As a coastal-community that welcomes throngs of tourists throughout the year, somehow La Jolla has maintained its original charm and neighborhood sensibility instilled early on during its days as an artists’ colony. In an area that champions both “mom-and-pop” businesses, as well as national and international businesses, firms, etc., for a merchant to have the opportunity find their niche is truly remarkable.

La Jollans are blessed when it comes to their ability in celebrating the arts at several world-renowned venues. Also, some of the finest dining experiences found in San Diego, and Southern California at large, are located within the confines of the bejeweled town. Seemingly a microcosm for the City of San Diego itself: historic, laid-back, dignified, forward-thinking and full of class, being “from La Jolla” (however that is distinguished) is a source of great pride to all.

One thing taken very seriously in this area, however, is dining. From pristine establishments utilizing farm-to-table principles, to local landmarks that aren’t going anywhere anytime soon, the La Jolla Village News has solicited public opinion as to recognize these culinary institutions in our 2017 Reader’s Choice Awards.

Blake Bunch
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 70 categories, our...
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Osteria Romantica

This restaurant was designed to reflect the osterias of Italy, where locals commune around fresh food and good wine; indeed, La Jolla Shores locals and visitors raise their glasses and forks to the common goal of enjoying authentic cuisine and company. The likes of Pavarotti and other legends woo you with their crooning, and the refined yet hearty menu of Italian specialties is familiar and intriguing. The international wine list rounds out the experience nicely, encouraging all to sip, sample and savor everything Osteria Romantica has to offer.

Duke’s La Jolla

Lots of folks around these parts know Duke’s for its Hawaii locations, sprawling beachfront venues that celebrate sun, surf and the late Duke Kahanamoku, regarded as the father of modern surfing. Hawaii, though, has nothing on you — you’ve flocked to the La Jolla space in droves since its opening last November to take in the Hawaiian-inspired fare and the come-as-you-are spirit of its namesake. You can take the boy out of Hawaii, but...

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 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.

Bubba’s Smoke House BBQ

In April of 2009, Jeffrey Nicoletta, a Navy veteran turned restaurateur, and Ali Nicoletta, with heaps of hands-on experience, opened Bubba’s Smokehouse BBQ. Six years later, Bubba’s mouth-watering, lip-smacking, falling-off-the-bone ribs are a smoking success! This family-friendly restaurant serves up Southern-style ribs, pork, tri-tip, brisket and chicken with lots of delicious home-style side orders. For
Voted Best Bakery
Sugar & Scribe
Bakery and Fine Food

“A slice of pie,” owner Maeve Rochford says, “can save the day.” She’s especially right if that slice of pie comes from here, where the staff has forgotten more about baking and fine food than you’ll ever know. If you don’t believe us, trust Sugar & Scribe with your wedding – the biggest day of your life -- and just see if it doesn’t pass muster. If a slice of pie can save the day, this place’s meals and special events can probably save your life.

La Jolla Brewing Co.

Word on the street has it that San Diego is the king city of the booming craft brewery industry these days – and La Jolla Brewing Co., as you might imagine, plays a big role in that scene. It intends to maintain a reputation for its quality craft beer, food, wine and beverage selection, customer service atmosphere, and management. Knowledge and expertise (and sports, of course) are the bywords here, with the venue’s natural extension of the community, where the adventurous and historical spirit of the Village brings the beer to life.

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Voted 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 burger joint.

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

Voted Best Burrito

Don Carlos
If a picture is worth a thousand words, Don Carlos Taco Shop has singlehandedly written every book published in the last 40 years. The eatery’s website makes regular Mexican entries look like virtual portraits – the enchiladas, carne asada and, yes, burritos make you think you’re already at the restaurant. If things look that appetizing from afar, imagine what awaits you when you finally pay a visit.

Don Carlos Taco Shop
737 Pearl St., Ste. 113
(858) 456-0482
eataburrito.com

Voted Best Café

Living Room Coffeehouse
The Living Room has truly lived up to its name in La Jolla. The café has drawn young and old alike to sip tea, coffee and deluxe smoothies in a 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 upstairs patio and others poring over books in the back. Scrumptious desserts are available, along with wine, beer, cocktails and hookah tobacco. Enjoy the views from the second floor ocean view room and don’t miss happy hour every day from 12-6 p.m. offering bottled & draft beer, wine, mimosas and well drinks Monday—all day! Try our daily lunch special. Open late every day ‘til 2 a.m. every day.

