aloha Sushi Lounge a dining must in San Diego area. One mere glance at Aloha Sushi Lounge’s menu, featuring Asian-fusion dusted with Hawaiian influences, you will see that you are in for an incredible meal. Additionally, Aloha Sushi Lounge features traditional sushi offerings while fully embracing the “new wave” philosophy of sushi, which utilized non-traditional ingredients and techniques to produce sushi specialties that come bursting with an exciting new assortment of taste sensations. Aloha Lounge’s tropical decor, highlighted by spacious cabana seating in their outdoor patio, not only lends the perfect complement to their delectable cuisine, it also provides the ideal backdrop to indulge in one of their many fine sakes, wines and sojus.

Aloha Sushi Lounge
7731 Fay Ave.
551-5000

Best Thai
Spice & Rice
At Spice & Rice, the light and casual indoor dining and quaint outdoor patio has a way of comforting its diners as they indulge in tantalizing, palate-pleasing Thai fare right on Girard Avenue. With myriad spices and seasonings to choose from, Spice & Rice is certain to have dishes that cater to any palate. Choices include vegetarian options, flavorful fried rice dishes and customizable mild and spicy curries that are sure to satisfy any hungry spice-lover with a hankering for Thai in La Jolla.

Spice & Rice
7734 Girard Ave.
(858) 456-0466
spiceandrice@la-jolla.com

Best Vegetarian
Lean & Green Café
(See entry under Best Take-Out)

Best Wings
Hennessey’s
(See entry under Best Fish & Chips)

Best Wine Bar
Finch’s Bistro & Wine Bar
Enter through the wrought iron gates and into a European courtyard that is the charming world of Finch’s Bistro and Wine Bar. The owners of Finch’s have created a serene, intimate space...
where guests can escape from the real world to relax, drink great wine, enjoy live music and eat some of the best food around at very moderate prices. Quirky touches give the bistro a cozy, romantic, friendly atmosphere.

Finch’s Bistro & Wine Bar
7644 Girard Ave. (at Kline St)
456-4056
finchslajolla.com

**Best Yogurt**

Froglander’s
With the smoothest frozen yogurt around and a range of fruit, candy and fudge toppings that would rival Willy Wonka’s chocolate factory, a stop by Froglander’s on Pearl Street is never a bad idea. With flavors rotating every two to three days, it’s always a pleasant surprise what you’ll see on tap at Froglander’s next. The endless list of toppings — ranging from healthy options like nuts, granola and fruit to sweeter indulgences like candies, chocolate and syrups — make for a frozen treat that caters to any La Jollan’s sweet tooth. Now offering free delivery with $9 min. order.

Froglander’s
915 Pearl St.
(858) 459-3764
froglanders.com

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3860 Valley Center Drive
San Diego, CA 92130
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www.royalindiacom

We invite you to come and experience a restaurant that is a cut above the rest

Owners and Executive Chefs Sandeep (Sam) Kambo and Jagdeep (Jag) Kambo opened Royal India in the spring of 1996, with a vision of creating Royal India the finest and the ultimate destination for authentic Indian cuisine by giving magnificent ambiance and multi award winner Indian food. Kambo Brothers at Royal India infuse every dish created with their extensive knowledge and passion for perfection. Once word of their tasty signature dishes Chicken Tikka Masala, Lamb Shank, White Wine Garlic curry, Lobster Coconut pineapple curry, Mild Mango Pineapple curry, Kabuli Nan got out Royal India has been slammed and many celebrities have dined at Royal India.

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Royal India is committed to serving only the finest foods, made with the freshest ingredients. All of our dishes are made from scratch. Our inviting decor and professional servers create a memorable dining experience.
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