

## **RESTAURANT GUIDE      San Diego 2011**

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### **AFGHAN**

#### **Chopahn (\$\$) L,D**

750 Sixth Ave.  
619-236-9536  
Located in a romantic elegant dining room, this Afghan restaurant offers first-rate food.

### **AMERICAN**

#### **Broken Yolk (\$) B,L,D**

355 Sixth Avenue  
619-338-9655  
Voted Best breakfast. Offers a large selection of home cooked meals in a comfortable and casual atmosphere.

#### **Croce's Jazz Bar & Grill (\$\$\$) D**

802 Fifth Ave.  
619-233-4355  
American Contemporary Cuisine with live music nightly.

#### **Currant (\$\$) B,L,D**

140 W. Broadway  
619-702-6309  
A re-imagining of the traditional French brasserie with a distinctly American and cheeky twist.

#### **Dick's Last Resort (\$\$) L,D**

345 Fourth Ave.  
619-231-9100  
Buckets of sloppy ribs, messy chicken, squirty crab legs, salads, steaks, and entertainment.

#### **Edgewater Grill (\$\$) L,D**

Seaport Village  
619-232-7581  
Waterfront location on San Diego Bay; fresh pastas, pizza, seafood and steaks; pizzeria features moderately priced entrees.

#### **Fleetwood (\$\$\$) D**

639 J Street  
619.702.7700  
Casual fine dining in a comfortable, luxurious lounge setting. Featuring an extensive wine and cocktail list - the post-dinner crowd often shifts into the swanky lounge to move with the DJ or relax by the chic fireplace.

#### **Hard Rock Café (\$\$) L,D**

801 Fourth Ave  
619-615-7625  
Indoor/outdoor dining. Cool rock n' roll fun atmosphere for the entire family.

#### **House of Blues (\$\$) L,D**

1055 Fifth Ave  
619-299-2583  
If you're looking for a truly unique venue in the Gaslamp, the House of Blues on Fifth is sure to please.

#### **Joe's Crab Shack (\$\$) L,D**

525 E. Harbor Dr.  
619-233-7391  
Fun, casual dining, in a festive atmosphere. Just behind the Convention Center.

#### **Jolt N Joe's (\$) L,D**

379 Fourth Ave.  
619-230-1968  
Distinctive modern décor combines with an historic building's warm brick walls and 22-foot ceilings to create a cosmopolitan atmosphere. Gaslamp's largest sports bar.

#### **Lael's in the Hyatt B**

One Market Place  
619-232-1234  
Comfortable seating and views of the garden and marina set the tone for a delightful dining experience. Offering a complete a la carte menu.

#### **New Leaf (\$\$) B,L,D**

Hilton Gaslamp  
401 K Street  
619-702-5024  
Innovative California and contemporary world Cuisine. Comfortable atmosphere that features indoor or outdoor seating.

#### **Nicky Rotten's (\$) L,D**

560 Fifth Avenue  
(619) 702-8068  
Burgers, beer, cocktails and sports are what make this the best sports bar in the Gaslamp. The ultimate destination for your next sporting event, lunch, dinner or night out.

#### **Richard Walker's (\$) B,L**

520 Front St.  
619-231-7777  
Serving award-winning, breakfast and lunch cuisine including the world-famous Baked Apple Pancake as well as a variety of original-style pancakes, crepes, waffles, omelettes, egg dishes, sandwiches and desserts.

#### **Soleil @ K (\$\$) B,L D**

660 K St.  
619-446-6088  
Has a breezy, fresh-air feel and view of people parading from the energetic East Village to the gregarious Gaslamp District. Elegant casual atmosphere with contemporary American cuisine.

#### **Stingaree (\$\$\$) D**

454 Sixth Ave.  
619-544-9500  
Boasts the ultimate blend of high style and excellent service with unique cuisine that stems not only from the quality of the ingredients, but also from their California origin.

#### **TABULE (\$\$\$) D**

535 Fourth Ave.  
619-238-0048  
A relaxing, beautifully lit sanctuary in the heart of the Gaslamp, combining the best of Modern American and International cuisines.

