



San Diego Fourth of July Guide

2018

Celebrate Independence Day all weekend (and week!) long with fireworks, barbecues, cocktails, staycations, and more



Dine

Backyard Kitchen & Tap

Head to the PB bar on July 3 for a build-your-own taco bar from 5–10 p.m., \$5 Pacifico, Modelo and Corona, and \$8 Don Julio shots, plus a DJ spinning from 4 p.m. to close. Keep the party going on the July 4 with brunch, including drink specials like \$7 Tito’s Bloody Marys and \$4 Budweiser drafts. Be sure to stick around for their specialty BKYD BBQ from 2 to 8 p.m.

Price: Varies

Date: July 3-4

Location: 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach

Bub’s @ the Beach

From 11 a.m. to 1 a.m., dive into a basket of wings tossed in one of their specialty sauces, such as thai red curry, caribbean jerk, spicy teriyaki, and plenty more, for half-off. Wash it down with \$4 Jameson, Fireball, Bud, Bud Light, or Goose IPA.

Price: Varies

Date: July 4

Location: 1030 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach

The Duck Dive

Located just steps from the sand, Pacific Beach’s premier lounge and eatery wants to say “Thank you for your service” by offering a 20 percent discount on tabs with a military ID. Come eat brunch, lunch, or dinner, or sip on a refreshing cocktail like the cucumber lemonade, with cucumber-infused Absolut Elyx, lemon, fresh mint, and agave.

Price: Varies

Date: July 4

Location: 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach

Mavericks Beach Club

Kick off your Fourth of July at the new beach bar with party favors, décor, a photo wall, and Bomb Pops by the plenty. There will be a DJ all day and a special buffet menu with burgers, brats, chili, watermelon, and more.

Price: Varies

Date: July 4

Location: 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach

Nautilus Tavern

This La Jolla spot will be grilling up burgers and ribs with a side of potato salad and barbecue baked beans on the back patio. Wash your meal down with in-house specials on drinks and shots. And chef Shelly Velez will be selling her tasty, signature barbecue sauce for your next at-home barbecue.

Price: Varies

Date: July 4

Location: 6830 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla

Pacific Beach Fish Shop

Fish Shop will be offering two specials for the Fourth: firecracker shrimp tacos topped with cabbage, mixed cheese, pico de gallo, and a chipotle aioli drizzle and seafood jalapeno poppers. Both dishes will be available all week long.

Price: firecracker tacos \$6.00; seafood jalapeno poppers \$6.50

Date: week of July 4

Location: 1775 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach

Pacific Beach AleHouse

Sip on \$10 rocket pop-tails or get hoppy with their house-brewed American lager for \$5.

Price: Varies

Date: July 4

Location: 721 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach

The Smoking Gun

Get the festivities started early with brunch on the Fourth. Feast on barbecue-style brisket hash and eggs with bell peppers, poblano chiles, Brandt Farms smoked brisket, eggs, and a barbecue au jus. Or, sip on specialty cocktails, like the American Trigger Finger, at The Smoking Gun.

Price: Varies

Date: July 4

Location: 555 Market Street, Gaslamp Quarter

Spill the Beans

This Gaslamp cafe will be offering patriotic red, white, and blue bagels this Fourth of July. Also, treat yourself by indulging in a piece of red, white, and blue layered dessert cake, with fresh strawberries, blueberries, and whipped cream.

Price: Varies

Date: July 4

Location: 555 Market Street, Gaslamp Quarter

Union Kitchen & Tap Encinitas

Hit up Union Kitchen & Tap in Encinitas on July 3 for taco and tequila specials, \$4 Budweiser bottles and \$5 Pabst Blue Ribbon tall boys, and stick around for their patriotic “Ain’t That America” party, which will feature all-American tunes. Continue the celebrating on July 4 with brunch from 9 a.m.– 3 p.m., followed by live music from 5–8 p.m.

Price: Varies

Date: July 3–4

Location: 1108 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas

Union Kitchen & Tap Gaslamp

Celebrate with bottomless mimosas from 10 a.m.– 2 p.m., and finish the night with a live DJ from 10 p.m.– close.

Price: Varies

Date: July 4

Location: 333 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp Quarter

Waterbar

Kick off the celebration on July 3 with Waterbar's July 4 Warm-Up, where you can get three street tacos with chicken, fish, or beef barbacoa for \$7.95, or \$3 each, and wash it down with \$7 Don Julio Blanco Margaritas, \$4 Budweiser drafts, and \$5 Pacifico and Modelo drafts. Head into July 4 with live music from noon–3 p.m. paired with food specials, Jack Daniel's and Tito's slushies, and firecracker pop-tails. Be sure to don your finest July 4 garb for the chance to win a Jack Daniel's surfboard, given to the person with the most patriotic outfit.

Price: Varies

Date: July 3-4

Location: 4325 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach