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Satisfying Side Dishes

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Luckily for us, San Diego is home to chefs that put as much love into their appetizers and sides, as they do the main course. Blur the lines of the traditional meal and check out these side pieces that are so carefully crafted, they outshine the main course.

[The Taco Stand](#) is La Jolla's resident taquería inspired by the taco stands of Tijuana and adventures along the Baja peninsula. From the metal, fast-casual stand to the rotating kebab, The Taco Stand transports customers south-of-the-border with its cultural atmosphere. Their classically Latin American Corn on the Cob is no exception! One taste of this grilled side covered in mayonnaise, parmesan cheese and chili powder, and you will be going up to the counter for seconds.

Homemade BBQ sauces and smoked meats are finger-licking good, but their carbo-loaded counterparts are equally as delicious. Head to Hillcrest and grab an order of [Brazen BBQ's](#) Crusty Mac & Cheese. This creamy, yet crunchy side-dish is so filling, it can stand alone as its own meal. Just don't forget to pair it with their homemade cornbread!

Head to [Union Kitchen & Tap](#) in Encinitas or the Gaslamp for a southern take on one of the most popular "on the sides" ...fries! Known for their down-home favorites, Union Kitchen & Tap serves a Poutine with crispy Kennebec potatoes, maple sausage southern gravy, white cheddar

curds and bacon lardons. Order a large plate, grab some forks and make this one sharable dinner to remember.

I want candy! You'll forget all about your omelet order after trying [Fig Tree Café's Man Candy](#). Popular among the locals, this isn't your regular ol' bacon. Have a bite (or a few) of this thick bacon coated with brown sugar and paprika and you'll soon find why this out-of-the-box morning staple is regarded more highly than your typical side dish.

Near the sand? Visit [Pacific Beach AleHouse](#) for their signature appetizer, the Rattlesnakes. This bite-sized delicacy has enough fiery bacon flavor to cure any craving for a hearty meal. Made from fresh jalapeños stuffed with handmade, refreshing achiote cream cheese and wrapped in crispy bacon, this rich dish goes to show you that simplicity really is the key to happiness... and blissful taste buds.

North Park's [West Coast Tavern](#) pays tribute to traditional recipes while incorporating new-age flare. Stuffed dates have always been a classic dinner party appetizer, but West Coast takes them to the next level. Indulge in their Bacon-wrapped Nut-Stuffed Dates as a main course, where the only side needed is the homemade goat cheese dipping sauce!