#### **Urban Bar and Grill (\$) L,D**

827 Fifth Ave.  
619-235-8700  
Located in the heart of the Gaslamp. Featuring a fresh look at contemporary cuisine at a great value.

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### **Yard House (\$\$) L,D**

1023 Fourth Ave.  
619-233-9273

Upscale-casual eatery known for its extensive menu, classic rock music, and world's largest selection of draft beer.

### **ASIAN FUSION**

#### **Dragon's Den \$\$ L,D**

3125 Tenth Ave.  
619-358-9332

Complementing the flavorful sushi menu, the Dragon's Den kitchen features globally-inspired Asian small dishes concocted by San Diego's premier chefs who use only the finest ingredients.

#### **Red Pearl Kitchen (\$\$) D**

440 J St.  
619-231-1100

Combines authentic Chinese/East Asian recipes with a hip, contemporary bar scene, and offers a new twist on traditional Pan-Asian Cuisine great for individual or family-style dining.

#### **Roy's Hawaiian Fusion**

**(\$\$\$) L,D**

##### **San Diego Marriott**

333 W. Harbor Dr.  
619-239-7697

Combining the freshest local ingredients with European sauces and bold Asian spices. An Exquisite culinary experience.

### **BARBECUE**

#### **Kansas City Barbeque**

**(\$\$) L,D**

610 W. Market St.  
619-231-9680

Barbecue restaurant in downtown San Diego. Filming location for the movie "Top Gun"; reservations for eight or more.

### **BRAZILIAN**

#### **Rei do Gado (\$\$\$) L,D**

939 Fourth Ave.  
619-702-8464

Traditional Brazilian cuisine featuring churrasco and "all you can eat" feast of

Brazilian style salads, meats and side dishes.

### **BUFFET**

#### **Gourmet India (\$\$) L,D**

Lunch buffet  
810 Fourth Ave  
619-702-4198

Featuring a unique blend of spices and diverse styles of cooking from different Indian states.

#### **LCs in the Marriott (\$\$) B**

Breakfast buffet only  
333 W. Harbor Dr.  
619-234-1500 ext. 6085  
Offers breakfast buffet and a la carte menu daily in a friendly and warm atmosphere.

#### **Lael's (\$\$) B**

1 Market Pl.  
619-232-1234

Indoor/outdoor seating, featuring prime rib buffet, Italian buffet, seafood buffet, open daily 6:30am-10pm, reservations recommended.

#### **Royal India (\$\$) L,D**

Lunch buffet  
329 Market St.  
619-269-9999

Serves traditional Indian [cuisine](#) in a setting reminiscent of the exotic palaces of India.

### **CAFES**

#### **Operacaffe (\$\$) L,D**

835 Fourth Ave.  
619-234-6538

Tasty pizzas, salads, pasta and sandwiches in a rustic Tuscan tavern style restaurant featuring authentic antique Florentine furniture and Carrara marble countertops

#### **Toscana Café and Wine**

**Bar (\$\$) B,L,D**

238 Fifth Ave.  
619-231-5788

Upscale and trendy with gourmet food and coffees

#### **Zanzibar Café (\$\$) B,L,D**

707 G St.

619-230-0125

Charming café and a Gourmet Market for a delicious meal to stay or to go.

### **CALIFORNIA CUISINE**

#### **JSix (\$\$\$) B,L,D**

435 Sixth Ave  
619-531-8744

Menu features Coastal California cuisine, with fresh, innovative, seasonal foods inspired by the region's 2000 miles of Baja coastline and nearby farms.

#### **Sally's at the Manchester**

**Grand Hyatt (\$\$\$) B,L,D**

One Market Place  
619-358-6740

San Diego's finest waterfront dining. Sushi, sake, and an eclectic chef-driven menu, dine inside or out by the Bay under umbrellas. Featuring an all-weekend breakfast.

