



DRINKING

## Best Bars in Pacific Beach for 2018

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San Diego is made up of a bunch of little towns and neighborhoods with each one having its own personality and quirks. Pacific Beach, or PB to locals, is notorious for being a thriving beach town full of fun bars, great nightlife, and vibrant crowds. Anyone that has spent time in Pacific Beach will tell you their favorites and we have some of our own. Whether you want to relax and drink overlooking the beach or dance the night away, Pacific Beach has any environment you are looking for. Here is a list, in no particular order, of the best bars in Pacific Beach, San Diego, and what each one has to offer.

## THE DUCK DIVE

From the handcrafted ceiling and custom surf-inspired art pieces, to the name itself, the vibe consists of ocean breezes and sun-kissed skin. The atmosphere is casual and jives well with the beach town. They offer an elevated drinking experience by serving classic cocktails, craft beer, and great music. You won't, however, find typical bar food fair here. You'll be treated with dishes like baked brie, herb crusted rib eye and tableside s'mores. This gastropub located on Mission Boulevard draws in a ton of traffic each night, for good reason.



*Courtesy Photo*

Location: 4650 Mission Blvd, San Diego, CA 92109

## BARREL REPUBLIC



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Out of all the bars in Pacific Beach, Barrel Republic may be the most unique. Rather than ordering your beer at a bar, you are given a wristband that allows you to walk throughout the bar and pour your own beer or wine from over 40 taps. It's a truly unique experience for beer and wine lovers alike. Each tap has a description of the type of beer, and cost per ounce, so that you can try a little bit before committing to a full pint. Scan the wristband at one of their taps around the bar. Sensors in the wristband track how much you pour and charge you accordingly. This place gives you the unique ability to sample all kinds of beers without having to break the bank. Barrel Republic has a laid-back vibe where you can chat with friends and play board games. If you want to try some unique local brews and have a good chat with a friend over some popcorn, then head to Barrel Republic.

Location: 1261 Garnet Ave, San Diego, CA 92109

## TAVERN

Since 1997, Tavern has been a prime nightlife destination for PB. Located on the corner of Garnet and Everts, this industrial-style bar serves customers with a massive central bar, bringing a vibrant setting that is perfect for a day spent at the beach. With a full menu featuring top quality ingredients and specially crafted cocktails, there's something for everyone to keep the party raging long through the night.

Tavern is usually filled with college students and young professionals, giving it a fun, upbeat atmosphere. There are booths, casual table seating, and once it gets a little later into the night, a dance floor takes off. Tavern is a great mix of both locals and tourists, so if you are interested in meeting new people you can always find someone unique to socialize and dance with.

Location: 1200 Garnet Ave, San Diego, CA 92109



## WATERBAR

With a prime spot on the PB boardwalk, this restaurant and cocktail bar with expansive ocean views is one you don't want to miss. Their menu is heavily inspired by coastal seafood cuisine, and a cocktail menu ranging from light and refreshing to spicy and heavy-spirited. Their "fish bowls" are perfect for sharing, including a spiked sangria.



*Courtesy Photo*

Location: 4325 Ocean Blvd., San Diego, CA 92109

## BACKYARD KITCHEN & TAP

When you go to Backyard, you are destined for a successful night. It is in one of the best locations in Pacific Beach, located only a block away from the ocean on Garnet Avenue. Upon entering, you'll find a wondrous lounge area lit by a fireplace, along with a dance floor that is practically begging you to show it some of your moves.

Backyard Kitchen & Tap is teeming with chic coastal energy that will have you loving the vibe. Complete with outdoor cabanas, a dog-friendly patio seating, and cozy fire pits, you'll instantly fall in love with it.

Get to Backyard early though, because a long line will form no matter what day of the week it is. Backyard is a great place to start your night after a long day at the beach to grab something to eat alongside one of their signature craft cocktails. It's also a great restaurant to go on Taco Tuesday, but be prepared for a wild evening.



