La Jolla’s Top Picks of 2011

La Jolla may be a dining hot spot for tourists from all over the world, but more importantly, it’s a top-notch place of recreation for La Jollans — and lucky for us, there are some amazing things going on in the restaurant world right here in our own backyard.

This list of restaurants represents locals’ favorites of more than 50 categories. We asked you to tell us your top picks, and we tallied up hundreds of ballots over the course of several months to not only provide you with this dining guide, but to honor the local businesses who are going above and beyond to serve you and make your community the best in the world.

To compliment this section, we have also written features on several local businesses, from caterers to creators of fine cuisine, that are really putting La Jolla on the map when it comes to food.

The La Jolla Village News thanks the readers who took the time to single out the best of the best, and we also thank the winners of this year’s Readers Choice Awards for doing what they do so well.

When you visit your favorite restaurant, or when you see a local business proudly displaying its Readers Choice Award, take a moment to tell the owner or manager that you appreciate what they do — they deserve it!

Congratulations!
Claire Harlin
Editor, La Jolla Village News
Congratulations to the following businesses which 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 which do so much to make La Jolla and Bird Rock such wonderful communities.
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

The Shores Restaurant

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The Shores Restaurant
8100 Camino del Oro
456-0600
www.theshoresrestaurant.com

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 on the go, and also deliver within La Jolla Village with a $20 minimum order.

Lean & Green
7825 Fay Ave.
459-5326
www.leanandgreen.com

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

La Valencia Hotel

For all the La Jolla residents not fortunate enough to live somewhere else in order to spend a night at the historic La Valencia Hotel, the three
unique restaurants within the hotel extend the favor. The Mediterranean Room serves dishes from its namesake region in the recently renovated dining room or open-air patio overlooking the sweeping blue Pacific Ocean for breakfast, lunch and dinner. In the evening, the mahogany Whaling Bar grills steaks in an old-world seaside atmosphere complete with harpoons, lanterns, pewter candleholders and antique wooden shutters. Then there’s the exclusive Sky Room on the tenth floor that may offer the most stunning, panoramic view of the ocean in La Jolla. A small kitchen, literally a hole-in-the-wall, prepares dinner for the 11 tables in the intimate dining room.

La Valencia Hotel
1132 Prospect St.
454-0771
www.lavalencia.com

Best Family Restaurant
Sammy’s Woodfired Pizza
Families with discerning taste should count on Sammy’s pizza 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 such as artichoke and homemade sauce, five cheeses or a salad pizza comprising of 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.
456-5222
www.sammypsipizza.com

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Readers Choice Awards 2011

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

The Marine Room

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The Marine Room
2000 Spindrift Drive
459-7222
www.marineroom.com

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Thank you La Jolla! For voting us:
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www.barflyalajolla.com
858.454.2923
909 Prospect St., La Jolla, CA 92037

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across from UTC
858.450.1400 lajollasteak.com
dinecrg.com
Restaurant Wine Selection
Nine-Ten

Nine-Ten is the place to go to stimu-
late your taste buds and expand your
appreciation of the culinary art. Vot-
ers recognized the restaurant again
and again for its service, wine selec-
tion, happy hour and they even nomi-
nated its burger as one of the best in
the Village. Nine-Ten boasts a well-
balanced, extensive and award-win-
n ing 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
g et 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.
946-5400
www.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
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www.wahoos.com
459-0027
639 Pearl St.

Happy Hour
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@4” Happy Hour is what caught the attention of Village News readers. From 4 p.m. to 6 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 (although hot wings and nachos are available); fish tacos, avocado rolls, caprese salad, bruschetta and hummus falafel are offered.

Barfly
909 Prospect St.
459-2323
www.barflylajolla.com

Best Place to go on a Budget
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 flame. 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 Ghanoosh, taboulee, 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 Comfort Food
Cody’s La Jolla

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

Cody’s La Jolla
8300 Grand Ave.
459-0040
www.codyslajolla.com

Best Place for B-day Party (tie)
PrepKitchen

(See entry under Best Lunch)

PrepKitchen
112 Prospect St.
459-0051
www.prep-kitchen.com

Ocean View
George’s at the Cove
(See entry under Best Overall Restaurant)

George’s at the Cove
8034 Coast Hwy.

Sushi Bar
Roppongi Restaurant and Sushi Bar

(See entry under Best New Restaurant)

Roppongi Restaurant and Sushi Bar
5662 La Jolla Blvd.

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!

Wahoo’s Fish Tacos
639 Pearl St.