Living Room Coffeehouse
1010 Prospect St.
(858) 459-1187
livingroomusa.com

Voted Best Catering

Giuseppe Restaurants & Fine Catering
The motto in Giuseppe’s neighborhood is “Mangia bene e vivi meglio,” meaning “Eat well and live better!” – further translated to say that the right meal can turn any event into an unforgettable experience. Giuseppe’s gives its all to that end, bringing together the freshest seasonal ingredients from as many local sustainable sources as possible.

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Voted Best Desserts and Pastry and a Favorite for Bakery

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works personally with clients to create carefully crafted and personally tailored menus that complement your vision and your budget. Your only job is to picture your perfect event and let Giuseppe’s handle the details.

Giuseppe Restaurants & Fine Catering
(858) 581-2005
grnfc.com

Best Chef
Jason Knibb
Nine-Ten Restaurant and Bar
NINE-TEN Restaurant’s evolving California cuisine features the best of the harvest from local artisan farmers where produce is selected daily. Lunch and dinner are served daily and Brunch every Sunday in the main dining room, sidewalk patio or back terrace with glimpses of the ocean.

Nine-Ten Restaurant & Bar
910 Prospect St.
(858) 964-5400
nineten.com

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 lunch specials from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Gluten-free menu items like cashew nut chicken, shrimp with assorted vegetables and Kung-Po beef to cater to everyone’s tastes.

China Chef
623 Pearl St.
(858) 454-1368
lajollachinachef.com

Best Coffee Shop
Bird Rock Coffee Roasters
Bird Rock Coffee Roasters is the first coffee company in San Diego to source the world’s greatest coffee beans at origin and has expanded the concept of sustainable and transparent coffee buying. The green coffee beans they buy meet stringent standards, and they roast and prepare this coffee with the utmost respect to those who grew it.

Bird Rock Coffee Roasters
5627 La Jolla Blvd.
(858) 551-7707
birdrockcoffeeroasters.com

Best Comfort Food (tie)
Bubba’s Smoke House BBQ
(See listing under Best BBQ)

Whisknladle
Whisknladle is where the magic first happened and where Chef Ryan won over local and national critics alike for his commitment to simple and seasonal scratch cooking. Their mission is to continue to make as much food from scratch in house as possible. Come in and experience the magic. “1 of 105 BEST NEW RESTAURANTS WORLD-WIDE” — Conde Nast Publications

Whisknladle Bistro & Bar
1044 Wall St.
(858) 551-7705
whisknladle.com

Best Deli
Girard Gourmet
Girard Gourmet is going on its 22nd year in La Jolla, so you know it has the experience factor in hand. It cooks and bakes in the European tradition and grows many of its fruits and vegetables in an organic garden in Julian. See if this place’s special desserts and custom-designed cookies don’t make you cry for more, like the chocolate croissants and raspberry rugelach. And don’t forget the special services, which will make catering your event a stress-free, professional experience.

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

Best Desserts
Michelle Coulon Dessertier
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Michelle Coulon Dessertier
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Draft Republic

Located in La Jolla, across from UTC, Draft Republic is an American gastro pub offering a casual, friendly atmosphere and innovative cuisine. Draft Republic features a beer-centric menu including favorites such as their Housemade Sausage Sampler, House Smoked Pulled Pork and the Draft Republic Burger. Guests can enjoy over 36 craft beers on tap as well as housemade cocktails. Challenge friends to a round of ping pong, billiards, or foosball. Don’t miss out on the food, fun and brews at Draft Republic.

Best Dinner tie

Nine-Ten

(See listing under Best Chef)

Truluck’s

(See listing under Best Overall)

Best Family Restaurant

Harry's Coffee Shop

Harry’s has become an institution in La Jolla since it opened more than 50 years ago. The old-fashioned diner has not sloughed off layer upon layer of modernity to keep pace with the decade. Instead, the breakfast joint steadfastly has served up good American fare of J44 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 Fish Taco tie

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!

