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Mister A's restaurant in Bankers Hill will offer a three-course, fixed-price brunch on Easter Sunday.

BASKET OF EASTER BRUNCHES

23 SAN DIEGO COUNTY RESTAURANTS THAT WILL BE SERVING SPECIAL MENUS ON SUNDAY

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aster brunch is made easy in San Diego, with restaurants across the county offering exclusive holiday menus or specialty dishes. Here are 23 options for Easter Sunday. Reservations are recommended for all locations.

Adelaide at L'Auberge, Del Mar: This luxury resort's restaurant in Del Mar has sweeping views of the ocean and a full Easter brunch menu. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., enjoy dishes like short rib Benedict and sesame-crusted ahi tataki. \$160 per adult and \$85 per child. 1540 Camino Del Mar. (858) 793-6467, laubergedelmar.com/dining/adelaide

Barleymash, Gaslamp Quarter: To accompany its already extensive brunch menu, Barleymash will add two special Easter dishes to its offerings: candied ginger scones, complete with sweet cream and an orange marmalade, and a spring vegetable frittata, full of veggies like broccolini, dandelion greens and spring onion. Brunch is served from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 600 Fifth Ave.,



RUSTIC ROOT

Rustic Root's stuffed French toast with a strawberry compote.

Suite 6916. (619) 255-7373, barleymash.com

Callie, East Village: The four-course meal from this Mediterranean restaurant includes starters like grilled lamb dolmas and main dishes like ricotta gnocchi and Aleppo chicken. Top it off with a spiced carrot cake for dessert. Brunch is \$85 per person for four courses and \$40 per child for a two-course menu. 1195 Island Ave.

(619) 255-9696, calliesd.com

Casa Gabriela, La Mesa: This newly opened Mexican restaurant on La Mesa Boulevard will offer a special Easter menu from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., with brunch until 3 p.m. Find holiday-exclusive dishes like a dark chocolate brioche cinnamon roll and chilaquiles divorciados. 8384 La Mesa Blvd. (619) 337-3445, casagabrielalamesa.com

Eddie V's, La Jolla: Start your prix fixe brunch at this seafood restaurant with a house-baked cinnamon roll, then dive into a main course like the Maine lobster quiche, jumbo lump crab or an 8-ounce pan-seared steak and eggs. Pair your meal with a mimosa, Bellini or bloody mary. A children's menu is also available. 1270 Prospect St. (858) 459-5500, eddiev.com

Estancia La Jolla Hotel & Spa, La Jolla: Order your preferred style of omelet, enjoy stuffed French toast and listen to live entertainment from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Greenfinch Restaurant & Bar. There will also be a smoked prime rib carving station and rock shrimp aguachile available. \$110 for adults, \$55 for kids. 9700 N. Torrey Pines Road. (858) 964-6537, estancialajolla.com

Fairmont Grand Del Mar, Carmel

Valley: The hotel will host an Easter brunch buffet from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in its Manchester Salon and Elizabeth Ballroom. There will also be live entertainment, an egg hunt and an Easter Bunny for the kids. Tickets are \$160 for adults and \$80 for children ages 4 to 11. Looking for more? On April 8 from noon to 4 p.m., check out the Easter Bunny Tea (\$125 for adults, \$63 for children), with petit fours desserts, tea and a glass of Champagne. 5300 Grand Del Mar Court. (858) 314-2000, fairmont.com/san-diego

Garibaldi, Embarcadero: Take in the view of San Diego Bay and enjoy southern Italian-inspired dishes like an asparagus frittata, beef fillet Bruciuluni and eggs Benedict at this Easter brunch. Each meal comes with Sardinian tartlets, an Italian Easter dessert, and the choice of a lemon tart or pistachio morning bun — both perfect for spring. 901 Bayfront Court, Suite 1. (619) 436-1081, catchgaribaldi.com

George's at the Cove, La Jolla: While this classic La Jolla restaurant doesn't typically serve brunch, it makes an exception for Easter. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., enjoy a la carte brunch items like a grilled salmon sandwich and desserts like sticky toffee pudding cake and vanilla bean crème brûlée. 1250 Prospect St. (858) 454-4244, georgesatthecove.com

Giaola Italian Kitchen, Carlsbad: This three-course brunch features starters like smoked salmon bruschetta, entrees like a sausage and sunny-side-up egg pizza, and desserts like strawberry white chocolate tiramisu. The kids menu, at \$29 for those 12 and under, is separate. Brunch at this Carlsbad eatery starts at 11 a.m. \$52 per adult. 2668 Gateway Road, Suite 180. (858) 400-4555, giaolakitchen.com/easter

Herb & Wood, Little Italy: In this two-course meal priced at \$65 per person, you'll have the option of classic brunch items and specialty spring dishes, including a lemon blueberry danish, crab cake, fillet and eggs, brioche French toast and a BLT. Herb & Sea, this restaurant's sister location in Encinitas, is also offering an Easter special. 2210 Kettner Blvd. (619) 955-8495, herbandwood.com

