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La Jolla’s Top Picks of 2012

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The La Jolla Village News 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 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 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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Managing Partner

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Best Overall Restaurant:  
**A.R. Valentien**

In 2008, foodie website epicurious.com honored A.R. Valentien among the top 10 farm-to-table restaurants in the nation. The restaurant is located at The Lodge at Torrey Pines, perched high on the ocean bluffs in La Jolla, and is a tribute to Southern California heritage and Craftsmanship architecture. The layout of the restaurant is also conducive to elegant dining, with several small rooms and plush booths to lend intimacy. The menu draws inspiration from the best local provisions available each season and changes regularly depending on produce offered at local farmers markets and from small growers, ranchers and fishermen. Emphasis is placed on basic ingredients and food is prepared with minimal handling and in simple combinations to highlight the textures and flavors inherent to each element.

A.R. Valentien at the Lodge at Torrey Pines 11480 North Torrey Pines Road 453-4420
www.arvalentien.com

**Best Restaurant Service**

**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 that it seeks to rest on its laurels. The restaurant began, as partnerships often do, with friendship and food. And it grew into a successful entrepreneurial effort of long time friends Guy Villavaso and Larry Foles. The partnership is built upon a shared admiration for legendary restaurants and a passion for bringing the best flavors of prime seafood and steaks to markets nationwide. And it is this spirit of camaraderie, of bonding over cutlery and cuisine, laughter and libations, that is infused into the distinctive dining experience at Eddie V’s Restaurants.

Eddie V’s 1270 Prospect St. 459-8500
www.eddievs.com

**Voce Del Mare**

Voce del Mare is an Italian restaurant and a welcome addition to the Bird Rock-La Jolla area. They offer a variety of selections for lunch and dinner daily, including Spaghetti

Voce Del Mare 1270 Prospect St. 459-8500
www.eddievs.com

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The spectacular view of the ocean and La Jolla in the distance from the Marine Room.

**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 Guillou 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
www.marineroom.com

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Paradiso, Gnocchi alla Norma, Polla Piccata and mouth-watering desserts like tiramisu and gelato. Happy hour is offered every Tuesday through Thursday evening in the relaxing piano bar and features a special menu of ravioli, Italian meats and bruschetta. Voce del Mare hosts private parties and offers catering services.

Voce De Mare
5721 La Jolla Blvd. (Bird Rock)
412-5000
www.doradosvocedelmare

Best Chef
Jeff Jackson
A.R. Valentien
Executive chef Jeff Jackson brings more than 30 years of culinary experience to the kitchen of A.R. Valentien. Jackson oversees the culinary concept of the entire Lodge property and directs a “market driven, seasonal approach” to purchasing, preparing, and serving the best food available in the San Diego region. Jackson uses the abundance of independent small farms and orchards as well as local small fish and seafood companies, to his advantage. His artisan menus focus on the natural flavors and textures of superb foodstuffs. Prior to The Lodge, Jackson was executive chef at Shutters on the Beach in Santa Monica.

A.R. Valentien at the Lodge at Torrey Pines
11480 North Torrey Pines Road
453-4420
www.arvalentien.com

Best Breakfast
The Cottage
(See entry under Best Family Restaurant)

Best Lunch (tie)
The Spot Restaurant
This eatery opened its doors in 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.
459-0800
www.thespotonline.com

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 home made pappardelle pasta, veal osso bucco, lobster ravioli and other many authentic Italian dishes. Café Milano offers your palate 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.

Best Take-Out
Girard Gourmet
(See entry in photo box)

Best Sunday Brunch
The Shores Restaurant
La Jolla boasts a ton of different culture-based restaurants, featuring fare from China to Mexico to the Mediterranean. All those choices can be daunting — so once in a while, it’s advised you take a break and settle in with some plain ol’ seafood and steak. That’s when you go to The Shores Restaurant, a pre-

Each Tide Brings Something New to the Marine Room.

Thank you La Jolla Village News readers for voting The Marine Room: Gold Medal Most Romantic Restaurant Gold Medal Best Ocean View Silver Medal Best Seafood

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This special menu highlights our everyday commitment to sustainable, local and organic ingredients with new Earth Day-inspired specials like Celadon Aqua Farm Oyster on a Half Shell and Sonrise Farm’s Grass-Fed Filet Mignon.

