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## The art of the staycation

When you live in one of the most beautiful coastal cities in the world, sometimes the perfect getaway is just a few miles from home. The Westin Carlsbad Resort & Spa offers a refreshing new perspective on the art of the staycation — blending effortless luxury, ocean breezes, and North County's laid-back sophistication into one unforgettable escape.

Tucked just above the Pacific, The Westin Carlsbad feels worlds away, yet it's ideally positioned to take full advantage of Carlsbad's best — from beaches to boutiques, golf courses to gourmet dining. Guest rooms are spacious and thoughtfully designed, offering private balconies, plush Heavenly® Beds, and, for pet owners, welcoming touches for four-legged companions.

Dining is a highlight here. 20 Twenty, the resort's signature restaurant, crafts modern coastal cuisine inspired by the region's fresh bounty. Locals will appreciate the carefully curated wine list, seasonally driven menus, and sweeping sunset views that elevate any meal into a celebration.

For those craving relaxation, the Ocean Pearl Spa awaits with treatments that capture the healing spirit of the sea. Whether it's a marine botanical massage or a quiet soak in the outdoor jacuzzi, this serene sanctuary invites guests to truly slow down and recharge.

Families, too, will find plenty to love. A private entrance to **LEGOLAND® California** and a complimentary local shuttle make exploring effortless, while the resort's proximity to the Flower Fields, Carlsbad Premium Outlets, and pristine beaches ensures that every day feels like an adventure.

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The Westin Carlsbad offers locals a perfect staycation with a pool overlooking The Flower Fields.

tine at the state-of-the-art WestinWORKOUT® studio, or opt for a round at The Crossings at Carlsbad, just steps away — where panoramic fairways roll out toward the coast.

In a city where life already feels like a va-

cation, The Westin Carlsbad takes it one step further. Whether you're celebrating a special occasion, treating yourself to a weekend of wellness, or simply seeking a fresh view of home, this seaside haven offers everything

you love about Carlsbad — with a little extra magic.

This season, stay close — and escape completely — at The Westin Carlsbad Resort & Spa.



Rory McIlroy made history with TaylorMade TP5 golf ball for the win.



### **Rory McIlroy captures career** grand slam with TP5

Rory McIlroy made history in Augusta becoming just the sixth golfer to complete the career Grand Slam. With his TaylorMade TP5 golf ball in the bag, he also became just the 21st player to win five majors amongst his 29 career PGA TOUR wins.

Prior to his season debut at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, Rory switched to the TP5 golf ball for lower launch with irons and wedges and more spin around the greens. The switch sparked a historic run with Rory winning at Pebble Beach, THE PLAYERS and now in Augusta.

#### A HISTORIC RUN WITH TP5 GOLF BALL

With his TP5 golf ball, Rory became the third player in history to win THE PLAY-

ERS and in Augusta in the same season to join fellow Team TaylorMade athletes Tiger Woods and Scottie Scheffler.

When talking about the benefits of TP5, Rory explained that he feels like overall he is better around the greens and playing halfand three-quarter shots.

Rory McIlroy shares, "The first time | worked on it a lot was at Pebble Beach, and we had to contend with some really windy conditions there at the weekend and played well in that. When the conditions come like that, I just feel like I'm a lot better prepared to handle them. It's flighting the sort of wedges and short irons, which have been the issue, and I feel like I've been able to rectify that."

## YOU SWITCH TO





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At P.F. Chang's, our Chefs celebrate the cultures that inspire us by using real, whole ingredients, recipes crafted with purpose.

### **Food served with honor**

In the 1960's Cecillia Chiang was flourishing in the wild success of her Chinese restaurant, The Mandarin in San Fransisco. Esteemed columnist Herb Caen of the San Fransisco Chronical described it as "The best Chinese food east of the Pacific Ocean." Later Cecillia would be honored with a James Beard Lifetime Achievement Award.

Flash forward to 1974 and Cecillia Chiang has a second location in Beverly Hill feeding celebrities like John Lenon and Yoko Ono. That year her son, Phillip stepped in to run the restaurant, and run the restaurant he did!

