



## Finding Savory Bowls of Soup

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Spicy Sesame Ramen at Tajima

A steaming bowl of delicious soup is one of the best parts of winter, and we're ready to snuggle up with some of the city's best bowls of soup. Whether you decide to make your way to these restaurants or order to-go, you'll have a warm belly after enjoying these soups!

**Del Sur Mexican Cantina** is a South Park spot offering traditional Mexican fare with healthy twists, from taco and burrito plates to thick and savory **Chicken Tortilla Soup**. The blend of pasilla-tomato base with shredded chicken, cotija, corn, avocado and poblano crema is sure to warm your belly and soul. Del Sur even features many vegetarian and vegan dishes for those looking to avoid meat. No matter what you order when you dine at this eclectic, warm and inviting restaurant, you'll be amazed at the flavor and authenticity packed into each bite.



Corn Chowder at Smoking Gun

Though known as the mecca for craft beer lovers, **Barrel Republic's** Oceanside and Carlsbad locations also both feature delicious bites to pair with your choice of brew. As the temperatures continue to drop in San Diego, opt for the flavor-packed bowl of **Charred Jalapeño Tomato and Avocado Soup**. Experts suggest sipping a lager such as **Firestone Walker's Firestone Lager**, available in Oceanside, or **Stone's Stone Tropic of Thunder** in Carlsbad. The clean, crisp and refreshing beer perfectly complements the vivid, tart tastes from the tomato in the soup. And if you're not typically a fan of a lager, Barrel Republic is the perfect spot to taste test!

**The Smoking Gun** is the Gaslamp District's go-to restaurant for Southern-inspired comfort food, like **Corn Chowder** with grilled corn and cornbread croutons. The retro-style spot serves a variety of appetizers, smoked meat, sandwiches and salads, along with beer, wine and inventive cocktails. You can order food to go, for enjoying in your warm and cozy home, or check out the game options at The Smoking Gun. Foosball, pool, ping pong and shuffle board will keep you and your friends entertained all night long.



Chicken Tortilla Soup at Del Sur Mexican Cantina

Pozole is a traditional Mexican soup or stew made with hominy, meat and a variety of seasonings and spices, and Oceanside's **Jalisco Cantina** has one of the most authentic bowls in all of San Diego. The delicious and fresh **Jalisciense Pozole** is made with pork, hominy (a food produced from dried maize kernels) chile, oregano, cabbage, lime cilantro and onion. Served with a side of tortilla for dipping, this scrumptious soup comes to your table in a piping hot clay bowl.

Satisfying San Diego's hunger for authentic Japanese cuisine and ramen, **Tajima** boasts a cozy menu with plenty of items perfect for chillier weather. Dive into a hearty bowl of ramen, like the **Spicy Sesame Ramen** made with spicy tonkotsu soup base with sesame paste, ground pork, bean sprouts, fried garlic chips, half a ramen egg, baby bok choy, green onions and Japanese seaweed. Tajima has locations across the city, from Hillcrest to East Village. Or if you don't feel like leaving your home, have your meal delivered through Postmates!



Jalisciense Pozole at Jalisco Cantina

Head up straight up highway 101 and check out **Union Encinitas**, a neighborhood-friendly, community-oriented venue just a stone's throw from the stunning shores of Cardiff. The classic American menu is made with fresh, local ingredients and consists of many warm and comforting dishes, such as **UNION Gumbo**. Andouille sausage, roasted chicken, okra, green onion and jasmine rice make up this lunch and dinner favorite. You can even take it up a notch by adding sautéed shrimp or butter poached crawfish for an additional cost.

If a steaming bowl of chowder or soup is calling your name on a crisp day, look no further than **Fish Shop**. With spots in **Pacific Beach, Encinitas, Point Loma**, and **Hermosa Beach**, the freshest fish in Southern California is easily accessible. Try either the **Clam Chowder**, which you can order in a bread bowl, or the oh-so-delicious **Fish Shop Stew**. This hearty helping of assorted fresh fish simmered in a house made tomato broth is just what you need to keep warm.