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$75 per person with wine pairing.
Join Executive Chef Bernard Guillaud and Chef de Cuisine Ron Oliver for an exciting cooking class followed by a three-course dinner with wine pairings and featuring Leek and Pancetta Crusted Alaskan Halibut.

Mother’s Day
Sunday, May 13, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Celebrate Mother with a la carte menu featuring Absinthe Buerried Maine Lobster Tail, Center Cut Black Angus Filet Mignon, Red Walnut Apricot Creamed Wild King Salmon, Root Beer Liquor Chive Brûlée, and more.

High Tide Dinner
May 4-6, June 1-3 and 30
Our Gold Medal “Best Ocean View” only gets better during High Tide Dinner. Enjoy award-winning cuisine as the tide brings the surf right up to our picture windows. Visit MarineRoom.com for peak tide times and additional dates.

Menu items subject to change. Prices do not include tax and gratuity.
mier American-cuisine eatery, featuring classic steakhouse favorites, innovative coastal favorites and a view of the ocean that’ll make you hungry for more.

The Shores Restaurant
8110 Camino del Oro
456-0800
www.TheShoresRestaurant.com

Best Family Restaurant
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 behind a white picket fence. Its gourmet omelets, stuffed French toast, health-crazed 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. In the summer, the restaurant stays open for dinner. The Cottage is also available for rent for parties and receptions year-round.

The Cottage
7702 Fay Ave.
454-8409
www.cottagelajolla.com

Best Atmosphere
Manhattan of La Jolla
Jazz-vocalist marvel Tokeli set the scene a little over two years ago with Manhattan of La Jolla continuing the tradition as one of La Jolla’s few live-music venues near the Cove. The coolest thing is that you’ll be watching it all from a spectacular little bar.

Manhattan of La Jolla
7766 Fay Ave.
(inside the Empress Hotel)
459-0700

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 they 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 panini. Breakfast can get gourmet fast if you opt for the Short Rib Hash in a red wine sauce served with poached eggs and roasted onions.

Nine-Ten
910 Prospect St.
964-5400
www.nine-ten.com

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Lupi Italian Restaurant
Lupi Italian Restaurant and wine bar has ample seating, an outdoor patio and a large menu. The Roman-style trattoria menu provides descriptions in both Italian and English and includes items house-made gnocchetti with four cheese sauce, and veal scallopine to name a few. They age their own Angus steaks. Fresh seafood is served daily. Enjoy all-night happy hour and food (small plate) at the bar. Private parties and banquets can be held there and Lupi offers catering services as well. Hours: Tue-Thu, 5 p.m -10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 5 p.m.-11 p.m.; Sun, 5 p.m.-10 p.m. Closed Monday.

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www.lajollabrewhouse.com

Restaurant with Live Music
Beaumont’s Eatery
(See entry in photo box)

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 $4 appetizer and $4 drink Happy Hour is what caught the attention of Village News readers. From 5 to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, Barfly offers $4 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.
454-2323
www.barflylajolla.com

For the past two decades, La Jolla residents, office workers and tourists have refreshed themselves at the midday hour by indulging in the made-from-scratch sandwiches, soups and hot platters at Girard Gourmet. The line wraps around the bistro but moves swiftly since the mom-and-pop store has perfected the art of sandwich-making. The sandwich begins with the homemade bread (grain or baguette). Our recommendation is the chicken curry salad with chutney or the salmon lox with cream cheese and capers. The lamb stew, lasagna and spinach-and-cheese quiche are also delicious. The small store is a feast for the eyes with its array of specially designed cookies and Belgian-style cakes.
Girard Gourmet
7637 Girard Ave.
454-3321
www.girardgourmet.com
In Hawaii, there are two things of equal importance — food and the aloha spirit. The blending of these two dynamic principles is how Roy’s Hawaiian Fusion® Cuisine was born. European techniques and Asian cuisine meet Hawaiian hospitality to create a fine dining experience unlike any other. Where the aloha-style of service comes straight from the heart, and where any occasion becomes an unforgettable evening. In 1988, James Beard Award-winner Roy Yamaguchi opened the first Roy’s in Honolulu, Hawaii. Today there are 31 Roy’s locations around the world — 23 in the continental U.S., six in Hawaii, one in Japan and one in Guam. The restaurant was designed around a unique experience through spacious dining rooms, an expansive lounge and Roy’s signature exhibition kitchen in full view.