Philip was a believer in introducing Street Fare foods, and soon he would have a spin-off location in Los Angeles, called the Mandarette. In the 1990's, Phillip was approached by one of his regulars, Paul Fleming who knew that the food must be shared with the world, and with a simple handshake, **P.F. Chang's** was born. Made with heart, and served with honor, this is the food philosophy we live by. Our Chefs celebrate the cultures that inspire us by using real, whole ingredients, recipes crafted with purpose, traditional cooking techniques, and food served with honor. Every day. In every restaurant.

We believe in letting our food tell the stories of the culture and heritage behind every dish. Our recipes are purposely simple, featuring a few clean ingredients selected for their flavor and nutritional benefits.

We believe in the simple time-honored tradition of wok cooking – a 2,000-year-old technique that uses a 700-degree flame to preserve the nutritional value and bring out the flavor of each ingredient. Our scratch-cooking techniques allow us to honor the land, the seeds, the farmers, the cultures, and you, with every dish, drink, and dessert we create. We are looking forward to serving YOU!



Let the Village be Your Venue of Choice for all of life's celebrations.



## Eat like a local and enjoy a taste of Carlsbad

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#### **Carlsbad Food Tours**

We are a party on the move; a guided food, wine and walking tour of Carlsbad. Learn about Carlsbad's local history, culture, and architecture while eating your way through our village. Have fun being a tourist in your own town. We focus on helping visitors and Carlsbad residents alike enjoy the best "offthe-beaten-path" food experience possible.

We believe the best way to experience Carlsbad is through our food because food tells the story of a neighborhood's people, history, and culture.

#### We offer a variety of tour options:

A Taste of Carlsbad with six tastings including French crepes, California wines and hand-selected bites from local eateries and Italian cafes. Experience our newest Encinitas Vegan and Vegetarian Food Tour among the classic tours we offer.

#### Private Group Experience Tours

Our Private Group Experience Tours are customizable to your group's needs. Let the village be your venue of choice for your teambuilding or celebration event.

If you are looking for the EASY button to set up your party, we can do the planning and you enjoy. Our 5-star tour guides are fun, local, knowledgeable, and are eager to provide you with a glimpse into the local flavor, culture, art, and architecture.

Schedule your tour today at www.carlsbadfoodtours.com.

If you are interested in setting up a Private Group Experience email: Cherimarie@carlsbadfoodtours.com.



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There is so much going on across the Omni's 400 acres this summer. Mark your calendars for the highlight of the year - a vintage weekend celebration from July 11-13.

## Rediscover the legend. Celebrate the new.

For 60 years, **Omni La Costa Resort & Spa** has been a Carlsbad cornerstone, inviting residents to connect and create lifelong memories. Following a sweeping 2024 renovation, the iconic resort begins a vibrant new chapter while honoring the charm that has made it beloved for generations.

Tucked inside 400 lush acres with scenic views of vistas and lagoons, Omni La Costa offers a serene mission-style setting. Enjoy 500 reimagined guestrooms and suites,

along with a completely refreshed spa featuring innovative wellness experiences. In addition to a brand-new practice facility, the redesigned North Course was also selected to host the NCAA Championships through 2028.

Alongside a menu of treatments, experience spa amenities such as Himalayan salt rooms, LightStim LED therapy beds, and Mind-Sync<sup>™</sup> zero-gravity loungers. Looking for an exclusive experience? Sneak away to our Secret Garden Spa Parties for an evening of pure relaxation. Satisfy your cravings with Spanish-inspired shareable plates and cocktails at Bar Traza. Indulge in fresh seasonal menus at VUE blending flavors of the California coast with Baja-inspired cuisine and panoramic golf course views.

This summer, Omni La Costa comes alive with immersive experiences such as a Star-Spangled Spectacular, its annual summer concert series, and a Tiki Social pop-up bar set at Edge Pool. But be sure to mark your calendars for the highlight of the year - a vintage weekend celebration from July 11-13. With childcare and activities at Kidtopia, the resort is buzzing with sun-soaked energy for all ages. Whether you're relaxing by the pools, hitting the links, or finding your bliss at the spa, Omni La Costa remains a destination where every visit is crafted with intention and every moment feels unforgettable.



### Where it's been summer vacation since 1965.

Join us this summer as we celebrate our 60-year legacy, paying homage to our storied history through unique experiences throughout the season—culminating in a Vintage Weekend Celebration, July 11–13.





