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Your guide to PACES/HRS San Diego May 5-9, 2020

“Where the Locals Like To Go...”

Restaurants (many will need a “*rezzie*” or reservation, as JT would say, so check out websites)

Downtown

Puesto (local sourced Mex, great tacos, www.eatpuesto.com)

Tin Fish (great tacos, 170 6th Ave, right there, www.tinfishgaslamp.com)

Sally’s Fish House and Bar (in the Grand Hyatt, www.sallyssandiego.com)

The Nolen (rooftop bar, great views, 453 Sixth, Gaslamp, www.thenolenrooftop.com)

Suckerfree Southern Plate&Bar (751 Fourth, good spicy southern stuff, www.eatsuckerfree.com)

Vistal (4th floor of Intercontinental, great views, 901 Bayfront Ct, www.vistalsd.com)

Lionfish (Gaslamp, small plates, sushi, 435 Fifth, www.lionfishsd.com)

Rustic Root (rooftop, 35 Fifth, www.rusticroot.com)

JSix (Cali seafood, cocktails, 616 J Street, www.jsixrestaurant.com)

Gaslamp Strip Club (steak house, not “strip club”) <https://www.cohnrestaurants.com/gaslampstripclub>

Little Italy/Kettner

Herb and Wood (Brian Malarkey spot, delish, 2210 Kettner, www.herbandwood.com)

Juniper and Ivy (one of the best in town, Richard Blais, 2228 Kettner, www.juniperandivy.com)

Wine Vault (5 course w pairings, book month+ in advance, www.winevaultbistro.com)

Lion’s Share (629 Kettner) excellent food/cocktails, late night spot www.lionsshared.com

Sushi Tadokoro (2244 San Diego Ave; Old Town): “hidden gem” sushi, www.sushitadokoro.com)

False Idol (trendy tiki bar in Craft&Commerce, Little Italy, 675 W Beech, www.falseidoltiki.com)

Born & Raised (steakhouse, Little Italy, bar upstairs with downtown views, 1909 India St, www.boranandraisedsteak.com)

North Park/South Park/Hillcrest/elsewhere close’ish

Island Prime (near airport, waterfront, www.cohnrestaurants.com/islandprime)

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Buona Forchetta – South Park (3001 Beech St; South Park area): delicious fresh pasta, authentic, www.buonaforchettasd.com)

Smoking Goat (North Park, French bistro) www.thesmokinggoatrestaurant.com

Trust (Hillcrest) www.trustrestaurantsd.com

Cocktails/Music

Downtown

Altitude Sky Lounge (atop Gaslamp Marriott, www.altitudeskylounge.com)

Prohibition (Gaslamp, 548 Fifth, speak easy style, live music often, www.prohibitionsd.com)

Whiskey House (Guinness book says most unique whiskeys!) www.thewhiskeyhousesd.com

Café Sevilla also good tapas www.cafesevilla.com

Craft and Commerce (675 Beech, gastropub, cocktails, <https://craft-commerce.com>)

Amplified Ale Works (Downtown, sometimes live music) www.amplifiedales.com

Carruth Cellars (Downtown wine bar) <https://carruthcellars.com>

Little Italy/Kettner

Kettner Exchange (2001 Kettner, Little Italy, cocktails, trendy, www.kettnerexchange.com)

Cloak and Petal (Japanese tapas, craft cocktails, funky décor, <https://cloakandpetal.com>)

Music Box (just music, 1337 India St) <https://musicboxsd.com>

Downtown beer tasting rooms: (there's more than these...)

Stone Brewing, Amplified, Thorn Brewing, Mission Brewery, Bottlecraft, Karl Strauss,

Ballast Point, Resident Brewing, bay City, Duck Foot, Mike Hess

Less pricey:

El Indio

Lucha Libre – north end of India Street

Crack Shack – on Kettner

Basic Pizza – near Petco ballpark

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Kindred (South Park, awesome mixology, great vegan restaurant, <https://barkindred.com/>)

Caché (1023 University Ave, Hillcrest, secret amazing speakeasy, enter through the fridge in the back of Tacos Libertad, www.barcache.com)

Bali Hai (Point Loma, just past airport, original tiki bar) www.balihairestarurant.com

Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay (close to the airport, www.humphreysconcerts.com)

Sights/Activities

Any beach

Sunset sailing

Wonderspaces, if open (<https://sandiego.wonderspaces.com/>)

Cinco de Mayo stuff! Old Town area

Midway Museum

Harbor Tour (if you like big navy ships)

Whale Watching (takes a chunk of time, but worth it if you have the time)

San Diego Zoo (if you brought young kids...)

La Jolla – Stephen Birch Aquarium

Sorry, no Padres at Petco Park, they're out of town this week ☹

Paddleboard in the Bay

SUP Coronado (by apt only, Coronado side of the bridge, <https://www.supcoronado.com/>)

Surfing (ask Jim, Tony)

Farmers Market in Little Italy (Wednesdays, north end of India Street)

Shopping

Are you really here to go shopping? - Seaport Village, Old Town (cheesy)