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# Happy Hour Destinations

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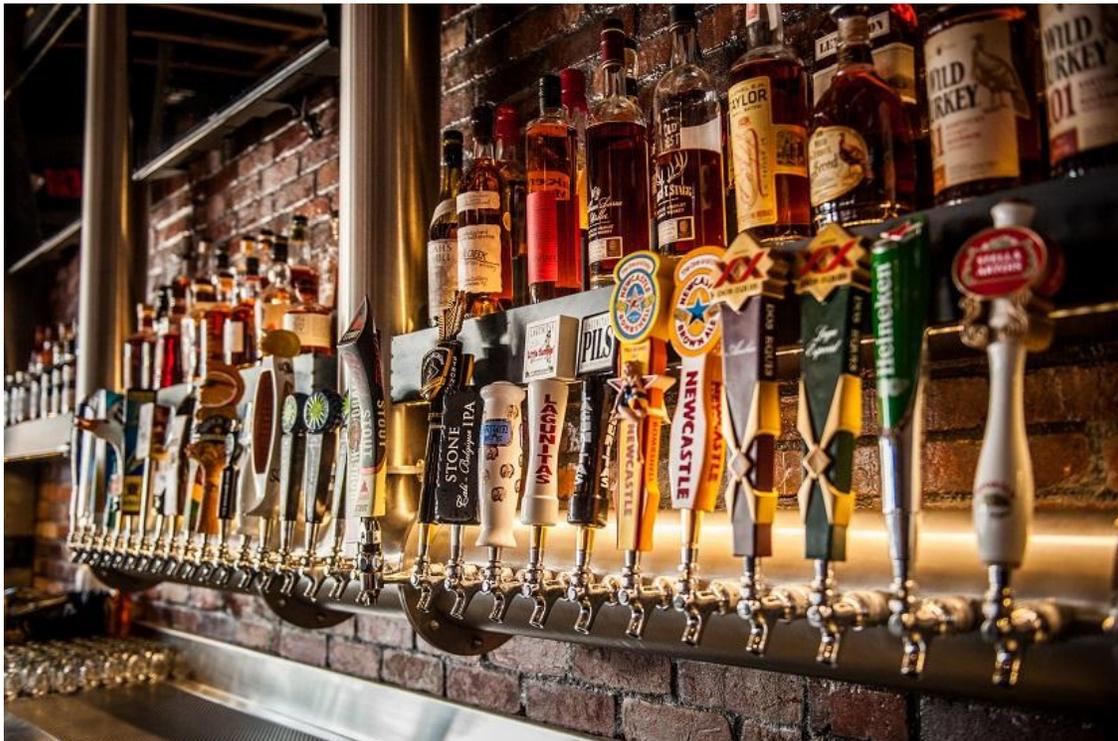
BARLEYMASH

San Diego's bar scene is prominent among the masses, but the age old question remains— who has the best happy hour? We did our research and decided to break down each noteworthy spot by neighborhood. Whether you frequent downtown, the beach communities or someplace between the two, we have a place for all the alcohol enthusiasts out there. Next time you're searching for a spot to quench your post-work thirst, check out these local venues.

## Pacific Beach

Coastal-cool vibes come to mind when you step into Tavern. Located just a few blocks from the sandy shore, the eatery offers an extensive menu for both food and booze. They refer to their happy hour as the “Best at the Beach,” and after checking out their specials, the claim to fame really is true. From 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday, ALL of their drinks are half off. Yep, you heard right! Their Mixed Ideologies menu features a comprehensive selection of craft cocktails, wine and champagne. Tavern’s recommended drinks are accompanied by a black pig logo next to their description, so be sure to give the select few a try. One of the popular beverages they suggest is the American Mule, prepared with American Harvest Organic Vodka, fresh lime, small batch ginger beer and angostura bitters. You can have it served old school-style or frozen for an extra twist.

Backyard Kitchen & Tap sets the stage for delicious meals and memorable nights out near the beach. The luxurious oversized booths, fire pits, two bars and outdoor cabanas make it the ideal spot to enjoy mouthwatering American favorites, craft cocktails and crisp brews. The dog- and family-friendly destination offers a Social Hour Monday through Friday, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with drink and dining specials. Swing by for \$2 off of craft cocktails, draft beers and glasses of wine. Looking to grab a bite to eat? They have deals on happy hour bites too!



## **Downtown**

Conveniently situated in the heart of the Gaslamp, barleymash offers upscale bar fare in a contemporary venue. The trendy restaurant provides a high-energy atmosphere that is just right for your post-work pick-me-up. During their cleverly coined “Time ‘N A Half Happy Hour,” they pour their entire drink menu of beer, wine and spirits for half off. Renowned for their extensive brews and bourbon, the all-American spot boasts quite the variety of liquors for your choosing. Dark liquor isn’t for the faint of heart, so if a nice cold one is more up your alley, try something locally-brewed such as Ballast Point’s Sculpin IPA or Mission Brewery’s Hard Root Beer. Catch the half-priced specials Monday through Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

For over 30 years, Dobson’s Bar & Restaurant has been proudly serving San Diegans. The elegant establishment is located in a historical building and the timeless décor makes patrons feel like they’ve stepped back in time. If you’re looking for a happy hour with sophistication and style, stop by from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. House wine, draft beer and well drinks are all available for \$5. It’s a great excuse to visit one of San Diego’s most classic restaurants.

## **Hillcrest**

Bold and unabashed, Brazen BBQ stands tall in Hillcrest ready to serve smokehouse classics. In line with its Southern roots, the barbecue joint dubbed its bar the “Lost & Found Saloon.” Each day, the bar offers a multitude of drink and food specials for those who love to sip and snack. Throughout the week, stop by for happy hour from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Brazen BBQ even offers happy hour all day on Sunday and from 3:30 p.m. until close on Thursday. Wash down all the grub with an alcoholic beverage and order a well drink for \$3, a house wine for \$4 or take \$2 off a draft beer of your choice.

Quaint and charming, local favorite Fig Tree Café offers classic California cuisine in an urban setting. The eatery is popular among San Diegans for its dinner entrees and legendary brunch, but their hidden talent lies in their happy hour. From 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Sunday through Thursday, the spot offers \$3 house wines and draft brews. Stop by during happy hour for specially-priced cocktails and snacks.