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## Try the famous giant "birdbath" margarita

Located inside The Forum Carlsbad, Diane Powers' Casa de Bandini is more than a Mexican restaurant, it's an experience. From the moment guests step through its colorful entrance, they are transported to a world of festive flair, warm hospitality and authentic Mexican flavors. A staple of North County's culinary scene, Casa de Bandini is the perfect staycation dining destination for fambily gatherings, celebrations with friends or romantic dates.

Casa de Bandini prides itself on serving up traditional Mexican dishes made with the freshest ingredients, including hot-offthe-grill handmade flour tortillas and a selection of homemade salsas and guacamole made from scratch daily. Whether it's a craving for sizzling fajitas, mouthwatering enchiladas, or celebrated seafood dishes like the San German, a pineapple half stuffed with Pacific wild shrimp, sautéed with a creamy white wine sauce over a bed of arroz, a firstplace award winner at International Ensenada Seafood Competition, Casa de Bandini is sure to satisfy it. The menu also features an abundant selection of creative, healthy Mexican salads and vegetarian choices, and 50 gluten-free items.

With more than 95 varieties, one of the restaurants' standout offerings is its impressive selection of premium and specialty tequilas that make for refreshing margaritas. From the famous giant "birdbath" margarita in classic lime to innovative flavors like "Mango Chamoy" and "Tamarindo," these handcrafted margaritas will spark up the summer season. Don't miss out on one of the best happy hours in North County! Casa de Bandini's lively Cantina features specials from Monday - Friday from 3-5 p.m., with your choice of margarita and savory companions

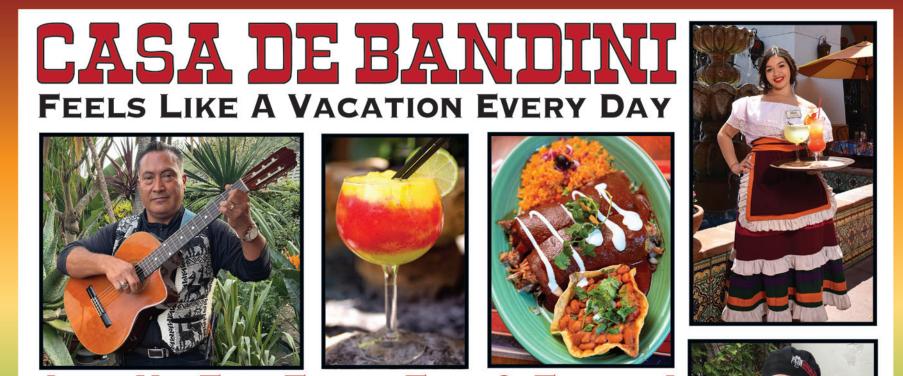


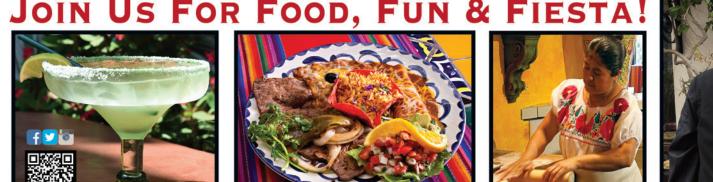
If you haven't already tried our giant birdbath margaritas, you're missing out!

like soft street tacos filled with juicy carne asada or "Muchos" Taquitos, six mini beef taquitos topped with a layer of melted jack and cheddar cheese.

Adorned with hacienda-style decor, vibrant hand-wrought iron chandeliers, antique, leaded-glass window panels, hand-painted murals, and a beautiful collection of Mexican folk art, Casa de Bandini brings the romance of old Mexico to this side of the border. The lush green, heated outdoor patio, decorated with hand-picked succulents and splashing fountains, adds to the inviting ambiance, creating an oasis where guests can relax and enjoy their meals.

Casa de Bandini has a rich history, originally opening in Old Town before making its beloved home in Carlsbad. Since then, it has become a community staple, known for its exceptional service and dedication to quality offering guests an opportunity to experience the magic of Mexico. Whether you're stopping in for a happy hour, a leisurely lunch or a festive dinner, Casa de Bandini welcomes all who enter with delicious food and vibrant culture.









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A hidden gem, dine on our outdoor patio at Señor Grubby's.

## Zero proof. Full flavor. No FOMO.

This summer, **Señor Grubby's** catering has your back (and your taste buds). We're talking award-winning tacos, piled-high nachos, breakfast burritos that speak for themselves, and all the fixings that make it a Grubby's experience.