Harry’s has become an institution. Restaurants come and go, but Harry’s remains a familiar, friendly place near and dear to La Jollans’ hearts. Open at 6 in the morning, closed by 3 in the afternoon, and has kept the customers coming back. Open for sandwiches and charbroiled burgers in the morning and club sandwiches and charbroiled burgers in the afternoon, and has kept the customers coming back. Open at 6 in the morning, closed by 3 in the afternoon, Harry’s remains a familiar, friendly place near and dear to La Jollans’ hearts.

Best Comfort Food
Harry’s Coffee Shop
Restaurants come and go, but Harry’s has become an institution in La Jolla since it opened 30 years ago. The old-fashioned diner has not slapped on layer upon layer of modernity to keep pace with the decade. Instead, the breakfast joint steadfastly has served up good American fare of eggs, bacon and pancakes in the morning and club sandwiches and charbroiled burgers in the afternoon, and has kept the customers coming back. Open at 6 in the morning, closed by 3 in the afternoon, Harry’s remains a familiar, friendly place near and dear to La Jollans’ hearts.

Best Late Night Eatery
Beaumont’s Eatery
(See entry in photo box)

Best Ocean View
The Marine Room
(See entry in photo box)

Best Place to go on a Budget
Jersey Mike’s
Jersey Mike’s is a sub shop that always freshly sliced. Jersey Mike’s also offers hot subs like the famous Philly cheese steak. East Coast transplants will be happy to hear that they can get their fill of Tastykakes — a rare treat on the West Coast — at Jersey Mike’s.

Jersey Mike’s
7836 Herschel Ave.
200-9888
www.jerseymikes.com

Best Place for 8-dish Party
T.G.I. Friday’s
At T.G.I. Friday’s the blenders buzz like gossip and why not? It’s always Friday at T.G.I. Friday’s. The atmosphere is both relaxed and exciting. It’s a place with great food, new and exciting drinks and an electric energy. A place where bartenders mix up the environment just as well as they mix drinks.

T.G.I. Friday’s
8001 Villa La Jolla Dr.
455-0880
www.tgifriday.com

Best Appetizer
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 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.
551-5252
www.roppongiusa.com

Best Burrito
Alfonso’s of La Jolla
Alfonso’s of La Jolla has been a community mainstay for more than three decades. The family has hand-ed down recipes from generation to generation to shape its menu, which includes specials like Puerto Nuevo-Style Lobster. Locals and tourists alike enjoy sipping margaritas on the outdoor patio with the smell of sea breeze in the air. Alfonso’s burritos, in part, have kept customers returning for so many years.

Alfonso’s of La Jolla
1251 Prospect St.
454-2232

Best Burger
Smashburger
In many ways, Smashburger is the antithesis of a fast-food joint. It is about a passion to create something great. Starting with 100 percent Angus Beef, smashed, seared and seasoned on the grill, placed on a butter-toasted artisan bun and topped with the highest-quality cheeses, fresh produce and condiments, Smashburger has created a food experience it hopes you will want to have again and again. They also serve Smashchicken
sandwiches and signature salads, veggie frites and haystack onions, Häagen-Dazs shakes and bottled beer and wine.

**Smashburger**
1000 Prospect St.
750-2531
www.smashburger.com

**Best Fish Taco**
Wahoo's Fish Tacos
(See entry with photo)

**Best Desserts (tie)**
Girard Gourmet
(See entry in photo box)

**Cups**
Cups pastry chefs have taken the ubiquitous cupcake dessert and turned it into a culinary masterpiece. Each cupcake flavor is the unique handiwork of a pastry chef and worthy of critique — far and above the shot-of-sugar cupcakes sold in supermarkets. The chefs blend a fantastic array of organic ingredients. For example, the pumpkin cardamom spiced cupcake is topped with cardamom-spiced chocolate frosting and pepita brittle. The lounge also serves organic milk on tap to accompany the richness of the cupcakes. Cups is a trip worth taking for all ages.

Cups
7857 Girard Ave.
459-2877
www.cupslj.com

**Best Margarita**
Su Casa Mexican & Seafood Restaurant
Su Casa — “your home” — is a local landmark that dates to the ‘60s. The interior is appropriately comfortable and casual, with a relaxed main dining room, a colorful bar and an outdoor covered patio, each with its own vibe. A corner fireplace and a tropical fish tank center the dining room, which is lined with coveted, cozy booths. A banquet room is available for private parties of up to 50. And don’t forget the margarita.

