



# Holiday Dining and Events

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Celebrate Christmas in the Gaslamp District at [Union Kitchen & Tap Gaslamp](#), and delight in their **Prime Rib Special** plated with horseradish crème fraiche, potato fondants, jumbo asparagus and port wine demi-glaze, as well as their **Lobster “Cappuccino,”** a rich lobster bisque prepared with tarragon foam and shrimp chip, and finally their **Yule Log**, a decadent Bailey’s sponge cake made with coffee buttercream, dark chocolate ganache, meringue and mulberry gel.

Stop by [Union Kitchen & Tap Encinitas](#) on both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day for all-you-can-drink mimosas from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., plus special holiday-themed menu items in addition to their regular menu offerings offered all day.

Head to [Backyard Kitchen & Tap](#) in Pacific Beach on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day for their **Prime Rib Special**, priced at \$31.99 and accompanied by horseradish crème fraiche, potato fondants, jumbo asparagus and prepared with a port wine demi-glaze, in addition to Backyard’s full menu, all of which will be available on Christmas Eve from 11 a.m. – 9 p.m., and on Christmas day from 11:30 a.m. – close.

Pacific Beach's ocean-front dining destination, **Waterbar**, will celebrate the holiday with special menus curated for both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, touting specials such as their **Christmas Roast**, prepared with horseradish cream, homemade gravy, herb-roasted marble potatoes and glazed carrots, and a Pillsbury crescent roll served with cultured butter, **Glazed Yams**, steamed and glazed in brown sugar, and their vegetarian option, **Everything But the Turkey Bowl**, packed with chipotle black beans, roasted broccoli, roasted corn, cheddar mashed potatoes, mushroom gravy, cranberry sauce and a Pillsbury crescent roll. Finish on a sweet note on Christmas Eve with their **Yule Log**, prepared with rich chocolate cake, vanilla cream cheese frosting, toasted meringue, crushed peppermints, chocolate glaze, Nutella snow and hazelnut ice cream. Specials will be available on Christmas Eve from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m., and on Christmas Day from 11 a.m. – 9 p.m.

## **DECEMBER EVENTS**

Kick off the holiday season with **Park 101's Home for the Hoppydays** December beer competition, which will run all month long. Check out the Carlsbad, family-friendly spot for the first two weeks of December to vote on your favorite in matchups like *Mission's* Guava IPA vs. *Modern Times* Orderville. The third week of the month will be a battle between the winners and during the last week, \$5 pints of the final winner will be available! Park 101 will also be showing family holiday movies, such as Polar Express and Muppet Christmas Carol, every Wednesday in December.

Both **Woodstock's Pizza** locations will be making spirits bright with **Naughty or Nice Pint Nights**, where beer fanatics are strongly encouraged to sport their ugliest Christmas sweaters. The pizza joint near SDSU will be holding their event on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to midnight. 3 Punk Ales Brewing Co. will be poured and those who come in their sweaters will get the \$3 glass fee waived for the evening. The Pacific Beach location's event will be Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> and will feature Sierra Nevada, from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Naughty or nice – which list are you on this year?!

SANTA!!!! I KNOW HIM! **Cass Street Bar and Grill**, a PB local favorite for over 50 years, will be hosting **ELF Trivia** on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Relive the fun and laughs of the 2003 hit movie and answer fun questions about Buddy the Elf, all while sipping local brews like *Ballast Point* Sculpin or *Stone* Enjoy By. Themed trivia nights at Cass Street are extremely popular, so each team (which can have up to five members) must purchase one ticket, which is \$16 and can be bought [here](#).

If Christmas caroling is your favorite part of the holiday season, don't miss **ginger's Ugly Sweater Karaoke** on Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>! Belt out your favorites like Mariah Carey's *All I Want for Christmas Is You* or *Jingle Bells* while decked out in your most hideous seasonal sweater. ginger's, which is located just underneath **barleymash** at the corner of Fifth and Market, is a trendy and intimate cocktail bar where guests can escape the hustle and bustle of the Gaslamp District. Sip martinis like **The Cosmo**, an original martini made with a mix of Skyy Citrus Vodka, Cointreau, fresh lime and cranberry juice, or choose from their selection of wine and cocktails. You can also order bites from barleymash's menu!

December is a great time to watch feel-good **Christmas Movies** and **The Duck Dive** is featuring a lineup you won't want to miss out on! During the first three Mondays in December, the PB premier beach lounge and eatery will be showing *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (12/3), *Home Alone 2* (12/10) and *National Lampoons Christmas Vacation* (12/17). Movies begin promptly at 8:00 p.m. and guests can enjoy complimentary popcorn and \$5 Build-Your-Own-Mules during the film. You can also munch on appetizers like wings or the oh-so-tasty DD Spinach Dip, with artichoke, poblanos, chorizo and pepper jack cheese.

## The EL JEFE at Juan Tequila

Raise a glass to the new year at Juan Tequila, the Gaslamp's newest upscale Baja-inspired bar and eatery! Complete with a laid-back New York City vibe of chandeliers, club leather furniture, marble tabletops, an intimate "starry" lounge and frequent live music and DJs, Juan Tequila's innovative Baja bar feel explores unique flavor combinations in their elevated cuisine and aperitif artist-crafted cocktail menu. Capitalizing on seasonal ingredients, the brand new EL JEFE cocktail shines as a winter toasting libation with vodka, Licor 43, a smooth oat milk blend, a garnished candied pistachio rim and a sprinkling of micro-plate cinnamon!