Rubio’s

“Sustainable” is a term very much in vogue among the environmentally savvy – the problem is that “sustainable” practices aren’t always very apparent, because they “sustain” themselves over lots of time (see how that works?). Enter Rubio’s, which serves some of the freshest and most totally inexpensive coastal Mexican you can fathom – like the killer seafood burritos and chicken, steak and veggie platter. Rubio’s honors environmentally sound fishing practices, helping control ocean populations as a fundamental part of food preparation. These guys save the oceans – you guys save the money.

Gelateria Frizzante

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 sorbet flavors are made daily and are delicious as well as beautiful. In celebration of their 16th year in La Jolla they wish to thank you for letting them be a part of your events and your patronage!

Rubio’s

(858) 456-5098
rubios.com

Best Fish & Chips

Cody’s La Jolla

Cody’s is open for Breakfast and Lunch 8-3pm weekdays 8-4 weekends, breakfast and lunch are both served all day! They’ve been preparing their award winning fish and chips the same way since the day they opened in 1997. Cody’s uses a lightly tempura battered Pacific Ling Cod to complete their famous fish & chips served with hand cut french fries, house-made cole slaw, onion rings & a duo of sauces!

Best French

Bistro du Marché

Bistro du Marché is a true French bistro that serves guests on a culinary odyssey throughout France’s opulent and diverse regions. The comfortable and relaxed atmosphere of the dining room, patio, combined with a lively ambience, resembles the turn of the century Parisian bistros. Under Chef Jean-Michel and Chef Christophe Santos’ leadership, Bistro du Marché’s cuisine selects fresh, local Californian ingredients and blends them with traditional French techniques and flavors. Bistro du Marché also includes an inspired cocktail list and an extensive selection of French and California wines.

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Best Greek

Apollonia

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

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Best Indian

Masala Street

Masala Street represents a culinary journey through the flavors of India and through the excellence of Grand Master Chef Hemant Oberoi, one of India’s most legendary chefs. In a career spanning four decades, he has cooked for kings, queens and heads of state as well as Hollywood and Bollywood royalty.

We welcome you to experience a new era of Indian dining. “Cooking is like love, both come from the heart. You have to be extremely passionate about what you do” says Chef Hemant Oberoi. He has had an illustrious career spanning 40 years and becoming the Grand Executive Chef of the Taj Hotel group.

He was responsible for the creation of stellar restaurants such as Varq, Zodiac Grill, Souk, Masala Kraft and Blue Ginger. Varq which was named in San-Pelagino’s list of best restaurants.

Masala Street

915 Pearl St.

(858) 412-5097

masalastreetsd.com

Lupi Italian Restaurant

Lupi Italian restaurant and wine bar has always been a La Jolla favorite for those who appreciate fine Italian wine and mouthwatering authentic cuisine and now there is a new reason to visit. New partner Andriano Gasparo has teamed up with long time partner Luigi Tornatore to add a new twist to the menu while keeping all your favorites. Add to that an amazing bar menu featuring small tastes plus select wines for $6. from 5pm to closing every evening and you are all set. Enjoy dining on the lush sunny outdoor patio. You can also bring your pet for some special “pet’alicious”. So stop by and see what’s new at Lupi’s-your palate will be glad you did.

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(858) 454-6421

lupivivinuccina.com

Best Juice Bar

Juice Crafters

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juicecraftersla.com

Best Indian

Cafe Milano

Owner/chef Pasquale Cianni brought northern Italian cuisine to La Jolla 16 years ago and has been successfully pleasing both local residents and out-of-towners — even out-of-the-country guests — with his homemade papardelle pasta, veal ossobuco, lobster ravioli and many other authentic Italian dishes.

Cafe Milano is an exciting and incredible experience for the whole family at affordable prices. Early bird special: 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. Choose a select soup or salad, menu entrée and dessert for $21.95. Open M-F 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m., Sat 2-10 p.m., Sun. 2-9 p.m.

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Best Late Night Eater
Living Room Coffeehouse
(See listing under Best Cafe)

Best Live Music (tie)
The LOT
THE LOT was inspired by and created for this neighborhood and honors the sea, art, culture, food, music, weather, and the people that make La Jolla so singular and inspiring. Customizing and creating the ultimate entertainment and lifestyle experience is our obsession and we’re excited to share this curated experience with you. So, if you’re looking to host a private party, or maybe a company meeting and a mix of relaxation, leisure, craft cocktails, locally sourced coffees, sustainable and elevated cuisine and the latest blockbuster movies and independent films, we’ve got what you are looking for at THE LOT—La Jolla’s new destination for an epic and artistic lifestyle experience like no other.