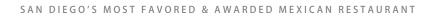
And now, we're raising a glass to the zero proof movement. Because not everyone drinks, but everyone deserves a drink that feels special. Our new lineup of Zero Proof Cocktails is built with fresh-squeezed juices, our house made simple syrups, and top-tier non-alcoholic spirits. Zen Punch – Little Saints Lion's Mane zero proof spirit, green tea, lemongrass simple, hibiscus, lychee, lime

Coco Crushin' – Ritual zero proof tequila, pineapple, mint, coconut water, lime, organic agave

Rossa Spritz – Lemon, orgeat, cranberry bitters, soda water

Señor Grubby's is proud to be a Carlsbad favorite and multi-time winner for Best Tacos, Best Mexican Restaurant, and Best Late Night Eats.

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Dancin Soul Boutique has MOVED! Visit us at 620 Grand Ave, Ste A, in Carlsbad Village. We have a beautiful new location with a parking lot on Madison.

## **New location alert**

**Dancin Soul Boutique** has MOVED! Dance around the corner to our new address at 620 Grand Ave Ste A Carlsbad CA 92008 We have a beautiful new location with a parking lot on Madison! Dance on in and be inspired! At Dancin Soul we love our customers and our community. We are so happy to remain in the Village. Spring is here and so is Recital Season. Dancin Soul is here for you with all your Recital needs, be sure to shop local first. We value and support your personal dance journey through our personal customer service and our dance community support. Our support includes advertising in your dance studio and teams' programs and fundraiser donations. We stock all your recital needs and shoes. We include fitting your shoes correctly the first time without an extra fee. Save time and restocking fees by shopping at Dancin Soul the first time, every time! Mention this article and save 10% on your entire purchase.

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### Celebrate the summer season at Le Papagayo

As the summer season approaches, it's time to gather friends, family, and colleagues to celebrate! **Le Papagayo**, nestled in the heart of Carlsbad, California, is your ideal destination for unforgettable summer celebrations. With our vibrant atmosphere, delicious food, and exceptional service, we're here to make your celebrations truly special.

At Le Papagayo, we take pride in offering a unique experience. Our spacious outdoor dining area provides a festive backdrop for your gatherings, allowing you to soak in the beautiful California weather while enjoying our expertly crafted cocktails from the full bar. Whether you're looking for a casual get-together or a formal affair, our dedicated team is ready to assist you every step of the way.

Our private dining area can accommodate parties ranging from 20 to 200 guests, making it the perfect spot for everything from intimate family celebrations to larger corporate events. Our customizable menu features a range of delectable options, ensuring that every guest leaves satisfied.

From hearty appetizers to exquisite entrees, there's something for everyone at Le Papagayo. To enhance your experience, we feature live music every night, creating a lively and inviting atmosphere that sets the tone for your summer festivities. Picture your gathering filled with laughter, joy, and the sounds of talented musicians, making your event memorable for all who attend. Booking your summer festivities at Le Papagayo not only guarantees a delightful dining experience but also allows you to relax and enjoy the celebration without the hassle of planning.

Our team is committed to making your event seamless, ensuring that you can focus on what matters most—spending time with your loved ones. Don't miss out on the opportunity to host your celebration at Le Papagayo! Call us today to reserve your date and start planning an unforgettable event that your guests will talk about for summers to come. We look forward to celebrating with you!



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## Skylar's is more than furniture

Nestled in the heart of Carlsbad, **Skylar's Home and Patio** is a family-owned business with 15 years of providing high-quality, American-made custom sofas, sectionals, and patio furniture. As the preferred Polywood dealer in San Diego, we cater to both residential and commercial clients, bringing style and durability to a range of settings.

Our commitment to craftsmanship and customer satisfaction allows us to create personalized solutions that enhance your living and outdoor spaces. We take pride in our involvement with notable local projects, including The Carlsbad Inn, **Marbrisa**, and Snap Dragon Stadium, where we transformed spaces with our exquisite furniture.

As the days get longer and the weather warms up, there's no better time to transform your outdoor space—and this furniture is perfect for maximizing comfort and style all summer long! Outdoor living spaces are extensions of our homes, offering the perfect setting for relaxation, entertainment, and making memories. With the right outdoor patio furniture, you can seamlessly blend comfort and style to create a space that reflects your personal taste while serving functional needs. Whether you're lounging solo or hosting a gathering, having the right furniture can transform your outdoor area into a true haven.