Date: All month long!

Pricing: \$14

Address: 535 Fourth Avenue, San Diego

Website: <http://juantequila.net/>

Dust off that ugly Christmas sweater you've been neglecting all year long or don your finest 1980's couture for Betamaxx's 80's Christmas and Ugly Sweater Party taking place at **Music Box** on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Best known for their high-energy performances packed with non-stop, nostalgia-filled '80's cover hits, Betamaxx is ready to celebrate the season with an unforgettable performance that merges holiday cheer with '80s flair. Doors open at 8 p.m. and tickets are priced at \$16 – \$35.98.

**Breakfast Republic** is getting into the holiday spirit with December food and drink specials such as their **Cranberry Mint Mimosa**, featuring cranberry with a hint of mint, cradled by brut bubbles, as well as their **Candy Cane Mocha**, touting a double shot of espresso, peppermint, mocha and milk, topped with whipped cream and finished with a candy cane. Gorge on **Holiday Gnocchi**, prepared with sautéed potato gnocchi, onion, butternut squash, bacon, fennel sausage, dried cranberries, spinach and parmesan cheese, topped with pesto and served with two eggs any style, or treat yourself to a sophisticated breakfast of champions with **Bone Marrow**, topped with beef chorizo and quail eggs, and served with black beans, guacamole and corn tortillas.

Stop by **Fig Tree Café** throughout the month of December for their holiday-inspired **Eggnog French Toast**, topped with sweet eggnog cream, whipped cream and cinnamon sugar, paired with drink specials such as their **Cranberry Mimosa Flight**, featuring cranberry pomegranate, cranberry orange, classic cranberry and white cranberry tasters. Perk up with their **Nutella Me Ain't So Latte**, crafted from Nutella, a double shot of espresso and milk, and topped with a dusting of mocha and chocolate hazelnut wafer.

Celebrate the holidays SoCal-style at **Bub's @ the Beach** with their **Holiday Mule**, concocted from Blue Red Bull, Crown Apple and a splash of ginger beer, and finished with fresh lime, bitters and a blueberry candy cane. Only available throughout the month of December, you won't want to miss out on this limited-time creation!

### **Pre-Fixe Dinner at Osetra Seafood & Steaks**

A prominent feature of the historic Gaslamp Quarter, Osetra Seafood & Steaks promises an upscale, exclusive dining and nightlife experience like no other for your New Year's Eve this year. Whether toasting at midnight and feasting the night away, Osetra's New Year's Eve Dinner menu is the perfect fit for your festivities. Enjoy a full three-course pre-fixe menu with a selection including hand-cut fresh seafood, perfectly-seared steaks and decadent desserts including tiramisu and hazelnut chocolate mousse. Enhance your experience with caviar and a bottle of Moet Chandon, along with a complimentary champagne toast and party favors!

Date: Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

Price: TBD

Address: 904 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101

Website: <http://www.ostraseafoodandsteaks.com/>

### **New Year's Eve Dinner at Route 29**

Inspired by the fine fare and ambiance of Napa Valley, Route 29's farm fresh food and iconic wine country vibes make for an exciting and elevated setting for your New Year's celebration. Featuring wood, iron and copper décor, an open kitchen design and artfully-prepared cuisine, Route 29's New Year's Eve Dinner menu offers something for everyone this year. Sink your fork into a full three-course special menu including an app, entrée and dessert per person with selections such as a rich burrata jar, surf & turf lobster with a petit filet, crispy halibut, pan-seared scallops, duck in transition and more, finished off with your choice of buddino, limoncello cake or chocolate mousse.

Date: Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

Price: Price based on entrée selection

Address: 644 Fifth Avenue, San Diego

Website: <https://www.route29restaurant.com/>

## **New Year's Countdown Party at The Whiskey House**

When it comes to the wide world of whiskey, there's no better place to celebrate than premier downtown bar and lounge [The Whiskey House](#)! Famously home to America's largest selection of whiskeys with over 2,800 diverse bottles and an extensive list of craft cocktails, there's no shortage of festive toasts this New Year's Eve. Starting at 8:00 P.M., join the Countdown Party with a dinner buffet of smoky-flavored bites paired with a live DJ Kien show, party favors and a champagne toast at midnight! Couches and large group tables are available with bottle service.

Date: Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

Pricing: \$40 per person

Address: 420 Third Avenue, San Diego

Website: [www.thewhiskeyhousesd.com](http://www.thewhiskeyhousesd.com)

**Backyard Kitchen & Tap** in Pacific Beach is ringing in the New Year with a three-course prix-fixe menu on New Year's Eve, featuring **Maine Lobster and Black Cod Cake** plated with arugula avocado salad, chive hollandaise and pepitas, **Blackened 8-oz. Hangar Steak** served with parsnip gratin, grilled broccolini and buttermilk onions, and **White Russian Tres Leches Cake**, accompanied by market berries and nasturtium petals, among other specialties honed for the occasion. The menu will be available starting at 6 p.m., and pricing is \$49.95 per person.

Hopeless romantics can kick off the New Year at Pacific Beach's scenic, ocean-front destination, **Waterbar**. Best known for its stunning views of the Pacific through floor-to-ceiling windows, Waterbar will host a Love Boat-themed soiree to ring in the New Year, boasting **Lobster** and **Prime Rib** menu specials, as well as select bottles of champagne, and DJs spinning from 7 p.m. – close.