

THE BEST RESTAURANTS IN SAN DIEGO RIGHT NOW

It's no secret that San Diego's dining scene has exploded over the last several years. In particular, the last two years have seen a bevy of new restaurants, ranging from the swankiest of steakhouses to the most casual of burger joints -- a dichotomy that San Diegans revel in. Sure, we love to get dressed to the nines and hit the town with the best of 'em, but at heart, we're a casual beach town that enjoys an unpretentious good time over pretty much all else. Here's where we're eating these days -- in *most* cases, shirt and shoes required.



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ENCINITAS

Upscale, high-quality Mexican food and cocktails

This chic, well-designed restaurant and bar aesthetically transports guests to a tiny resort in Cabo San Lucas -- with plenty of tequila, mezcal, and good food to seal the deal. Over 100 tequilas, 30 mezcals, and a bright, varied selection of Baja-inspired dishes (like the unforgettable aguachiles) anchor the menu at Death by Tequila, which opened in September 2018.