Visit us at www.skylarshomeandpatio.com or call us at (760) 729-3100 to explore our curated collection of outdoor patio furniture.



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At Skylar's, we have a curated selection of home patio furniture that will enhance all your summer gatherings.



#### ABOUT US

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Thank you for supporting our family business as we continue to serve the community with passion and dedication!

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## The Red Chickz – Nashville heat with a California twist at The Shoppes at Carlsbad

Get ready to experience the crunchiest hot chicken in the game—right here in North County.

Located at The **Shoppes at Carlsbad**, **The Red Chickz** is serving up viral-worthy flavor, legendary heat levels, and weekly deals that keep the cravings coming.

Known for its signature crispy, golden-brown tenders and bold spice blends, The Red Chickz brings Nashville hot chicken into the spotlight with custom heat levels ranging from mild to "Insane. "Whether you're here for the fiery thrill or the flavorful crisp, there's something for every spice lover (and spice rookie) on the menu.

#### WEEKLY SPECIALS THAT HIT DIFFERENT

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• \$2 Tenders Every Thursday: All day, every Thursday, get individual tenders for just \$2. It's the perfect excuse to load up and dip

into your favorite sauces. • \$9.99 Lunch Specials: Monday through

Friday from 11AM to 3PM, enjoy an afford-

able and satisfying combo—choose from a chicken sandwich, 2-tender combo, or chicken salad.

• \$3 Beers All Day, Every Day: With any combo purchase, add a frosty beer for just \$3.

The ultimate way to chill down after turning up the heat.

• Not Just Chicken—An Entire Flavor Experience

The Red Chickz menu is stacked with next-level eats like the French Toast Chicken

Sandwich, jumbo shrimp, cauliflower bites, and the wildly indulgent Honey Butter Chicken Sandwich. Don't sleep on the sides either: thick-cut loaded wedge fries, crispy cheese curds,and tangy slaw offer that perfect crunch-to-creamy balance.

Whether you're a local or just passing through, The Red Chickz is the flavor-packed pit stop you didn't know you needed. Come for the crunch, stay for the heat.



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Check out our selection of small brands, delicious grab-and-go picnic snacks, fresh breads, and produce.

### **Carlsbad Village's new grocer**

At **Always Hungry Grocery & Goods**, we party by a grand set of rules: Items must be local, support an underrepresented group, be absolutely the best in their category, or be just plain joy-filled. We have a soft spot for farmers, impromptu dinner parties, tinned fish as meals, hot buttered bread, and supporting our community. We are lucky to call Carlsbad Village our home. Stop in to find something special or just say hey!

We carry a wide array of hard-to-find ingredients and are always on the hunt for new ones. We rotate through different local bakers and organic small farms each week to gather the best produce and breads around. We work with area chefs to create some majorly delicious (and some vegan/ gluten-free) grab-and-go meals. We have locally grown flowers, the largest selection of tinned fish in North County, and a really, really great wall of chocolate. We offer natural wines, a million non-alcoholic options and more.

We strive to be a community hub for family and friends, and host many community events. Come learn how to shuck oysters or decorate a cake!

We love farmers, we love dreamers, we love shopping small and supporting underrepresented brands. We love you CARLSBAD for choosing to do the same. You are amazing.



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Visit our 39+ Shops, Boutiques, Restaurants, Real Estate & Professional Services, & Art Galleries





Plan on spending a day with us at The Village Faire Shopping Center, in the heart of the Village!

### The best place to shop and dine

**The Village Faire Shopping Center** is located in the heart of historic Carlsbad Village in Carlsbad, California.

With its quaint style and flare, this unique boutique retail property is the home to 39 restaurants, shops and services surrounding a family friendly fountain courtyard. Village Faire is also home to the historic Twin Inn, built in 1887, on the corner of Carlsbad Village Drive and Carlsbad Blvd.

Located just a block from the beach and train station, Village Faire Shopping Center offers something for the entire family. From boutique retail shopping, to unique dining options and financial/professional services. Come by to relax in the courtyard, taking in the southern California sunshine. Village Faire is home to 13 unique retail shops such as Linda's Gift. Grab a bite at one of our restaurants, including Yelp's Top 20 in the U.S.A. Gonzo! Ramen or local favorite **Gregorio's Italian Restaurant**, and stroll through our courtyard finishing off the day/ evening with a gelato from **GelatoLove**.