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Best Lunch
Lean & Green Café
(See listing under Best Healthy Dining)

Best Margarita
Puesto
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Donovan’s
(See entry under Best Steak)

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(See entry under Best Steak)
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 Peruvian 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 Ghannosh, 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
marketplacegrille.com

Best Mexican Fast Food
Don Carlos
(See entry under Best Burrito)

Best Mexican (tie)
Puesto
(See listing under Best Margarita)

Taco Stand
When’s the last time you had a custom-made taco? Usually, those things are one-and-done, with a particular size fitting all. Not here -- here, you can pretend you made your own. The downside is, you can’t take it home, and you can’t save it, either. It’s one-and-done, with a particular size fitting all. Not here -- here, you can pretend you made your own.
Taco Stand
621 Pearl St.
(858) 551-6666
letstaco.com

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

Best Organic
Lean and Green
(See entry under Best Healthy Dining)

Best Pastry
Michelle Coulon
Dessertier
(See entry under Best Desserts)

Juice Crafters
Juice Crafters is a family owned juice bar which uses raw gourmet, 100% natural ingredients to prepare some of the most amazing freshly pressed juices in the world. We also serve powerhouse smoothies that will bring vitality to your life and introduce you to a completely new lifestyle that delivers better body performance and well-being. Their signature powerhouse smoothies are perfect for feeding your body the nutrients it needs and will leave you feeling lightweight after an amazing workout. They believe in the importance of providing natural holistic wellness and we have extracted nature’s medicine into our immunization juices. Additionally, you will find freshly made yummy juices that will suit anyone’s taste buds!
Juice Crafters
935 Silverado St
(858) 459-0569
juicecrafters.com

Don Carlos Taco Shop
If a picture is worth a thousand words, Don Carlos Taco Shop has single-handedly written every book published in the last 40 years. The eatery’s website makes regular Mexican entries look like virtual portraits – the enchiladas, carne asada and, yes, burritos make you think you’re already at the restaurant. If things look that appetizing from afar, imagine what awaits you when you uhnilfy pay a visit.
Don Carlos Taco Shop
737 Pearl St., Ste. 113
(858) 456-0482
eataburrito.com
Best Patio Dining
Mustangs & Burros at Estancia
La Jollans looking to enjoy Southwest-ern cuisine in festive setting should head to Mustangs & Burros at Estancia La Jolla, a classic rancho-style restaur-ant with a cozy dining room and spa-cious patio reminiscent of a hacienda. Both areas feature warm, inviting fire-places. Enjoy small plates with big Baja-inspired flavors and extraordinary house-crafted cocktails, including inno-vative margaritas & house-made san-gria. Live Spanish guitar often accompa-nies a dinner of regional cuisine inspired by the season, and events like the annual Herradura tequila dinner make Mustangs & Burros a lively place to round up friends.

Mustangs & Burros at Estancia
9700 N. Torrey Pines Road
550-1000

Best Place to go on a Budget
Don Carlos
(See entry under Best Burrito)

Best Place for B-day Party
Sammy’s Woodfired Pizza
(See listing under Best Appetizer)

Most Romantic (tie)
The Marine Room
(See entry under Best Ocean View)

Best Salad
Lean and Green Café
(See entry under Best Healthy Food)

Best Sandwich (tie)
Girard Gourmet
(See entry under Best Deli)

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 giv-ing, a combination that has helped earn the La Jolla sub shop our top title for the Best Sandwich.

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

Best Seafood (tie)
Truluck’s
(See entry under Best Overall)

El Pescadore
El Pescador first opened its doors in Del Mar in July of 1974. In 1978, six-teen year old Sean Shannon traded his paper route in for his first real job, “El Pescador-clean-up-kid”. Seven years later Shannon opened his own store on Pearl Street in La Jolla. Since then the menu has increased to an array of char-grilled and sautéed seafood items. The
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Voted Best Dessert
Michelle Coulon Dessertier

Michelle Coulon Dessertier desserts and savory offerings are made from the finest ingredients: fresh local organic produce, only real butter, and Belgian chocolate. It takes pride in creating spectacular wedding cakes and desserts appealing to the eye and tantalizing to the taste. Desserts and savory offerings are made from the finest ingredients including local and organic. They believe that everything they serve must be delicious as well as beautiful. In celebrating their 16th year in La Jolla they wish to thank you for letting them be a part of your events and your patronage!

