

San Diego Food Finds Blog

Best Fast Casual Eateries

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The Fish Shop Pacific Beach

There's casual, and then there's San Diego casual. Sometimes, a Tommy Bahama shirt and your favorite khaki shorts are not appropriate attire for some of San Diego's "finer" eateries. High price doesn't always equal high satisfaction, so ditch the tie and try some of San Diego's tastiest fast-casual eateries.

With 3 locations, the [Fish Shop Pacific Beach](#), [Encinitas](#) and [Hermosa Beach](#), brings the ocean to you. Their "sea to stomach" mentality captures the beach vibe perfectly: the freshest fish and the friendliest service. With thousands of ways to customize your plate, there's something here for

everyone's palate! A local favorite, the **TKO Taco** comes with fresh mahi mahi on a corn tortilla and a sweet, tropical salsa; it's like a mini vacation on your lunch break!



Como Ceviche Peruvian Rocoto Style Bowl

[Como Ceviche!](#) understands there's something special about seafood. One of San Diego's hottest new eateries, they make fresh fun with customizable choices and use only locally sourced, responsibly caught seafood. Make your way down the counter and choose from over six styles of ceviche and whether you'd like it in a bowl, wrap or plain. Their **Mexican Baja Ceviche** comes with the daily catch of fish, calamari, octopus, and shrimp with a citrusy blend of limes, red onions, peppers and avocados and a healthy heaping of lemon spiced tortilla chips; it's sure to tantalize your taste buds!

An adult take on a childhood classic, [Grater Grilled Cheese](#) will have you praying to Cheesus Christ by the end of your meal. Try their **Grater Grilled Cheese**, their signature sandwich. Filled with a blend of their signature 5 cheeses plus goat cheese, applewood bacon, roasted bell peppers, caramelized onions and smoked jalapenos, this melty masterpiece will have you wanting more. Trust me, it's that gouda.

Walking into [The Taco Stand](#) with a Hawaiian shirt will make you feel overdressed. Their minimalistic, no frills décor is a stark contrast of what their food is like; delicious! Their **California Burrito** is a culmination of everything that's right with the Best Coast: golden fries, flame grilled steak, guacamole

and their fresh house salsa makes for a delicious dining experience. And, their homemade churros are to “fry” for. This is one stand you’re going to want more than one night with.

[Encontro](#) is the epitome of San Diego: cool and casual. A wide selection of beers and a walk-up order window, it’s no wonder why Encontro’s becoming one of North Park’s hottest hangouts. Their **Thai Sausage**, a special house blend of duroc pork and shrimp, grilled sweet peppers and onions, will have you wishing you “thai-d” this place sooner. By offering a gourmet menu at non-gourmet prices, you’ll be saying me llamo Encontro.

In today’s high stress society, it seems as if there’s never any time to relax. But, just remember, San Diego is more than just a place to live; it’s a lifestyle. Sometimes we forget that, but these restaurants serve as reminders to be loyal to America’s Finest City and all her values. Next time you’re hungry, throw on some sandals and flip-flop to some of these great restaurants.