Su Casa Mexican & Seafood Restaurant
6738 La Jolla Blvd.
454-0369
www.sucasarestaurant.com

**Best Pizza**
Pizza on Pearl
Pizza on Pearl has transplanted the best of New York-style thin crust pizza to La Jolla. The dough is tossed and sauces are prepared in-house. Calzones, salads and the three desserts you’d expect to find in a New York pizzeria are also on the menu: cheesecake, tiramisu and chocolate bundt cake. After success in Solana Beach, Dave Mittleman decided to bring his pizzeria to La Jolla. The café-style ambiance of the pizzeria with its tasteful wicker furniture and warm yellow walls enhances the experience.

Pizza On Pearl
617 Pearl St.
729-0717
www.pizzaonpearl.com

**Best Sushi**
Enjoy the outdoor cabana seating and bar-lounge at Aloha Sushi Lounge & Hawaiian Grille.

**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. Located in La Jolla and situated mere blocks from the legendary coastline, Aloha Sushi provides a local escape that is deliciously refreshing.

Aloha Sushi Lounge
7731 Fay Ave.
551-5200

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Tuesday, May 1, from 6 to 10 p.m.
$65 per person—$50 of which is directly donated to the scholarship fund.
Join five of San Diego’s rising chefs for an unforgettable five-course dinner. Proceeds from the dinner benefit a non-profit culinary scholarship fund.

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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 it. 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 eater'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 entrée.

Donovan's of La Jolla
4340 La Jolla Village Dr. 450-6666
www.donovanssteakhouse.com

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Donovan's of La Jolla

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Best Salad Bar
Whole Foods

Regulators 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 million selections that you can alter at your discretion. And if you're so inclined, you can eat your food in comfort on the spot.

Whole Foods
8825 Villa La Jolla Drive
642-6700
wholefoodsmar ket.com/stores/lajolla

Best Salad Bar
Whole Foods

Cold Stone Creamery

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Best Sandwich
Jersey Mike's

(See entry under Best Budget)

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**Best French**  
*Tapenade Restaurant and Fine Catering*  
Tapenade owner Jean-Michel Diot says his suppliers understand his tastes in French cuisine — and after 10 years’ existence, he and they likely have their demographics down to a science. Tapenade offers the finest in French cuisine and even has a Fine Wine Club, wherein Diot offers premium wines at a discount.  
Tapenade Restaurant and Fine Catering  
7612 Fay Ave.  
551-7500  
www.TapenadeRestaurant.com

**Best Italian (tie)**  
*Vigilucci’s Seafood, Steak and Chop House*  
Raised in the kitchen in his hometown of Milano, Roberto Vigilucci now runs nine kitchens in Southern California. The La Jolla restaurant, which opened in late 2007, boasts a casually upscale atmosphere — the lunch and dinner menu features the finest steaks, freshest seafood and pasta. Menu items are prepared with an Italian flair, which sets this restaurant apart from other steak-houses in the area. Best of all, there’s a lively happy hour with live music on Thursdays and during Sunday brunch.  
Vigilucci’s Seafood, Steak and Chop House  
909 Prospect St., Ste. 209  
454-9664  
www.vigiluccis.com

**Best Mediterranean**  
*Marketplace Grille*  
This hole-in-the-wall restaurant with mostly outdoor patio seating has focused all its energies on its grill with admirable results. The cooks serve up Persian food paired with a Southwestern mesquite flavor. Meats, seafood and vegetables are marinated and simmered over mesquite coals and served on skewers or over basmati rice with lavash bread and a green salad. The Baba Ghannoush, tabouli, hummus and Greek salad are all worth a mention. Finish the meal with a thimble-size cup of Turkish coffee.  
Marketplace Grille  
1030 Torrey Pines Road  
456-9576  
www.marketplacegrille.com

**Best Mexican**  
*Alfonso’s*  
(See entry under Best Burrito)

**Best Bakery**  
*The French Gourmet*  
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, which opened about 16 months ago. 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.  
488-1725  
www.thefrenchgourmet.com

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8990 University Center Lane  
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www.trulucks.com

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**Café’ Milano’s**  
(See entry with photo box)
Prospect Bar & Grill

The party is usually audible from down the street. Across the hall from Sushi on the Rock, Prospect Bar & Lounge 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 deejay 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.
454-8092
www.prospectbar.com