La Valencia, La Jolla: The three-course brunch at La Valencia Hotel features California-Mediterranean cuisine like bigeye tuna crudo, crusted lamb loin, honeyglazed ham, and dessert options like chocolate panna cotta and a hibiscus lemon tart. The restaurant will also host an Easter egg hunt along with opportunities for a picture with the Easter Bunny. Brunch, at \$129 for adults and \$45 for children, will be served from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. 1132 Prospect St. (844) 602-5048, lavalencia.com/dining

Lakehouse Resort, San Marcos: Opt for a lakeside brunch at this North County resort, located on the 80-acre Lake San Marcos. Brunch will be served at The Grill and feature an egg and omelet station, a cinnamon French toast bar and a smoked salmon station. Try a specialty cocktail with your meal. 1025 La Bonita Drive. (760) 744-0120, lakehousehotelandresort.com/dining



SEA180 COASTAL TAVERN

Some of the Easter drink offerings at Sea180 Coastal Tavern in Imperial Beach.

Loews Coronado Bay Resort,
Coronado: This waterfront brunch buffet at Crown Landing will feature brunch staples like eggs Benedict and a full seafood display. A Champagne greeting for adults and sparkling cider for children will be offered with the price of the meal. \$125 for adults, \$49 for kids. The resort will also have activities like face painting and an egg hunt. 4000 Coronado Bay Road. (619) 424-

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Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina, San Diego: Marina Kitchen offers a view of the coast with its Easter buffet from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The menu includes smoked salmon Benedict, carne asada chilaquiles, a dessert station and more. \$63 per person. 285 J St. (619) 234-1500, marriott.com/en-us/ hotels/sandt-marriott-marquis-san-diegomarina/dining

Mister A's, Bankers Hill: This elegant restaurant, led by executive chef Stephane Voitzwinkler, is offering a three-course Easter brunch. The prix fixe brunch, at \$85 per person, includes dishes like eggs Benedict on an English muffin with lemon chive hollandaise sauce and lemon babka French toast. 2550 Fifth Ave., 12th floor. (619) 239-1377, asrestaurant.com

Pendry San Diego: At the Provisional Kitchen at Pendry San Diego, expect to see the Easter Bunny. A three-course prix fixe meal — with options like blueberry and brie flatbread and a crepe station available — will be offered for \$85 for adults and \$32 for children plus tax and a service charge. Runs from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. 425 Fifth Ave. (619) 738-7300, pendry.com/san-diego/dining/provisional

Rancho Valencia Resort & Spa, Rancho Santa Fe: This resort and spa is hosting a brunch from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Easter Sunday, with offerings including a raw food bar, spring salads, carving stations and a dessert bar. Beyond the food, attendees can visit the petting zoo and kids can participate in the Easter egg hunt from 12:30 to 3 p.m. The prix fixe meal is \$195 for adults, \$55 for children ages 11 and younger, and free for children under the age of 3. 5921 Valencia Circle. (858) 756-1123, ranchovalencia.com

Rustic Root, Gaslamp Quarter: This

rooftop bar and restaurant will have three Easter-exclusive dishes this year: chicken and waffles with a bourbon maple syrup, stuffed French toast with a strawberry compote, and a colorful mimosa tray. 535 Fifth Ave. (619) 232-1747, rusticrootsd.com

Sea180 Coastal Tavern, Imperial Beach: A visit from the Easter Bunny is in store for this coastal restaurant. The regular brunch menu will be available, plus specialty dishes such as Turkish fried eggs (\$18.95) and smoked salmon toast (\$18.95). Three holiday-themed cocktails can also be ordered: Lil Bunny Foo Foo Margarita, My Peeps and Grapefruit Garden Paloma. Available from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. 800 Seacoast Drive. (619) 631-4949, cohnrestaurants.com/sea180

Serea, Coronado: At Serea, located in the Hotel del Coronado, enjoy views of the coast while you brunch. Choose dishes from executive chef JoJo Ruiz's new brunch menu, with items like spinach and cheese spanikopita and shrimp and smoked polenta, along with Easter specials like a blueberry bacon popover or a wood grill strawberry galette. 1500 Orange Ave. (619) 435-6611, sereasandiego.com

The Winery Restaurant & Wine Bar, La Jolla: Located in Westfield's UTC mall, The Winery Restaurant & Wine Bar will host Easter brunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., featuring a two-course meal starting at \$49 per person. Dishes include a wild jumbo shrimp cocktail, Zinfandel-braised short rib hash and eggs, and French vanilla bean pancakes. Make this Easter extra special with the restaurant's Seafood Tower, which combines king crab legs, jumbo shrimp, fresh oysters, ahi tuna spoons and lobster tails. 4301 La Jolla Village Drive, Suite 2040. (858) 230-7404, thewinerylajolla.com

Wolfie's Carousel Bar, San Diego: Visitors to this brunch service will have a chance to find hidden eggs filled with goodies — including one with a \$100 gift card. French classics are available, such as duck confit and croque madame. To celebrate the holiday, there will also be Easter egg cake and cronuts. 2401 Kettner Blvd. (619) 255-7533, wolfiescarousel.com

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