Appetizer
Roppongi Restaurant and Sushi Bar

(See entry under Best Family Restaurant)

Roppongi Restaurant and Sushi Bar
2000 Spindrift Drive

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Burrito
Jose’s Court Room
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," an average of 15 shrimp, sautéed 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, conscientious service.
Jose’s Court Room
1037 Prospect St.
454-7655
www.joses.com

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639 Pearl St.
459-0027
www.wahuos.com

Desserts (tie)
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
7878 Girard Ave.
(858) 459-2877
www.cupszar.com

Sprinkles Cupcakes
Having opened the world’s first cupcake bakery in Beverly Hills, Candace

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 like calamari fritti, house made gnocchetti with prosciutto, sweet peas and gorgonzola cheese sauce, saltimbocca, veal with prosciutto, mozzarella cheese and wild mushrooms with white wine sauce to name a few. They age their own Angus steaks. Fresh seafood is served daily. Enjoy a drink at the full 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.
Lupi Italian Restaurant
5518 La Jolla Blvd.
454-6421
www.lupivinocuccina.com

Thank you for voting us “Best Pizza” in La Jolla 2 years in a row!
Nelson, founder of Sprinkles Cupcakes, still makes cupcakes from scratch. Her handcrafted delectables are made using the finest ingredients, including sweet cream butter, bitter-sweet Belgian chocolate, pure Madagascar Bourbon vanilla, fresh bananas and carrots, real strawberries and natural citrus zest. Sprinkles Cupcakes are topped with its own trademarked modern dots, consisting of rich chocolate sprinkles from France or seasonal sugar decorations. Stop in and try the original cupcake for yourself.

Sprinkles Cupcakes
8855 Villa La Jolla Dr.
457-3800
www.sprinkles.com

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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 cafe-style ambiance of the pizzeria with its taste-ful wicker furniture and warm yellow walls enhances the experience.

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

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Salad Bar
Whole Foods
Regulars of Whole Foods are already hip to the store's reputation for cleanliness and convenience. Everything is

Girard Gourmet
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.
Sandwich
The Sandwich Club
Located in the Merrill Lynch building, this sandwich shop caters to those who prefer a more exclusive sandwich. Fancy a steak sandwich with mushrooms and onions on a French roll, complete with provolone cheese, lettuce and tomatoes? In addition to its hot sandwiches, the café also sells wraps, six varieties of salads and breakfast. The Sandwich Club is the epitome of a power lunch.

Steak
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 is your thing, be sure to try the fresh seasonal vegetables and your choice of potato are always included with each entree.

Donovan’s of La Jolla
3430 La Jolla Village Dr.
450-6666
www.donovanssteakhouse.com

Sushi
Aloha Sushi
Every guest is greeted with a smile and a menu at this well-known sushi establishment. Among the favorites served here are a pizza roll, a volcano roll and a jalapeno roll. This Hawaiian inspired restaurant also boasts its popular signature calamari dish and several other specialty rolls. Relax and enjoy some sushi in this inviting restaurant: Aloha!

Aloha Sushi
7731 Fay Ave.
551-5000

Seafood
El Pescador
(See entry under Best Fish Taco)

American
Karl Strauss
(See entry under Best Beer Selection)

Best BBQ
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 BBQ was born in La Jolla on April 21, 2009. Members of the military and La Jolla residents receive a 15 percent discount. As for the food, let’s just say it’s finger-licking good.

Bubba’s Smoke House BBQ
888 Prospect St.
551-4227
www.bubbasmokehousebbq.com

Chinese
China Chef
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner at China Chef is almost a steal. The restaurant offers a dinner combination of a main dish, egg roll, cup of soup and rice for only $9.95. Oh, and the lunch combo costs $6.25. It sounds like a radio commercial but it’s true. The menu is extensive, ranging from chop suey, egg foo young and noodle dishes to vegetable, chicken, beef and pork platters. The food is good enough that the chef guarantees no MSG is involved.

China Chef
623 Pearl St.
454-7597
www.lajollachinachef.com

Voted Best Cafe
Living Room Cafe
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 delectable 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. At the far end of the café is a quaint view overlooking rooftop and glimpses of the ocean. Scrumptious desserts are available, along with wine, beer and hookah tobacco.

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Tapenade indoor/outdoor dining has become a popular meeting place for locals.

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**Voted Best French Restaurant**

Tapenade Restaurant & 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

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**Best Italian (tie)**

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 Ristorante
8915 Towne Centre Drive
454-1589

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**Best Mediterranean**

Marrakesh

Serving Southern California since 1975, Marrakesh has entertained and tantalized customers with good food in an exotic atmosphere. Tented tables, low lights, painted clouds on the ceiling and lively belly dancers will surely delight you and your guests dining experience!

Marrakesh
434 Pearl Street
454-2500

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**Best Bakery**

Jose’s Court Room

Thank you for your support!
Bird Rock Coffee Roasters

Bird Rock Coffee Roasters is taking specialty coffee to a whole new level. The cornerstone Bird Rock Coffee merchant is one of a dozen coffee roasters nationwide participating in the Las Minas 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.

