

Pacific Beach Restaurants – Tavern at the Beach

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Looking for Pacific Beach Restaurants? Check out Tavern at the Beach!

Most people come to San Diego to explore and enjoy the beaches.

Once you're done riding the waves and worked up an appetite, you'll find no shortage of food stops and stands lined up along the beach ready and waiting to fill your belly.

If there's one spot in San Diego that has plenty of spots to surf and grub, it's Pacific Beach, or PB

as the locals know it. You'll find several local favorite Pacific Beach restaurants to choose from.

For PB residents, [Tavern at the Beach](#) is a familiar sight. My friends and I spent more than a few nights there, enjoying the local drink and a few games of billiards some years back. I hardly recognized the Tavern I stepped into when I went back to check out their new [menu](#).



The decadent Half-Baked dessert — a must-try!

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Hang out at the bar or sit and dine at Tavern.

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The smaller, crowded Tavern I remembered from my early 20s had opened up, featuring a newer, bigger bar, more tables and seating areas, outdoor drinking and dining options and a new bar along its back wall.

But the biggest (and certainly most welcome) addition to Tavern at the Beach is its kitchen, which now serves brunch, lunch and dinner. It was their menu that I was most excited to try out

for my visit and I hungrily scanned the lunch menu.

I finally settled on their Shroomin' sliders, which are two beef patties served with sautéed mushrooms, bleu cheese, crispy onions and garlic-herb aioli (with crispy potato fries on the side), and thoroughly enjoyed every last bite.

The icing on the cake was washing it down with a couple glasses of their smooth and creamy Belching Beaver milk stout.

Speaking of icing, my one regret is I didn't save enough room to try out Tavern's dessert offering, the Half-Baked.

This decadent dessert is a baked-to-order skillet comprised of half cookie, half brownie and served with vodka vanilla ice cream and chocolate sauce.

Whether you come for the food or the atmosphere, or to kick back and relax with a beer at the bar, Tavern at the Beach is the perfect place to stop by for filling your food and drink orders when you're hanging out in Pacific Beach.

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