Best Bar
Barfly
(See entry under Best Happy Hour)

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 delve into smoothies in a homely 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 Cafe
1010 Prospect St.
459-1187
www.livingroomcafe.com

Best Catering
Girard Gourmet
(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
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Best Sports Bar
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Prospect Bar & Grill
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454-8092
www.prospectbar.com

Best Vegetarian
Lean & Green
Health food used to get a bad rap from serious diners for lacking in culinary grace and imagination. Lean and Green, however, puts that old myth to rest once and for all with an impressive array of gourmet salads, wraps, bowls and other offerings all created as much to please the palate as to satisfy nutritionally. The menu includes dozens of gourmet ingredients to allow customization of your order. They are open for breakfast, lunch and dinner (order by 4 p.m. and pick-up by 6 p.m.) on the go, and offer free delivery within La Jolla Village with any order.

Lean & Green
7625 Fay Ave.
459-5326
www.leanandgreen.com

Best Patio Dining
La Dolce Vita
Owner Enzo Castiglione shares his secret family recipes from Sicily in the true Italian dishes that give La Dolce Vita its reputation for genuine Italian cuisine. The restaurant has a warm, homely atmosphere that leads to a remarkable dining experience. Loyal to its name (The Sweet Life), it’s a place to sit back, relax and enjoy a hearty meal along with a nice bottle of wine.

La Dolce Vita
1237 Prospect St, Ste P
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(Owner)

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

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

Best Greek
Daphne’s Greek Cafe
Daphne’s offers fresh, high-quality 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.

Daphne’s Greek Cafe
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive, Ste 105
623-6940

Best Ice Cream Yogurt
Cold Stone Creamery
(See entry in photo box)

Best Pho
Pho of La Jolla
Pho La Jolla has taken the art of Vietnamese cuisine and transformed it into something very delicious and satisfying for their customers. It presents the fusion of “East meets West” menu options, like sandwiches, Thai tea, egg rolls and of course pho. Pho La Jolla is dedicated to serving its pho fresh, giving it a genuine flavor as if it were home-cooked in right in Vietnam.

Pho of La Jolla
3211 Holiday Court, Ste 102
University City
587-4688
www.pholajolla.com

Best Korean Food
From all of us here at Little Korea, thank you La Jolla!
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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.
551-0282

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 chilaquiles. 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
423 Pearl St.
454-8006

Best Gelato
Gelateria Frizzante
Gelateria Frizzante serves 140 different gelato and sorbet flavors using fresh-frozen fruits and imported Italian ingredients. They have the best selection of authentic gelato in San Diego, which pairs 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
454-5798

Best Bagel
Busy Bee’s
Busy Bee’s is the perfect place for a busy bee to stop by to enjoy a quick bite to eat. The service is fast and the prices are decent. While the bagel place 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.
454-2738

Best Fish & Chip
Cody’s La Jolla
Cody’s presents exceptional food that is refreshingly uncomplicated and uniquely American, like the eggs and bacon and crab cakes you’re so fond of. This lovely seaside cottage is La Jolla’s prime spot for relaxed dining.
Cody’s La Jolla
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858 551 4227
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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 entries, from a juicy burger to Spanish seafood paella and French country-style meatloaf. The chef focuses on local produce and is concerned with the flavor of ingredients. And neighbors love the Blues Brunch so much that acoustic music performances are now a regular feature on Sundays from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Count on Beaumont’s for a delectable meal and a chance to meet your neighbor!
Beaumont’s Eatery
5662 La Jolla Blvd.
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world.beaumontseatery.com

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Cody’s La Jolla
8030 Girard Ave.
459-0040
www.codyslajolla.com

Best Omelette
The Cottage
(See entry under Best Family Restaurant)

Best Pastry
Aroma Café
Aroma Café is the product of its founders’ diverse cultural backgrounds. Influences from the Middle East and Western Europe make Aroma a one-of-a-kind cafe. Customers can relax, drink up delicious coffees and try food from all over the world. Aroma’s award-winning pastries and desserts are baked on the premises, from scratch, every day.

Aroma Café
909 Prospect St.
454-7272
www.aromalajolla.com

Best Wine Bar
Finch’s Bistro & Win Bar
(See entry in photo box)

Best Fish Taco
Wahoo’s Fish Tacos
Wahoo’s has become a La Jolla tradition for both the 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!

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