### **CHINESE**

#### **Panda Inn (\$\$) L,D**

Horton Plaza Mall (5<sup>th</sup> Level)  
619-233-7800

Mandarin/Szechuan cuisine. "Best Chinese" San Diego. People's Choice 1990-2000, Walking distance to Convention Center.

### **FAST FOOD**

#### **Cine Café (\$) B,L,D**

412 K Street

(619) 595-1929

Convenience store/deli. It's quick and easy and moderately priced. Great selection of sandwiches, salad and snacks.

### **FONDUE**

#### **The Melting Pot**

901 Fifth Ave.

619-234-5554

A truly unique upscale/casual dining experience in downtown's vibrant dining scene; where fondue becomes a memorable and interactive four-course dining experience and patrons can "dip into something different."

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### FRENCH

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A re-imagining of the traditional French brasserie with a distinctly American and cheeky twist

### FONDUE

#### **Melting Pot (\$\$) D**

901 Fifth Ave.  
619-234-5554  
Romantic Fondue Restaurant in the heart of the Gaslamp

### FUSION

#### **Buster's Beach House (\$\$) B,L,D**

Seaport Village  
619-233-4300  
Casual waterfront restaurant and bar. Island inspired dishes.

#### **Roy's Hawaiian Fusion (\$\$\$) L,D**

**San Diego Marriott**  
333 W. Harbor Dr.  
619-239-7697  
An exquisite culinary experience of flavor, texture and color created in Roy's kitchens. Combining the freshest local ingredients with European sauces and bold Asian spices.

### GREEK

#### **Athens Market (\$\$\$)L,D**

109 W. F St.  
619-234-1955  
Award-winning upscale Greek restaurant. Conveniently located west of Horton Plaza and 5 blocks north of Convention Center.

### INDIAN

#### **Gourmet India (\$\$) L,D**

810 Fourth Ave  
619-702-4198  
Featuring a unique blend of spices and diverse styles of cooking from different Indian states

#### **Masala (\$\$) L,D**

314 Fifth Ave.  
619-232-4634  
Named for mixed spices, Masala combines the best of Indian cuisine with an extraordinary visual appeal.

#### **Royal India (\$\$) L,D**

329 Market St.  
619-269-9999  
Serves traditional Indian cuisine in a setting reminiscent of the exotic palaces of India.

### IRISH

#### **Dublin Square (\$)**

554 Fourth Ave.  
619-239-5818  
Manufactured by O'Sullivan Interiors and shipped thousands of miles across the Atlantic Ocean, it's an authentic Irish pub exuding the warm hospitality and fun that is typically Irish.

#### **DW's in the Marriott (\$\$) B,L,D**

333 W. Harbor Dr.  
619-234-1500  
Features imported drafts, a single malt scotch collection and a traditional pub fare menu.

#### **The Field (\$\$) L,D**

544 Fifth Ave.  
619-232-9840  
Award winning home style Irish Fayre, chicken, steaks, seafood, salads, soups.

### ITALIAN

#### **Acqua Al 2 (\$\$\$) L,D**

322 Fifth Ave  
619-230-0382  
Specializing in traditional pasta and beef dishes, reminiscent of old-world Tuscan bistros. Rustic interior.

#### **Asti Ristorante (\$\$\$\$)L,D**

728 Fifth Ave.  
619-232-8844  
A true Italian experience - offering a charming ambiance, professional service and outstanding Italian specialties in the heart of the Gaslamp Quarter.

#### **BICE (\$\$\$\$) D**

425 Island Ave.  
619-239-2423  
A skillful mix of traditional and contemporary trends in Italian cuisine, featuring local and seasonal ingredients, and located in the Historic Gaslamp Quarter.

#### **Buca di Beppo (\$\$) L,D**

705 Sixth Ave.  
619-233-7272  
Huge family style portions, using only the freshest ingredients to create real, immigrant Southern Italian cuisine.