Plan on spending a day with us and Thank you for supporting local businesses by shopping small. Have a safe and Happy Summer Season!

Visit www.shopvillagefaire.com for more information.



#### ONE STOP SHOP FOR THE SUMMER:

The Village Faire Shopping Center is located in the heart of historic Carlsbad Village in Carlsbad, California.

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- **Carlsbad Hiking Trails:** Explore 40+ hiking trails like Lake Calavera Preserve and Carlsbad Highlands Eco Reserve, offering trails suitable for all skill levels. carlsbadca.gov/gohike
- **B** Carlsbad Strawberry Company: Enjoy the quintessential summer activity of strawberry picking at this family-run farm.
- C Beach Genie: Show up to the beach like VIP with chairs and essentials already ready for you.
- **D** Carlsbad Golf Carts: Explore Carlsbad the fun way by renting a stylish golf cart and cruising around town with
- **Pala Casino Spa Resort:** Experience top-tier entertainment with concerts like tributes to Selena and The Rolling Stones in May, and Bruno Mars Tribute in June.
- **Mainstream Bar & Grill West:** Get ready for a summer of unforgettable fun at Mainstream Bar & Grill West, where dueling pianos, live music, and a vibrant atmosphere await!
- **New Village Arts:** Catch a live performance at this award-winning theater, where creativity and community take the spotlight.

**Kids & Coffee:** A reservation-only indoor playground and café where kids can play while parents relax.

**The Lullabar:** A unique wellness café in Carlsbad offering a premium coffee shop, vegan nail salon, and a supervised play space for children. Parents can enjoy self-care services or work remotely while their little ones engage in enriching activities nearby.

**Escapology Carlsbad:** Engage in immersive escape room experiences suitable for families and groups.

**Sea Life Aquarium:** Get up close with sharks, seahorses, and colorful creatures at this family-friendly underwater experience.







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Whether you're visiting and picked up this magazine or you're a local looking to reinvigorate your staycation this summer, Carlsbad is calling. With its coastal charm, endless sunshine, and a little something for everyone, from luxurious spas and live music to strawberry picking and escape rooms, this seaside city is your summer playground. Dive into our curated list of must-do experiences and hidden gems to make the most of the season right here in Carlsbad.



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- Village Faire Shopping Center: Located in the heart of Carlsbad Village, this center boasts over 38 businesses, including restaurants, boutiques, and art galleries.
- M Museum of Making Music: Discover the rich history of the music products industry through unique exhibitions and live performances.
- N Carlsbad Premium Outlets: Spend the day shopping designer brands at unbeatable prices, all just minutes from the coast.

- Carlsbad Food Tours: Embark on a guided culinary journey through Carlsbad Village, sampling local cuisine and learning about the area's history.
- Casa de Bandini: Enjoy the best in Mexican culture delicious cuisine, fabulous mariachis & giant "birdbath" margaritas!
- Chocolate Bar: Indulge in the perfect blend of coffee, U Park Hyatt Aviara: Miraval Life in Balance Spa Aviara: wine, beer, chocolate, tapas, and live music! Opening soon this summer.
- Burgeon Beer: Aloha Friday Summer Kick-Off Party, May R 23rd, 2025. Beer releases, limited-edition merchandise, polynesian-inspired food, and more!
- Casago Vacation Rentals: Do you have family coming this summer? Book a home-away-from-home with a variety of vacation rentals in Carlsbad and surrounding areas.
- Omni La Costa Resort & Spa: Indulge in luxurious spa treatments, including massages and facials, at this renowned resort.
- Experience globally inspired wellness services designed to rejuvenate your spirit.





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Learn about the music of jazz and the history of the legends who shaped it at St. Michael's by-the-Sea Jazz Evensona.

### Jam out to a Jazz Evensong

Duke Ellington referred to jazz as "the only unhampered, unhindered expression of complete freedom yet produced in this country." Ken Burns calls jazz an "utterly American art form" and a "profound intersection of freedom and creativity."

St. Michael's by-the-Sea Jazz Evensong was born out of a desire to bring this freedom, creativity, and joy to the local community. The gatherings are a unique blend of exceptional jazz rooted in the context of Anglican meditation and prayer, and are held every Sunday afternoon, free of charge. And it's all back in full swing for the 2025 Summer Sessions where the band plays outdoors on the lawn, right in the heart of Carlsbad Village.

