

Sun, surf, craft breweries: San Diego has it all. With 87-and-counting area breweries and inventive new restaurants popping up overnight, the city's food and beer scene has never been better. (This month, the San Diego Brewers Guild hosts the city's 12th annual San Diego Beer Week.) Families continue to rave about the area's kid-friendly attractions, from the world-famous zoo to lesser-known gems such as the San Diego Botanic Garden. And outdoorsy types will be torn between coastal hikes amid Torrey pine trees, bike tours in La Jolla and tennis lessons with pros. Not a bad problem, we think.

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Gourmet

SAN DIEGO

WHERE TO STAY > Andaz Raid the minibar at this sleek 159-room Gaslamp Quarter hotel-it's stocked with complimentary items, from local Whaletail tortilla chips to Chuao chocolate. And don't miss the property's gorgeous rooftop lounge for a nightcap.

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MORNING

Little Italy Mercato From fresh sea urchin to Himalayan pink salt, this Saturday farmers market is foodie heaven. Grab some nectarine preserves from Jackie's Jams and The Cravory's to-die-for red velvet cookies. littleitalysd.com/mercato

LUNCH Comun

Dig into ceviche tostadas and elotes (corn kernels with butter, lime and cilantro) at this Baiainspired newcomer in the East Village neighborhood. Finish with one of the *paletas*, or popsicles, for dessert. Our favorite? The chili and cinnamon-laced Mexican chocolate. comunsd.com



COCKTAILS

Polite Provisions This North Park soda fountain-inspired spot wins for originality as much as it does for stellar drinks. The Misty Mountain Buck, with rye whiskey, lime juice, pineapple and house-made ginger beer and bitters, will cure any ailments. politeprovisions.com



WHERE TO STAY Rancho Bernardo Inn Parents will appreciate this sprawling and secluded 287including its 2,500-squarethe kids will love the weekend s'mores and pop-up tent for in-room camping. ranchobernardoinn.com

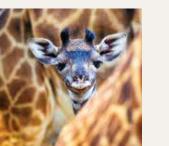




Claire's on Cedros Fuel up at this cozy bakery and café housed in a darling beachfront bungalow in Solana Beach. Claire's blackber ry-stuffed French toast is particularly popular with the kiddie crowd. clairesoncedros.com

ABREAKFAST





MORNING San Diego Zoo Make a beeline for this famous zoo, spread over 100 acres, and catch glimpses of polar bears doing backflips underwater, pandas chomping on bamboo and all the other roughly 660 species of animals represented. zoo.sandiegozoo.org



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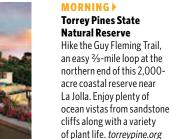


the tennis program.

ranchovalencia.com

WHERE TO STAY

MORNING Brew Hop





LUNCH Draft Along the Mission Beach boardwalk, this five-month-old gastropub has more than 60 beers on tap and an extensive menu of snacks, salads and sandwiches. Pool tables and TVs round out the casual vibe. draftsandiego.com



Six years on, this spunky Normal Heights brewpub, with its vintage beer cans on the wall, has still got it. Enjoy seasonal salads and pizzas matched with creative house brews. blindladyalehouse.com

Blind Lady Ale House

LUNCH

AFTERNOON► **Home Brew Mart**

Get pointers from professionals and pick up all the goods, from flasks to bottle caps to malt extract, at this home brew store attached to the Ballast Point Brewing Company & Spirits. ballastpoint.com/ home-brew-mart



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Home

Brewer

Hipster

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WHERE TO STAY > The Pearl This Point Loma boutique

hotel is equal parts tranquil and cool. Lounge in one of the 23 rooms, outfitted with platform beds and midcentury-modern furnishings, or by the oyster-shaped saltwater pool. thepearlsd.com



MORNING Balboa Park

The Lafayette Hotel, Swim Club & Bungalows

retro charm to spare, in part thanks to the stunning

1946-designed pool. Another bonus: the improv

Customize a private, 2½-hour tasting tour to the

area's top craft breweries, such as Green Flash,

The Lost Abbey and AleSmith. brewhop.com

club just next door. lafayettehotelsd.com

This historic North Park property has plenty of

Celebrating its 100th anniversary next year, this 1,200-acre green space is home to dozens of museums, gardens and attractions. Pop into The San Diego Museum of Art's current exhibit "Gauguin to Warhol" (through January) or start at the Botanical Building and check out the lily pads outside and ferns and orchids inside. balboapark.org



LUNCH **Buona Forchetta** From the gilded Stefano Ferrara pizza oven to the more than 25 pizza options (11 of them being bianca, or white pies), this South Park Italian spot is the real deal. Wash it all down with a glass of Super Tuscan. buonaforchettasd.com



Progress Find everything from

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walnutwood cake pedestals and bud vases to an Eames memory game at this pint-sized South Park interior design and gift shop. progresssouthpark.com **DINNER** Juniper & Ivy juniperandivy.com





dinner Addison

Snag a reservation at this contemporary French restaurant at The Grand Del Mar. Chef William Bradley uses seasonal ingredients in masterful dishes such as canard Albufera with Brussels sprouts and quince. addisondelmar.com



LUNCH Station Tavern

Grab a table in the backyard of this burger-and-craft-beer joint, which even features a play area with chalkboards for antsy kiddos. From the jack cheese and herb yard bird to the spicy black bean burger, you can't go wrong here. stationtavern.com

AFTERNOON Legoland

Spend the last few hours of the day at this Carlsbad area amusement park, where you'll find everything from a triceratops to the Capitol made out of those beloved bricks. california.legoland.com

AFTERNOON Cardiff State Beach Grab your long board and catch the waves

stretch, or ogle sea creatures and plants in the reef at low tide. sandiego.org/whatto-do/beaches/cardiff-

DINNER

Davanti Enoteca Reward yourself for a day well spent with charcuterie, antipasti, pizzas and pastas at this relaxed and authentic Italian eatery in Del Mar. Be sure to order the ricotta and honey comb with grilled Pugliese bread to start. davantienoteca.com







dinner

Stone Brewing World Bistro & Gardens This new 55,000square-foot Point Loma complex boasts a Stone brewery outpost. bocce ball, cinema courtyard and marketdriven restaurant. stonelibertystation.com

This restaurant from chef Richard Blais has a gritmeets-glam warehouse aesthetic. Then there's the food: Think carne cruda asada toast with quail egg, Cotija and jalapeño or the divine Yodel dessert.





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