#### **Chianti (\$\$\$) L,D**

644 Fifth Ave.  
619-235-8144  
Tuscan cuisine inspired by the traditions of elegance and rustic simplicity. Located in the heart of the Gaslamp Quarter

#### **De'Medici (\$\$\$\$) D**

815 Fifth Ave.  
619-702-7228  
Creating the essence of Italy where you may enjoy authentic aromas from the open kitchen and savor the homemade recipes passed down from the mother of owner - Salvatore Vitale.

#### **Old Spaghetti Factory (\$) L,D**

275 5th Avenue  
619- 233-4323  
Visit The Old Spaghetti Factory for classic Southern Italian food at a reasonable price. The Old Spaghetti Factory is great for entertaining clients, birthdays and groups.

#### **Operacaffe (\$\$) L,D**

835 4th Avenue  
619- 234-6538  
Tasty pizzas, salads, pasta and sandwiches in a rustic Tuscan tavern style restaurant featuring authentic antique Florentine furniture and Carrara marble countertops

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### **Osteria Panevino (\$\$\$)L,D**

722 Fifth Ave.  
619-595-7959  
Featuring some of San Diego's most highly acclaimed Italian cuisine and the casual, rustic atmosphere of an Tuscan osteria, and an award-winning collection of domestic and Italian wines.

### **Salvatore's Cucina Italiana (\$\$\$\$) D**

750 Front St.  
619-544-1865  
Old world elegance and a classic romantic atmosphere create an unforgettable dining experience. Winner of several food critic awards.

### **Sloppy Joey's (\$) L,D**

548 5th Avenue  
(619) 525-9960  
Enjoy savory authentic Italian cuisine and gourmet pizza in comfortable leather seating surrounded by a uniquely themed décor.

### **Sammy's Woodfired Pizza (\$\$)L,D**

770 Fourth Ave.  
619-230-8888  
Winner Best Pizza 1989-2002 San Diego Magazine. More than 20 gourmet pizzas, salads, pastas, specialty entrees.

### **The MerK (\$\$\$) D**

432 F St.  
619-814-5700  
Featuring a diverse menu of rustic Italian favorites infused with a California twist, combined exceptionally with quality cooking and unsurpassable ingredients.

### **Trattoria La Strada (\$\$\$) L, D**

702 Fifth Ave.  
619-239-3400  
Award-winning authentic N. Italian cuisine since 1991 in the heart of the Gaslamp Quarter.

### MEDITERRANEAN

#### **Athens Market (\$\$\$)L,D**

109 W. F St.  
619-234-1955  
Award-winning upscale Greek restaurant. Conveniently located west of Horton Plaza and 5 blocks north of the Convention Center.

#### **Dussini Loft Bar (\$\$\$)**

275 Fifth Ave  
619-233-4323  
A feast for your senses, from the exciting Mediterranean menu to the inviting bar and billiard room.

### MEXICAN/SPANISH

#### **La Fiesta (\$\$) L,D**

628 Fifth Ave  
619-232-4242  
Fine mexican cuisine in Gaslamp area. Authentic regional dishes.

#### **Las Hadas (\$\$) D**

558 4th Avenue  
619- 232-1720  
Cultivating the American culture to that of Latin America through music, food, and entertainment. San Diego's finest Latin bistro.

#### **Rockin' Baja Lobster (\$\$) L,D**

310 Fifth Ave.  
619-234-6333  
Puerto Nuevo style seafood restaurant.

### MEXICAN NOUVELLE

#### **Candelas**

416 Third Ave.  
619-702-4455  
Providing an unparalleled culinary experience by using the freshest local ingredients with innovative cooking techniques and Mexico City flavors.

#### **El Vitral**

815 J St.  
619-235-9420  
A fusion of traditional Mexican cuisine with modern techniques and rich flavors, excellent service and a sophisticated ambiance.

### PERSIAN

#### **Bandar (\$\$) L,D**

845 Fourth Ave.  
619-238-0101  
Awarded finest Persian Cuisine/Best Ethnic Restaurant by Zagat Survey, from 1996 to 2003.

#### **Sadaf (\$\$) L,D**

828 Fifth Ave.  
619-338-0008  
Fine Persian cuisine. Lunch and dinner. Lamb, chicken, shish kabob. Full bar/live entertainment/DJ/dancing.