The reach is expanding even farther this year with the launch of the Jazz Legends

podcast. In these conversations with the Evensong band, you can learn about the music of jazz and the history of the legends who shaped it. Each week a different musician or composer from the setlist is showcased. It's like hanging out with the guys each week before the show. Best of all, hear great stories you won't hear anywhere else from our local legends who have rubbed shoulders with some of the greats and have been in the scene for years. The band features Gunnar Biggs, Keith Bishop, Joey Carano, Leonard Thompson, and Bob Weller.

It's a great listen whether you're a newcomer or a passionate fan. The podcast is now available on all your favorite podcast apps like Apple Podcasts and Spotify, just search for St. Michael's by-the-Sea.





Meet the heart behind La Place Deli, Rosie Homen and her son Trace Homen, partnering together in this new adventure.

#### **Meet Rosie Homen: Chef, mother,** and owner of La Place Deli

Rosie Homen is a proud mother of two To Rosie, food is much more than susteadult sons-Rogan, a successful manag- nance-it's love, it's family, it's unity. er at a high-end jewelry store, and Trace, Now, as the proud owner of La Place Deli a high-functioning adult with Down syndrome who brings joy and purpose to everything they do together. As a single mother, Rosie navigated life's challenges with strength and determination, raising her boys while building a career in the corporate world, primarily in accounting and payroll. For years, Rosie worked diligently behind a desk, yet always felt a pull toward something more creative—something that resonated with her heart. That inner voice eventually became too strong to ignore. One day, during a typical workday, she took a leap of faith: she called a local culinary school, scheduled a visit, and within three weeks, began her journey to becoming a chef. Rooted in her upbringing in a traditional Mexican household, Rosie's love for food is deeply personal. She fondly recalls the comforting aromas of cilantro, spices, and pinto beans that filled her childhood home.



#### resh ingredients. our soups are home made and change weekly

all of our sweet treats are made in-house with less sugar, and options are available gluten-free or sugar



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in Carlsbad, Rosie is bringing that love and passion to the community. Alongside her son Trace, she serves up fresh, flavorful food made with intention and care. Every item on the menu reflects her commitment to quality—house-made baked goods, soups, salsas, dressings, and sauces-all created without unnecessary preservatives or excess sugar.

In addition to serving daily customers, La Place Deli also offers catering services for everything from small office meetings to large corporate parties, bringing the same attention to detail and quality to every event.

Rosie's mission is simple: to offer healthier, high-quality food that brings people together. She is excited to become part of the Carlsbad community and invites you to stop by, say hello, and enjoy a meal made with heart. Trace and Rosie look forward to welcoming you soon.





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Bryce, Gary & Sally Myers, Sizzler Restaurant Oceanside owners at the Murrieta Field of Honor where they provide 250 meals for a special veterans' recognition luncheon each year.



Sizzler, the beloved chain of family steakhouses that began in 1958, has been a long-standing part of the local community. Owned and operated by BMW Management, a family-owned Sizzler franchisee headquartered in Temecula, the Oceanside Sizzler proudly serves flavorful Certified Angus Beef Brand steaks, along with guality seafood, fresh salad bar and hospitality every day.

Founders Gary & Sally Myers, together with their son Bryce, are known for their unwavering commitment to food, guest service, and fellowship. What has made the Myers successful over the past 40 years through cyclical economic times and the recent pandemic is their dedication to people and relationships first, as well as serving quality foods at value prices with a friendly and hospitable team. From their Sizzler sig-

nature hot Cheese Toast, grilled-to-order, hand-cut fresh daily Certified Angus Beef brand steaks known for being juicy, tender and flavorful, Chicken entrees, slow-cooked St. Louis-style BBQ Ribs, the popular Steak & Lobster platter, Shrimp varieties, Cedar Plank Salmon, Asian Sea Bass and plentiful fresh salads, fruits, pasta, tacos, appetizers, soups and desserts on the Unlimited Salad Bar continue to bring customers back again and again.

Sally Myers is also the founder of the Student of the Month Program in the Temecula Valley, which the local Rising Star programs are modeled after.

