

21 Best Places to Visit in San Diego on a Date



San Diego has emerged onto the national culinary scene, offering a wide variety of fine and casual dining restaurants that have been noted among the United States' finest. The city is known for its unique Alta California cuisine, which blends Baja and Mexican cuisine elements with traditional Californian flavors. International dining options abound, with many top restaurants fusing Asian and Mediterranean flavors into contemporary American dishes. Since the rise of Stone Brewing Company as one of the nation's top craft breweries, the city has also experienced a rise in notable breweries and gastropubs, taking bar fare to the next level with artisan flatbreads, craft burgers, and unique shareable appetizers. These restaurants offer unique ambiance, award-winning entrees, and top-tier

service for San Diego residents and visitors looking for a casual first date option or a special anniversary celebration.

Barleymash



Barleymash is one of San Diego's Gaslamp Quarter's hottest dining spots, named after the grain mashing process used in producing beer and bourbon. The restaurant sports modernist decor elements emphasizing recovered wood elements from the renovation of its building, featuring garage door windows that open its dining space as an interior patio. It is an avid supporter of San Diego's craft brewing and distilling community, serving an extensive list of local draft beers and craft cocktails made from fine local liquors. Lunch and dinner are served daily, with brunch menus offered on the weekends. Menus emphasize progressive gastropub fare such as gourmet shareable bar appetizers, signature

artisan flatbreads, and high-quality meat and seafood cuts. Downstairs, the restaurant's Ginger's lounge offers martinis and mingling opportunities in an ultra-hip atmosphere. *Contact: 600 Fifth Ave, San Diego, CA 92101, Phone: 619-255-7373* Photo: Barleymash