### GASTROPUB

#### **Proper Gastro Pub (\$) L,D**

795 J St.  
619-255-7520  
English themed dine and drinker. Classic and signature dishes.

### SEAFOOD

#### **Blue Point Coastal Cuisine D only**

565 Fifth Ave.  
619-233-6623  
Crafting the freshest seafood dishes in the Gaslamp Quarter since 1995, Blue Point mixes supper club sophistication with award-winning style.

#### **Fish Market (\$\$)**

750 N. Harbor Dr.  
619-232-3474  
Oyster bar, sushi bar and retail market, bay view, open 11am-10pm, No reservations accepted.

#### **Harbor House (\$\$) L,D**

Seaport Village  
619-232-1141  
Serving fresh fish, shellfish, premium steaks and local draft beers. Enjoy the great city and harbor views. Walking distance from the San Diego Convention Center.

#### **Joe's Crab Shack (\$\$\$)L,D**

525 E. Harbor Dr.  
619-233-7391  
Fun, casual dining, in a festive atmosphere. Directly behind the Convention Center.

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### **McCormick & Schmick's (\$\$\$) B,L,D**

675 L St. in the Omni Hotel  
619-645-6545  
Printed daily, the menu features the freshest selection of seafood offered in San Diego. Conveniently located directly across from the Convention Center.

### **Oceanaire Seafood Room (\$\$\$\$) D only**

400 J St.  
619-858-4004  
Delight in ultra-fresh seafood flown in daily from around the world, bask in exceptional service, and lose yourself in the 1930's era classic American atmosphere.

### **Ocean Room (\$\$\$) L,D**

630 Fifth Ave.  
619-501-6550  
A destination for seafood lovers with oyster bar and lounge, stainless steel "Kettle Steamers" and an exhibition kitchen.

### **Osetra Watergrill (\$\$\$) D**

904 Fifth Ave.  
619-239-1800  
Fresh, gourmet seafood, aged meats, and handmade pastas from the culinary traditions of Europe, America, and the Pacific Rim. Also, featured fresh oysters, caviars and an ice bar with an extensive selection of vodka.

### **Pacific Fish Company (\$) L,D**

601 Pacific Coast Highway  
619-232-0274  
A delicious menu in a fun, social environment reminiscent of a friendly neighborhood bar.

### **Rockin' Baja Lobster (\$) L,D**

310 Fifth Ave.  
619-234-6333  
Puerto Nuevo style seafood restaurant.

### **Tin Fish (\$) L,D**

170 Sixth Ave.  
619-238-8100  
Casual, quick serve fish and seafood, grilled or fried. Large portions, lunch and dinner.

### **Top of the Market (\$\$\$\$) L,D**

750 N. Harbor Dr.  
619-234-4867  
Probably the most successful restaurant on the California coast. Daily gourmet menu of the finest freshcaught seafood.  
**SPANISH**

### **Sevilla (\$\$\$) D**

Reopening on Fifth Ave. in April, 2011  
619-233-5979  
Like visiting Spain without the airfare! Authentic Spanish cuisine and seafood specialties. Flamenco, Tango and Salsa Dinner Shows.

### **STEAKHOUSES**

### **Donovan's (\$\$\$\$) D**

570 K St.  
619-237-9700  
Sets the standard of steakhouse excellence. An appealing atmosphere of rich mahogany, eye-catching paintings and bronze sculptures artfully bathed in soft flattering light. Upscale and worldclass yet cordially friendly.

### **Fleming's Steakhouse (\$\$\$\$) D only**

380 K St.  
619-237-1155  
Stylish, contemporary dining with outstanding food and service, featuring a celebrated wine list, known as the Fleming's 100, which boasts some of the finest wines in the world, all available by the glass.

### **G5 – Georges on Fifth (\$\$\$\$) D**

835 Fifth Ave.  
619-702-0444  
Located in the Gaslamp's most photographed building, former home of Wyatt Earp's gambling saloon. Locally owned, serving Angus and Kobe beef.

