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## Best Places To Eat In Pacific Beach!



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Pacific Beach is what many picture San Diego to be like: an energetic oceanfront beach town overflowing with endless restaurants, bars, and shops. And they're right! After spending a day playing on the beach and in the ocean, you've gotta refill your tank. And that's where my list of the Best Places To Eat In Pacific Beach comes in. From super laid back to more upscale, from on the water to a bit off the beaten

path, from American to Mexican and everything in between, there's a restaurant in Pacific Beach for everyone. Here are some of my favorites!

## Backyard Kitchen & Tap



After the beach, [Backyard Kitchen & Tap](#) should definitely be your go-to for delicious, belly-filling eats. This hotspot is right off the main drag in Pacific Beach off Garnet Avenue, only a couple blocks from the boardwalk. During the day, Backyard is your typical sports bar scene, serving up some of the tastiest food I've had in the neighborhood! Though they're all about American-style cuisine, in place of greasy bar food, you've got a more sophisticated menu. The health nut in me was very pleased! At night, Backyard turns into a club of sorts, so be ready for things to

get turned up if you're there past 9p. Spacious, comfortable, and rustically designed, you can dine inside or on their dog-friendly, covered patio. In fact, your dog can even order a few things off the menu.

*We loved their:*

- **Roasted Spaghetti Squash:** Roasted in a cast iron skillet, everything about this dish was perfect. I enjoyed it so much I made a version of it myself a few days later! The chefs added marinara sauce and held the parmesan so it was vegan, but anyway you go, it's vegetarian and gluten-free.
- **Organic Greens with Grilled Chicken:** What you'd expect from a salad but that much better. The produce is fresh and the dressing is on point. We got the chicken on the side so I could enjoy it too!
- **7-Layer Hummus:** Topped with chickpeas, avocado, roasted red peppers, black olive tapenade, cilantro, pine nuts, and pomegranate, the hummus underneath it all is the perfect combo of smooth and garlicky.



## Duck Dive



This surfer-inspired sports bar draws both daytime-drinking and nighttime-partying crowds. A block from the ocean, [Duck Dive](#) is a great place to kick back with friends and family while people watching all the foot traffic up and down Mission Boulevard. The menu, Baja inspired, is fish heavy paired with creative, locally sourced drinks. A list of PB eateries almost has to include this local staple. Taco Tuesday is a huge hit here, as well as live music on Wednesday nights. My friend loved her fish-focused dishes! Pre-warning: There isn't a ton vegan but it's still a nice spot to hang.

### **We ate:**

- **Seafood Ceviche Tostada:** Fun to eat and beautifully prepared, if you like ceviche, order these for sure.
- **Puerto Nuevo Plato:** If you're looking for a bit heartier meal, the lobster plate is stacked with broiled lobster tail, black beans, rice, and cheese. My friend really enjoyed this!
- **Dive Salad:** Your standard house salad as a huge portion! I liked their jalapeño-citrus vinaigrette. To be frank, I thought the veggies could have been fresher, but if you're looking to get your fill of greens and have a healthier option, order this.
- **Chips & Guac:** Something that always makes my mouth and belly happy!

## Mavericks Beach Club



The newest addition to Garnet as of February 2018, [Maverick's Beach Club](#) is all about bringing the beach party to its patrons in a classy way. Their 2-story, 15,000 square foot establishment has 5 bars, TVs galore, and an outdoor patio game area for cornhole and more. Their staff told me the thing that makes Maverick's special is no matter what you're looking, they have it: laid-back afternoon hangout, family lunch with your kids on a weekday, or a music-banging party all weekend long. Be prepared: We went on a Saturday evening and the place couldn't have been busier. Perfect for all the singles out there looking to meet someone! Their menu honors California's seafood appetite, serving up tacos, burritos, and salads. I love their beachy yet refined decor. Go on Taco Tuesday and snag \$3 tacos from their taco bar you make yourself! With a name that honors one of the biggest surf breaks in

California, how could you not want to come here if in PB?!

***We got:***

- **Veggie Bowl:** Filled with fajita veggies, guacamole, beans, rice, and many other fresh veggies!
- **Mavericks Salad with Chicken:** Tossed in a pomegranate vinaigrette, the salad is fresh and hefty.
- **Quesadilla Crisp:** A pizza that turned Mexican. In place of dough, a big tortilla crust is covered with all the typical quesadilla toppings. It's a great dish to share with friends.
- **Chips & Guacamole:** I'm a sucker for guacamole, so I had to order this. Personally I thought the flavor was a bit off, but I still devoured it! I was hungry after being active all day!