

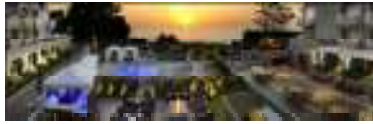


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DISCOVER THE TOP WEEKEND BRUNCH SPOTS IN SAN DIEGO

Salt & Cleaver: Brunch should be a shared experience, and Salt & Cleaver embraces that notion with their generously-portioned sharable plates. Dig into the biscuits and sausage gravy, a sausage benny on a pretzel bun or the bloody Mary served in a bell pepper with sausage-stuffed olives, created by bar manager Damion Connor. Wash it all down with a guava mimosa or spiced michelada.

Saturday & Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

3805 5th Ave., Hillcrest. 619.756.6677 or [enjoysausage.com](#)

Café Sevilla: The Spanish-inspired spot has a few new items shining on their brunch menu. Don't miss the Spanish omelet with sautéed Spanish chorizo, bell peppers and red onions with shredded manchego cheese; the breakfast coca with manchego cheese, chorizo and red pepper flatbread with two sunny-side up eggs on top; and the breakfast paella made with pork tenderloin, chicken and spinach sausages topped with two poached eggs.

Sundays 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

353 5th Ave., downtown. 619.233.5979 or [cafesevilla.com](#)



ViVa Bar + Kitchen: Spice things up at this Latin cuisine restaurant. Can't-miss brunch items include the Viva French toast with brioche, orange essence, agave syrup, seasonal fruit and whipped cream; a tortilla espanola "potato tart" with green onion, longaniza, refried beans and Mexican rice; or a simple

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shrimp omelet. Order up those bottomless mimosas for just \$15 or do-it-yourself at the bloody Mary bar.

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409 F Street, downtown. 619.255.2800 or vivabarkitchen.com

Roppongi Restaurant: Brunch at Roppongi tastes good and sounds good, too. Their Jazzy Sunday Brunch brings in live jazz music alongside the delicious food, bottomless mimosas and lovely

ambiance. While eating your Maine lobster scramble or brioche French toast, soak up the sounds of Jojo Hahn (Sept. 8), Lorraine Castellanos (Sept. 15) or Maria De La Paz (Sept. 29).

Sundays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

875 Prospect, La Jolla. 858.551.5252 or roppongiusa.com

Tavern: This newly remodeled Pacific Beach spot just started serving a brand new brunch menu. Head in for the pretzel benedict with Tavern pretzels, a choice of stout braised short ribs, honey-porter carnitas or applewood-smoked bacon, poached eggs and a bourbon brown butter hollandaise; pretzel chilaquiles with pretzel chips, three-cheese blend, salsa fresco, sour cream, spicy guacamole and fried egg; or the Tavern hashes with a hearty portion of signature potato plank hash, sautéed peppers and onions, melted three-cheese blend topped with two fried eggs.

Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

1200 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 868.272.6066 or tavernatthebeach.com

Union Kitchen & Tap: This neighborhood restaurant places an emphasis on all things fresh. Top choices include the farmer's market three egg omelet; the Dutch pancake with whiskey-soaked peaches, housemade batter and powdered sugar; or the Brioche egg in a hole with braised pork belly and chive hollandaise. Go savory with a breakfast flatbread topped with roasted tomatoes, bacon and sausage, egg and cheese; or shrimp and grits with andouille sausage, roasted tomato and cheese grits.

Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

1108 South Coast Hwy 101, Encinitas. 866.461.7408 or localunion101.com

JRDN: Brunch with an ocean view? Not a bad way to start your morning. While at JRDN, taste the chilaquiles and eggs; the asparagus and potato skillet; or mama's baked French toast with blackberry jam, rhubarb, whipped mascarpone, candied walnuts and maple syrup. Guests can also make their own eggs Benedict by choosing traditional, pork belly or crab cake to go with a citrus hollandaise and breakfast potatoes. Drink up with the Tower23 bloody Mary, the refreshing pear sparkler, or build your own mimosa with orange, blood orange or pomegranate.

Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

723 Felspar Street, Pacific Beach. 877.820.9009 or eatdrinkandsleep.net

West Coast Tavern: This spot is celebrated for their build-your-own bloody Mary bar and tasty brunch cocktails. On the grub side of things, you'll find a few favorites like the Tavern chicken 'n' waffle with all-natural chicken tender, fried crisp with bacon waffle and Woodford Reserve maple syrup; the blackberry compote pancakes; or the soyriso scramble with soy chorizo, scrambled with fluffy eggs and pepper jack, topped with fresh tomatillo salsa, cilantro and avocado.

Sundays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

2895 University Ave., North Park. 619.295.1688 or westcoasttavern.com

Brian's 24: Downtown's 24-hour brunch diner has all your basic breakfast needs and beyond. Order up the bacon waffle, the chocolate chip hotcakes, a Baja carne asada omelet, salmon hash benedict, or the biscuits and gravy plus. These items plus lunch grub are offered all day, every day.

828 6th Ave., downtown. 855.851.6271 or brians24.com

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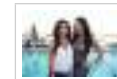
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Gabardine: A brand new brunch menu has just debuted at this Point Loma restaurant, featuring new menu items like stuffed French toast with fresh strawberries, Cap'n Crunch berries and sausage; or the salmon scramble with house cured salmon. \$10 endless mimosas make the experience more fun, especially if paired with the pork tenderloin and eggs with bacon cheddar grits, hollandaise and potatoes. A kid's breakfast option includes a child-friendly portion of the basic breakfast for \$5.

Sundays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

1005 Rosecrans Street, Point Loma. 866.790.7546 or gabardineeats.com

barleymash: Rise and shine with the Wake 'n Bacon Brunch at barleymash, which offers standouts like the brown ale biscuits and gravy; morning wood with roasted tomato sauce, three-cheese blend, scrambled eggs, applewood smoked bacon and fresh herbs; and a barleyhash all-in with pork belly confit, stout braised short ribs, honey-porter pulled pork and a pepper jack beer-cheese sauce. Plus, there's a build-your-own bloody Mary bar, a build-your own mimosa bar and live music on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sundays 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

600 5th Ave., downtown. 877.327.0238 or barleymash.com

Pacific Beach Alehouse: Over in Pacific Beach, grab your stretchy-pants and start stuffing your face with the beer-braised short rib poutine with house chips, horseradish white cheddar, peppercorn porter gravy; or try the beach town omelet with grilled chicken, bacon, spinach, jack cheese, guacamole, pico de gallo; chorizo and egg breakfast flatbread; rib-eye steak and eggs; a shrimp and pesto omelet or a smoked salmon hash.

Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

721 Grand Ave., Pacific Beach. 877.354.9922 or pbalehouse.com

Searsucker Del Mar: Take your brunch date to North County with the new Searsucker Del Mar. Menu standouts include the short rib hash with roasted potatoes, caramelized onion and poached eggs or the banana pancakes with macadamia nut butter. On the second Sunday of each month, live reggae music fills the air.

Sundays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

12995 El Camino Real, Del Mar. 858.369.5700 or searsucker.com

Fig Tree Café: Located in Hillcrest and Pacific Beach, this café has a little bit of everything. We're crazy about the breakfast sushi: three thick bacon rolls backed with brown sugar and paprika, with rice scrambled eggs and scallions, fresh fruit and plumb sauce; Fig Tree Café granola with oats, pecans, raisins, shaved coconut with fresh fruit and house made strawberry yogurt; or the shrimp frittata with marinated mushrooms, spinach, tomatoes, bell pepper salsa and sour cream. **Insider tip:** The Liberty Station location will be open at the end of this month, serving the same award-winning menu as the other locations.

Daily 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

416 University Ave., Hillcrest or 5119 Cass St., Pacific Beach. figtreecafehillcrest.com or figtreecafepb.com

Searsucker San Diego: In the heart of downtown, Searsucker has your hangover-approved brunch with a little sass on the side. Order up the bourbon brown butter toast with balsamic, strawberry and black pepper cream or the Sunday bloody Sunday made with golden egg, spicy shrimp, bacon and grits. Wash it all down with \$15 bottomless mimosas.

Sundays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 877.351.8073 or searsucker.com

Herringbone: Start your Sunday off right by ordering a breakfast pizza with bacon, egg, cheddar and hollandaise or the chilaquiles and eggs with housemade salsa roja, cotija cheese, onion, avocado and Mexican Crema. Pair it with the Peter Rabbit mimosa with bruised basil lemonade.

Sundays 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. 866.791.3863 or herringboneeats.com

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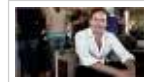
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