### **Gaslamp Strip Club (\$) D**

340 Fifth Ave.  
619-231-3140  
This grill your own steak lounge offers martinis, wines and late nite dining. Enjoy the "thrill of the grill."

### **Greystone The Steakhouse (\$\$\$) D**

658 Fifth Ave.  
619-232-0225  
Located in the historic Gaslamp Quarter featuring aged meat, seafood and pasta in an atmosphere of casual elegance. Also featuring an extensive selection of premium wines.

### **Lou & Mickey's (\$\$\$\$) L,D**

224 Fifth Ave.  
619-237-4900  
Located at the entrance to the Gaslamp Quarter directly across from the Convention Center and celebrating mid-Western hospitality with classic American seafood and steaks.

### **Morton's of Chicago (\$\$\$\$) D**

285 J St.  
619-696-3369  
Awarded Gayot's Top Ten Steakhouses

### **Ruth's Chris Steakhouse (\$\$\$\$) D**

1355 N. Harbor Dr.  
619-233-1422  
Home of serious steaks, top 2% cornfed Midwestern beef, never frozen, hand cut, fresh seafood.

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### **SUITE AND TENDER**

#### **(\$\$\$\$) B,L,D**

1047 Fifth Ave.  
619-515-3003  
A more sophisticated take on the typical San Diego fine dining steakhouse with emphasis on the best seasonal ingredients and the freshest seafood.

#### **The Palm (\$\$\$\$) D**

615 J St.  
619-702-6500  
Going strong for three generations and renowned for its **fine food**, casual setting, and accommodating service.

### **SUSHI**

#### **Dragon's Den \$\$ L,D**

3125 Tenth Ave.  
619-358-9332  
Complementing the flavorful sushi menu, the Dragon's Den kitchen features globally-inspired Asian small dishes concocted by San Diego's premier chefs who use only the finest ingredients.

#### **Fish Market (\$) L,D**

750 N. Harbor Dr.  
619-232-3474  
Oyster bar, sushi bar and retail market, bay view, open 11am-10pm, No reservations accepted.

#### **Ra Sushi (\$\$\$) L,D**

474 Broadway  
(619) 321-0021  
Full menu of Pacific Rim dishes with a great bar in a fun atmosphere.

#### **Taka (\$\$\$) D**

555 Fifth Ave.  
619-338-0555  
Gaslamp Quarter upscale "White Glove-World Class" sushi bar and gourmet seafood restaurant, creatively combining Chinese, Japanese and continental cuisine.

### **THAI**

#### **MINT (\$\$) L,D**

732 Fourth Ave.  
619-546-8424  
Newly opened in downtown. Featuring traditional Thai dishes.

#### **Lotus Thai (\$\$) L,D**

906 Market St.  
619-595-0115  
Lotus Thai presents a menu honoring regional recipes from Bangkok, Chiang Mai, and Southern Thailand in its appealing space with a commitment to cuisine presented with artistry and authenticity.

#### **Royal Thai (\$\$) L,D**

467 Fifth Ave.  
619-230-8424  
Award-winning Thai food. Banquet, catering with moderate price.

### **NIGHTLIFE**

#### **Croce's Jazz Bar & Grill (\$\$\$) D**

802 Fifth Ave.  
619-233-4355  
Live jazz nightly.

#### **Dick's Last Resort (\$\$) L,D**

345 Fourth Ave.  
619-231-9100  
Live bands nightly.

#### **House of Blues (\$\$) D**

1055 Fifth Ave  
619-299-2583  
Scheduled on-stage entertainment.

#### **Sevilla (\$\$\$) D**

Reopening in May, 2011  
619-233-5979  
Flamenco, Tango and Salsa Dinner Shows.

#### **Stingaree D**

454 Sixth Ave.  
619-544-9500  
Boasts the ultimate blend of high style and excellent service with DJs and ultimate rooftop lounge



Produced the San Diego Convention Center with our compliments.