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

Best Steak
Donovan’s of La Jolla

The views at Donovan’s of La Jolla are inspiring and there is no bad seat in the house, so sit back and enjoy your favorite cocktail 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 entrée.

Donovan’s of La Jolla
1250 Prospect St.
(858) 450-6666
donovanssteakhouse.com

Best Specialty Drink
Mustangs & Burros

(See entry under Best Patio)

Best Sports Bar (tie)
La Jolla Brewing Co.

(See entry under Best Beer Selection)

Draft Republic
(See entry under Best American)

Best Sunday Brunch
The Shores

A local lady regulated everybody with a story about some scuttled Mother’s Day plans and how she’d prayed for a last-minute opening here — wouldn’t you know her entreaty was answered for all 712 members of her family. Not only is this iconic restaurant’s food the best in the universe; so’s the service, even on an exorbitant price tag like hers. No word on whether the party was treated to a show of the ocean waves on the windows. It probably was.

The Shores
8110 Camino del Oro
(866) 644-2630
theshoresrestaurant.com

Best Take-Out
Don Carlos

(See entry under Best Burrito)

Best Thai
Spice & Rice Thai Kitchen

This establishment offers a tantalizing menu and a clean-air approach to dining. Be warned: Many of the dishes are on the spicy side, like those in many Thai restaurants. The kitchen is accommodating and will moderate the seasoning to suit your taste. Most dishes can be made as a vegetarian version. Prices are quite appealing, and the Thai salads are excellent. Enjoy a little spice and rice in your life.

Spice & Rice Thai Kitchen
7734-C Girard Ave.
(858) 456-0466
spicemandricekitchen.com

Best Vegetarian
Lean and Green Café

(See entry under Best Healthy Dining)
Voted Best Wine Shop

We Olive Wine Bar & Gourmet Foods

The We Olive store and wine bar is located on Prospect Street in the heart of downtown La Jolla. Perched above La Jolla Cove, enjoy the wine tasting on the balcony with stunning ocean and coastal views. They also feature complimentary tastings of all of their California extra virgin olive oils, vinegars, and gourmet foods. That’s right...you always get to try before you buy!

We Olive Wine Bar & Gourmet Foods
1158 Prospect St.
(858) 551-8250
weolive.com

Voted Best Wine Selection

Nine-Ten

(See entry under Best Chef)

Voted Best Frozen Yogurt

Froglander’s

Froglander’s Frozen Yogurt has been dishing out chilly treats for more than 30 years. And in that time, they’ve had plenty of opportunity for delicious innovation. Sure, you can create-your-own frozen yogurt cup by choosing from the rotating flavors and fresh fruit and candy toppings, but you can also dig into an açaí bowl, sip on a frozen yogurt frappuccino, a classic banana split, or try an Affogato, an espresso shot poured on top of a vanilla or chocolate yogurt. With standard flavors of Original Tart, Vanilla, Irish mint, red velvet, cake batter, and pomegranate raspberry, you can dream up a new treat every time you visit. Also featuring organic, gourmet coffee (cappuccino, espresso, etc.)

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

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Sunday and Monday Nights | $60 per person, $85 Signature Menu | Three-course dinner

Splurge yourself this summer with our Signature option, featuring Center Cut Angus Filet Mignon with your choice of Maine Lobster preparations. For dessert you’ll be treated to our special “ Trilogy” that includes Amanda Pot de Creme. Tax, beverage and gratuity are not included in prices listed. Menu items subject to change.

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

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Voted Best Breakfast

The Cottage

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

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Voted Best Ocean View

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Best Wings

Hennessey’s Tavern
(See entry under Best Bar)

Best Wine Bar

We Olive Wine Bar & Gourmet Foods
(See entry under Best Wine Shop)

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WESTERN WITH CHEESE
Ham, onions and bell peppers

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BACON WAFFLE
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