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There's an App for That – Best Appetizers Around San Diego

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Sweet, salty, spicy, smoked... no matter the flavor you're seeking, there's an app for that. In honor of the recent iPhone releases, we've been feeling inspired by apps – appetizers, that is! Whether to start, to share, or to substitute as a main, there's no better way to kick off a meal than with a perfectly portioned appetizer. We've compiled a list of diverse apps around San Diego, because whatever savory snack you're craving, we guarantee there's an app for it!



Set your taste buds buzzing at Jalisco Cantina, Oceanside's newest dining destination for elevated Mexican cuisine. Start your meal with the Jalisciense Pozole, a warm bowl of stew made with pork, hominy, chile de arbol, oregano, cabbage, lime, radish, cilantro, and onion.

Head up to the Carlsbad Barrel Republic for some serious apps, featuring an extensive menu that is sure to satisfy even the most unique cravings with favorites including the Bacon-Wrapped Pork Belly, honey-glazed and served with local kale slaw for a simple and savory bite.

Be sure to add The Smoking Gun into your contacts – this recently opened neighborhood bar and restaurant has an urban setting, 70s style décor, high-definition televisions, and games galore. Delight in the southern-influenced dishes on their menu, with appetizers such as the Roasted Brussels, served with shaved parmesan and barbeque gastrique, for a light and flavorful start to your meal.



Not to be missed are the jammin’ Jamaican flavors of Miss B’s Coconut Club, home to classic, Caribbean-inspired American food with tiki flair. Transport your group to the Caribbean with a shared plate of the Jerk Rubbed Chicken Wings, grilled to crispy excellence, bursting with spice, and served with your choice of two house sauces including roasted garlic cilantro aioli, Caribbean rum BBQ, chimichurri, mango chutney, and more.



Located in the heart of Mission Beach near the iconic roller coaster is Sandbar Sports Bar & Grill, a hip and laid-back bar and kitchen just seconds from the beach. Enjoy your favorite frozen cocktail overlooking the ocean at the exclusive Sky Bar and partake in tantalizing appetizers such as the Mission Nachos, piled high with mixed cheese, beans, salsa fresca, chorizo-cheese dip, sour cream, jalapenos, and thick guacamole for a fun and filling plate to share with friends.

Feeling inspired by our list? Grab your new phone and map your way to your favorite stop for savory shareable starters, because whatever you're searching for, there's an app for that!