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# Thirsty for Beer

# San Diego's Brew Scene

e're sure we don't have to twist your arms too much to get you to sample local San Diego beers. The area's reputation as a craft beer capital with over 150 breweries, and a gazillion brew pubs and tasting rooms throughout the county, make the region one lip-smacking adventure. There's no way we can thoroughly discuss every venue, so here's a six-pack of our faves.

#### barleymash

Located in the Gaslamp District, barleymash is an iconic restaurant and bar with both a philosophy and menu offerings that draw heavily from beer. They offer many local brews such as Mission Brewery Blonde, a Kölsch-style, and Thorn Street Rock the Pale, a crispy and refreshingly light pale ale. Many of the delicious eats at barleymash also incorporate beer, including the popular barley flatbreads made daily from scratch using local beer and fresh ingredients. barleymash.com



### **Duck Dive**

Only steps from the sand in PB, The Duck Dive is an ideal place to sip on a chilled beer while taking in the fall San Diego weather. Grab a seat on the patio for some people watching and check out the bar's local beer selection. Stone Brewing Stone IPA, Latitude 33 Brewing Co.'s Honey Hips Strong Blonde and Modern Times Blazing World are just a sampling of the many brews on the menu. The Duck Dive also features a local beer of the week, theduckdive.com



#### Mayericks Beach Club

Pacific Beach's newest and most exciting multi-level entertainment complex, Mavericks Beach Club, has quickly become a favorite spot for locals and tourists alike. With both indoor and outdoor seating and five separate bars, there are plenty of options for enjoying a cold beer. The beach bar also offers a Mavericks Six Pack, where you can choose any six beer cans to be served in a signature Mavericks cooler. This ensures your beer is kept frosty while you move around from the Cornhole games to the upstairs DJ. You also get a bonus can on the house! Mavericks offers many San Diego local beers, such as the Duck Foot Contender IPA and Ballast Point Sculpin, maverickssd.com

# Pacific Beach Alehouse

Nestled in Pacific Beach's iconic coastal setting, Pacific Beach AleHouse delivers a plethora of brews suited to all palates, including those brewed in house. Wander up to their second-story Sky Bar and delight in a frosty pint of their popular housebrewed Grand Ave. IPA, characterized by its caramalt and pale malt body, or if stouts are more up your alley, indulge in their Nitro Coffee Oatmeal Stout, a robust blend of coffee notes balanced by the presence of oatmeal and the complexity and mouth feel of a nitrogen gas blend. pbalehouse.com

# **Pure Project**

Bottle and can limited releases are scheduled monthly and allotments are given by getting your hand stamped starting at 8:00am. You can also come visit the tasting room for tastes and pours of such flavors as Gypsy, Blueberry Magic, and Maplesaurus Rex. The beers are globally sourced and locally brewed onsite. Pure Project regularly gives back to the community to such organizations as 1% for the Planet, San Diego Coastkeeper, and the Surfrider Foundation. purebrewing.org

# Resident Brewing

Resident Brewer Robert Masterson oversees the making of award winning brews "for the love of the beer." Flavors include Perky Blonde, Vacation Coconut IPA, Golden Kiss Saison, and the Gaslamp. Their beers are also served at Resident Brewing's sister Social Syndicate venues: Bootlegger, The Local, The Local Pacific Beach, OB Surf Lodge, The Rabbit Hole, and Wonderland. residentbrewing.com, socialsyndicate.com

If you drink responsibly and would rather not drive to all the thirst-quenching San Diego breweries, then there's the option of taking a tour with San Diego Beer Wine Spirits Tours. They offer three kinds of beer tasting tours: chauffeured, walking, and trolley. We like the trolley tour as it's "green," and we travel using the comfort and convenience of the local Trolley while exploring Downtown. Great for singles, couples and groups, the tour visits four brewerles for a total of 16 different beers! And you can easily take more than one tour since they partner with 30 different micro and commercial breweries, providing a different experience each time. During the tour, guests receive a behind-the-scenes look into the beer making process and a light lunch with their craft beer tastings, sandlegobeerwinespiritstour, com, \$88 per person.

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