Bird Rock Coffee Roasters
5627 La Jolla Blvd. 858.551.1707 www.birdrockcoffeeroasters.com

Voted Best Coffee Shop

Best Deli
The Sandwich Club
(See entry under Best Sandwich)

Ice Creams/Yogurt
Cold Stone Creamery
Cold Stone Creamery has garnered a name for itself for its inventive way of dishing up — or should we say “dining up” — ice cream. The staff willingly mixes and matches whatever flavors and toppings your heart desires on a frosted granite slab for a custom-made dessert. If you’re undecided, go for a signature sundae like the banana caramel crunch. The store also sells cakes, shakes, and smoothies.

Cold Stone Creamery
909 Prospect St. 454-2300
www.coldstonecreamy.com

Vegetarian
Lean & Green
For the health-conscious, there is finally a place in La Jolla to rejuvenate in a hurry. Customers of Lean & Green can rest assured that each ingredient offers the optimal health. For breakfast, fuel your soul with an organic fruit bowl (steel cut oatmeal, organic fruit bowl, and good value! It’s a great place to feed your entire family without breaking the bank. Seniors love the senior discount specials and speciality menu. Breakfast, lunch or dinner, you can count on fresh food, fair prices and fast courteous service every time.

Lean & Green
5627 La Jolla Blvd. 858.551.1707 www.leanandgreendine.com

Patio Dining
George’s at the Cove
(See entry under Best View)

Best Place to take your Pet
Bull and Bear Bar & Grill
All agree this has been a Bear year for the market, and this bar is just the right place to drown financial woes in a draft beer and some steak medallions. (For those of you not familiar with the lingo, a Bear market refers to a decline in the stock market and a Bull market shows investor confidence.) The grill serves up a mix of American, Italian and Mexican dishes served indoors or on the patio. So whether you’re feeling bearish or bullish, this is a welcome place to relax.

Bull and Bear Grill
1271 Prospect St. 551-0077
www.bullandbearbarandgrill.com

Place Senior Special
Coco’s
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Coco’s
4280 Nobel Dr. 597-0284

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www.TheShoresRestaurant.com

Voted Best Dessert

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Cups
7857 Girard Ave. (858) 459-2977 www.cupsaj.com

Best Catering

Giuseppe Restaurants & Fine Catering
Planning a wedding, celebration or corporate event? Stop by the Museum Café at the Modern Art Museum on Prospect Street to sample Giuseppe Ciuffa’s European-inspired bistro cuisine with a California flair. It just may help you decide whether to cater your event with Ciuffa, who also runs the catering business. For weddings, Ciuffa offers three options for dining – chef-prepared food stations, a seated meal or a cocktail reception, as well as bar service. For the Italian chef, it’s all about exquisite details.

Giuseppe Restaurants & Fine Catering
700 Prospect St. 581-2205
www.giuseppecatering.com

The Brick & Bell Cafe

Best Place to People Watch

Best Place to People Watch

Bird Rock & Bell
928 Silverado St. CA 92037-4226 (858) 551-0928

Coco’s

From Peach Passion to Amazing Acai, there are also many fresh and nutty flavors to try at Coco’s. For breakfast, fuel your soul with an organic fruit bowl (steel cut oatmeal, strawberries and almonds, sweetened with agave nectar) or a warm platter of roasted corn, steamed eggs topped with feta cheese and salsa. Lunchgoers can build their own salad or wrap. For a snack, smoothies range from Peach Passion to Amazing Acai, and a shot of wheatgrass is always a kick in the pants.

Lean & Green
7825 Fay Ave. 459-5326 wwwLEAN&GREEN.com

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1271 Prospect St. 551-0077
www.bullandbearbarandgrill.com

The Sandwich Club

(See entry under Best Sandwich)

- 13 Coffees rated 90 and over on Coffee Review
- San Diego’s only source for Direct Trade, Auction and Micro lot coffees

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- San Diego’s only source for Direct Trade, Auction and Micro lot coffees
- Chosen as one of Southern California’s Best Coffee Roasters

Bird Rock Coffee Roasters
5627 La Jolla Blvd. 858.551.1707 www.birdrockcoffeeroasters.com

VOTED BEST COFFEE SHOP
Donovan’s Steak & Chop House is proud to introduce
Donovan’s Prime Seafood, serving the finest sustainable
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Striving to reshape the concept of fine seafood dining that is uniquely and distinctly San Diego, we are committed to providing the ultimate in seafood by sourcing directly from fishing boats and the most respected aqua farms in the world.

Donovan’s Prime Seafood will ignite your senses with an extraordinary culinary experience laced with our world-class service. We are located in the heart of the Gaslamp district, steps away from the San Diego convention center.

Join us at Donovan’s Prime Seafood.