*Courtesy Photo*

Location: 832 Garnet Ave. Pacific Beach, CA 92109



## MAVERICKS

Mavericks is in the former home of PB Bar and Grill, and boy did this space get an upgrade! The two-story venue includes a wide-open central lounge area, several bars, indoor and outdoor options, and lots of space to dance. That means there are lots of nooks and crannies to explore. They often have a DJ spinning beats all day on the weekends. Their menu includes unique cocktails and delicious food creating a perfect atmosphere for large groups. Grab a drink at one of their three bars, and get ready to dance around at this spacious bar.

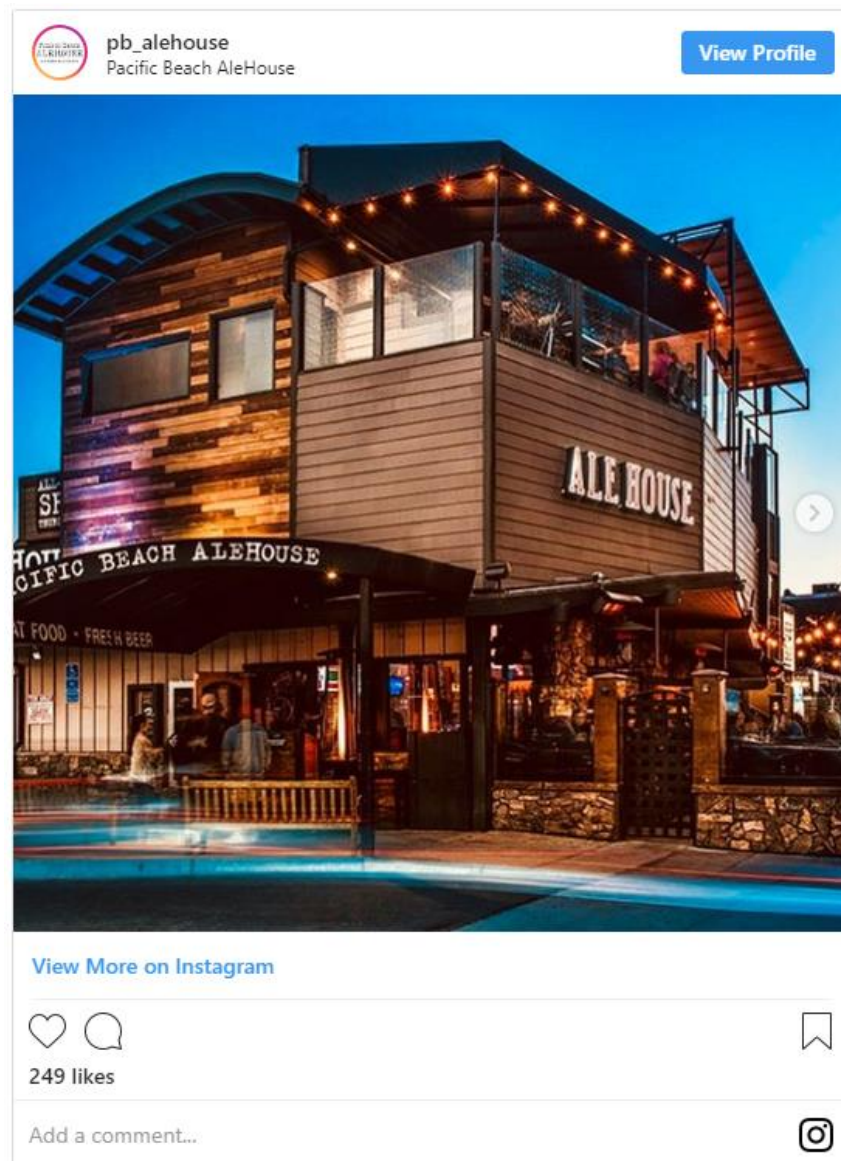


*Courtesy Photo*

Location: 60 Garnet Avenue, San Diego, CA 92109

## PB ALE HOUSE

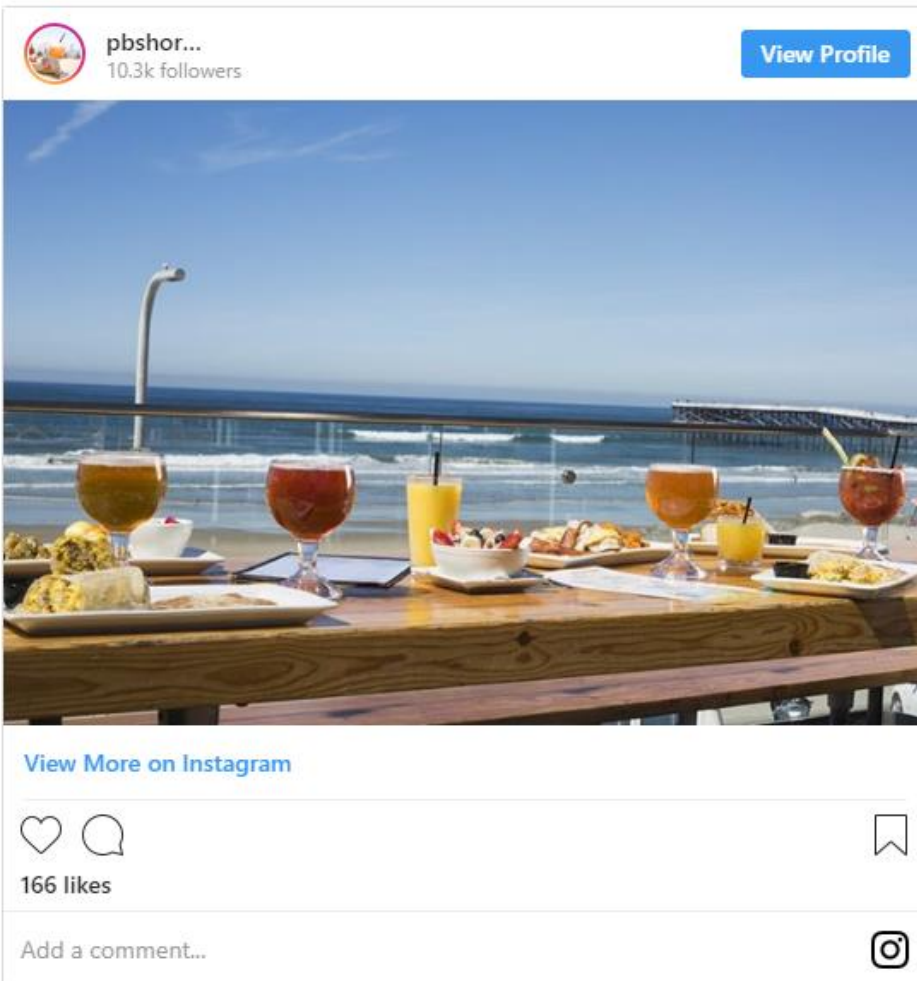
This award-winning brewery consists of remarkable ocean views as far as the eye can see from the second floor. The first floor is inviting, offers a comfortable space, and instantly comes to life at nighttime. It's the perfect restaurant to enjoy a craft beer and watch the game or dine on a delicious and memorable dinner. The location is at the very end of Garnet and directly across from the ocean.



Location: 721 Grand Ave, San Diego, CA 92109

## PB SHORE CLUB

Shore Club is located at the end of Garnet Avenue and is right next door to PB Ale House. No matter where you are on the rooftop at Shore Club, you will have a breathtaking panoramic view of the ocean. The beachfront party ambiance of this bar specializes in dishes with an unbeatable Mexican flare. This bar will guarantee the best beach, drinking, and dining experience in all of Pacific Beach.



Address: 4343 Ocean Blvd, San Diego, CA 92109