



WHAT TO DRINK, EAT AND DO ON MEMORIAL DAY



Memorial Day commemorates those who lost their lives while serving our country in the armed forces. The holiday is typically a day of celebration, marking the joyous beginning of the summer season (a season for burgers and beaching)! San Diego is the perfect location for a cookout and day playing in the sand. However, it is also home to a variety of restaurants in prime locations, providing plenty of places for fun even after the sun goes down! Pay your respects to those who serve our country and kick off the summer season with these exciting San Diego spots that will make this Memorial Day one for the books.

Brunch in the Gaslamp District is a great way to start off this holiday weekend and [barleymash](#) has options to cater to all your morning cravings. Get started at 10a.m. with their menu filled with mouthwatering combinations inspired by the tastes of bourbon and beer. Pair the Brown Ale Biscuits and Gravy with an Haute Coco coffee cocktail, or delight in the alcohol infused When Pigs Fly Bacon Flight. Located on Fifth St, the big, open windows of barleymash are a perfect vantage point for soaking in the sights and sounds of Downtown San Diego.

For a classy Memorial Day dinner, escape the confines of the city to the country chic **Ranch at Bandy Canyon** in Escondido. In honor of Memorial Day, French Master Chef Patrick Ponsaty of **Bellamy's** and Chef Emmanuel are creating a four course dinner inspired by ingredients from local farmers. Craft cocktails and hors d'oeuvres start this dinner at 6:30, followed by carefully constructed meal and drink pairings. Make reservations for this delicious event by Friday, May 22nd and you will be certain to celebrate the start to summer holidays in style.

With a roller coaster, fire pits, and the gorgeous rolling waves of the ocean, Mission Beach is an ideal Memorial Day destination. **Sandbar Sports Grill** is located just a step away from the water in this fun and beachy neighborhood. Play all day on the sand and then stop in for their award-winning TKO Fish Tacos! Watch the sunset from their rooftop outdoor deck with a specialty cocktail or a cold beer in hand.

Many people imagine a Memorial Day barbecue at the beach, lounging in the sun. At **Pacific Beach Shore Club**, you can have exactly that and more! Step inside this classic beach bar and drink a Red Bull Vodka Slushie while you enjoy a panoramic view of the Pacific. Devour a basket of So Cal Fries and some Popcorn Shrimp without ever losing the fresh feel of the ocean breeze.

Pacific Beach's **Backyard Kitchen & Tap** combines sand and swank for a delightful Memorial Day bash. Come for brunch, starting at 9a.m. Saturday and Sunday, and spend the rest of the day soaking in the sun at the ocean. Return a little later for a fun night of dancing, craft cocktails and a community party vibe that embodies the feeling of Pacific Beach.

After a day at the beach head to Mission Boulevard, located just a block from the water, and devour some of **Duck Dive's** fresh, farm-to-table dinner dishes. Have a Memorial Day Duck Dive Burger, or split some snacks, like the Duck Fat Fries and Dragon Wings, before you head back out to the shore.

Pillbox Tavern, named for the famous Solana Beach break it sits above, is the perfect Memorial Day restaurant for those enjoying the holiday weekend in North County. Try their coastal American cuisine that includes a wide selection wings, burgers and sandwiches with homemade sauces. Bring the whole family! Pillbox has a smaller Kids Menu for little ones, giving you all the options necessary for a Memorial Day family beach getaway.

Stay in Pacific Beach for some of the "best at the beach" German coastal cuisine at **Tavern!** This seaside restaurant will maintain the Memorial Day beach party spirit while providing a full lunch, dinner or weekend brunch menu perfect for refueling and indulging. Pretzel buns and Texas toasts combine to make a memorable meal inspired by comfort food favorites.

Order a local craft beer or summer cocktail, soak up the sun and give a toast to those who serve at one of these awesome Memorial Day hangouts!