The Myers service vision is simple: "To care for and serve our quests beyond their expectations", and they are committed to making a difference every day in the lives of their staff and community.

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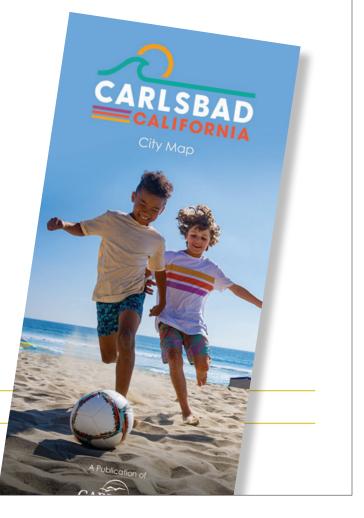




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## Setting the bar for North County seafood

**Bluewater Grill** Carlsbad continues to wow seafood fans, local foodies and visitors alike in Carlsbad Village. The destination restaurant opened in late 2017 to offer North County residents California's freshest, just-off-the-boat, sustainable seafood in an atmosphere of causal coastal style. Since its debut in the heart of the Village, Bluewater has established itself as the go-to source for sustainable seafood and shellfish, sushi and sashimi, weekday happy hours, monthly tastings and wine pairings, and a distinctly neighborhood vibe.

Chef Albert Serrano is applying his years of regional culinary knowledge and seafood experience to create continually updated lunch and dinner menus featuring up to 40 varieties of fresh fish annually. From Pacific Swordfish harpooned in local waters to San Francisco Cioppino with Black Mussels and housemade clam chowder, he is adding his own local gourmet preparations regularly to offer diners a new experience every time.

Meanwhile, General Manager Arturo Lima, a well-known local , welcomes customers to a stunningly redesigned space. Owners Jimmy Ulcickas and Richard Staunton worked closely with the City of Carlsbad to create the perfect contemporary fish house destination with reimagined dining room, a new bar and lounge area and fresh market and retail counter offering locally caught seafood and local wines.

Perfect for North County summers, the new space also boasts two new outdoor dining patios for alfresco dining.

Like all Bluewater neighborhood locations. Bluewater Grill Carlsbad is committed to not only serving the freshest seafood but also pioneering sustainable fishing and farming practices.



Since its debut Bluewater Grill has been providing an atmosphere of casual coastal style.

To date, more than 90 percent of the choices on Bluewater's menus are sustainably caught or farmed – among the highest of any restaurant in California. Bluewater founders also operate the fishing vessel, Pilikia, to provide customers with the freshest, sustainably-caught seafood.

Bluewater Grill is open for lunch and

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Kicking off the season in style, Morris Day & The Time join forces with the legendary Sheila E. for a funk-filled evening on May 16. Known for their electrifying performances and rich musical legacy dating back to the Prince era, this duo will bring high-energy grooves and nostalgic rhythms to the Starlight Theater at 8PM. Fans can expect an unforgettable night of classic jams, smooth choreography, and that irresistible Minneapolis sound.

Then, on May 30, the iconic rock group Jefferson Starship takes the stage. With roots tracing back to the revolutionary rock band Jefferson Airplane, Jefferson Starship carries a legacy of anthems that defined a generation. From soaring ballads to cosmic rock epics, their performance will be a must-see for anyone who craves timeless music and legendary artistry.

For fans of regional Mexican music, Intocable brings their Antología Tour to Pala on June 22 at 6PM. Known for their fusion of Tejano and Norteño sounds, Intocable has long been a staple of Latin music charts. Their emotionally charged ballads and infectious rhythms will make for a vibrant, heartfelt evening under the stars at the Starlight Theater.



Rounding out the season on July 18 is the beloved Tex-Mex rock trio Los Lonely Boys. With their signature blend of bluesy rock, country, and Latin influences, the band is set to deliver a soulful, high-energy performance at 8PM. Expect hits like "Heaven" and more from their chart-topping catalog, all infused with heart and raw talent.

Each show is hosted in the open-air Starlight Theater, offering guests an intimate setting under the Southern California sky. Combined with Pala's luxurious accommodations, award-winning spa, world-class dining, and premier casino gaming, every concert becomes a complete getaway experience.

Whether you're a classic rock enthusiast, a fan of Latin legends, or someone looking to relive the golden age of funk, Pala Casino's summer lineup has something for everyone. Tickets are available now at the Pala Casino



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