

# **ESCAPE TO SAN DIEGO**

# FOOD AND FUN FOR EVERYONE!

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As the pandemic begins to settle down and while the weather is still good, Angelenos are left wondering where they can go that actually have things to do. If that describes you, look no further than beautiful San Diego! SD is fully open and has plenty of activities, restaurants, and nightlife waiting for you to discover.

## Getting There

Obviously you can opt to drive or fly, but did you know that there's a train that takes you all the way down the coast? For relatively cheap, you can hop on Amtrak's Pacific Surfliner. Enjoy lovely views of California's coast while sipping wine and noshing on some cheese and crackers without the stress of going through an airport or crazy weekend traffic. To book your trip go here: https://www.pacificsurfliner.com/

## Okay I want to go to SD, what is there to do?

If it's been a while or if you've never been to SD, we highly recommend snagging a couple of Go City Passes. These passes give you access to a TON of activities in and around San Diego. There are definitely a lot of options for our readers with families with kids or couples looking for a romantic escape.

Our favorite activities while using the pass were hanging out with some animals up close at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park, checking out all of our fishy friends at Birch Aquarium at Scripps, and touring the massive and beautiful Balboa park and its many museums.

For a full list of activities or to buy your own Go City Passes you can visit: https://gocity.com/san-diego/en-us

## Where should I eat?

When it comes to food, San Diego does not disappoint! San Diego's Gaslamp district has many amazing restaurants but it can be a little overwhelming with so many options. Fortunately we've tried out some of the restaurants and here are our favorites:



Breakfast Republic

appetite because their portions are quite generous!

Breakfast Republic East Village - 707 G St. San Diego, CA 92101 - Obviously with so many things to do in SD you want to start your day off right so for a hearty breakfast we insist you check out Breakfast Republic in East Village. Some of their

famous dishes such as the Shrimp and Grits and Jurassic Pork are simply to die for. As someone with roots in the South I can tell you that they definitely nailed the grits! This popular breakfast spot also hosts a seasonal menu so if you've been here before you might just find something new! We also tried their Drunken Oreo Dream and their Cafe De Olla and after a couple of sips you'll be struck with a lightning bolt of energy, we guarantee it!

Valley Scene Magazine features Breakfast Republic