



FINDING TATER TOTS



Potatoes Barrels at Barrel Republic (courtesy photo)

Tater Tots, what's not to love? These golden gifts from the ground come in so many beloved forms from tots to baked potatoes and everything in between. March 31st marks **National Tater Day**, set aside in honor of nature's greatest and most versatile gift to the foodie world: the potato. If you're looking for the best way to celebrate tasty taters, try some of these potato-packed dishes from around [San Diego](#). They're real *spuds*!

On the search for the spud of your dreams? Look no further than [Dolce at the Highlands](#), home to an outstanding menu of farm-to-table seasonal California Italian cuisine. Found nestled at The Village at Pacific Highlands Ranch in Carmel Valley, Dolce promises an elevated yet relaxed dining experience in their elegant dining room and charming patio overlooking The Village. Find your fill of taters in the form of potato dumplings with Dolce's signature **Gnocchi**, a goat cheese gnocchi made with arrabiatta, porcini mushrooms, arugula pesto, and shaved parmigiano reggiano cheese.

For a tasty take on the tater, try the unbeatable apps at [Barrel Republic](#)! Located in Oceanside and Carlsbad, Barrel Republic is the mecca for craft beer lovers looking for the freedom to pour their favorite local craft brews straight from the tap with the swipe of a wristband. Boasting a stellar menu of flavorful Southern California-inspired food from smoked salmon to crispy avocado grilled cheese, this North County hot spot is sure to satisfy the most unique cravings. Sate your appetite for taters with the **Potato Barrels**, a basket of parmesan-crusting potatoes served with a truffled chimichurri for dipping!

Taters make for the breakfast of champions at [Breakfast Republic](#), raising feathers in San Diego as a top spot to enjoy the most important meal of the day. Serving up creative twists on American classics, Breakfast Republic in Pacific Beach is an innovative breakfast destination that locals and visitors inevitably flock to in the pursuit of a zany and unpretentious place to begin the day. Get your tater eating on early with the **Mashed Potato Omelet**, fluffy eggs loaded with warm mashed potatoes, bacon, and cheddar cheese and topped with a dollop of sour cream.

Perfecting the potato is an art, and [Woodstock's Pizza](#) is home to the masterpiece of appetizers! Located near SDSU, Woodstock's Pizza is a staple spot for hungry college students and locals alike looking to satisfy their munchie cravings with everything from fresh, hand-tossed pizza with a unique folded over crust to a can't-miss basket of tots. Take your taste buds to potato paradise with the **Loaded Tots**, a mountain of perfectly toasted tots smothered in cheese, bacon, onions, and jalapenos and served with a side of zesty red sauce or ranch for dipping. Add some slow-braised carnitas for extra flavor!

Hot potatoes are all the rage at [barleymash](#), a fun and high-energy downtown restaurant and bar that's lighting up the Gaslamp Quarter with rich American culture and progressive bar fare. This uniquely American dining experience features a modern classic aesthetic and flavors drawing heavily from beer and bourbon, two barroom staples. Go all out with the **All-In Iron Fries**, a plate piled high with French fries smothered in Applewood-smoked bacon, chili-braised short rib, ale-braised pork shoulder, and pepper jack beer-cheese sauce with a topping of fresh chilis.

Taste your taters beachside at [Miss B's Coconut Club](#), a laid-back Mission Beach bar with distinctive tropical flair. Here, you'll find classic, Caribbean-inspired American food with the spicy heat of island flavors to match the mambo rhythm of your appetite, all to be enjoyed just steps from the sand at this indoor/outdoor patio bar! Not to be missed in your quest for the perfect tater are the **Lechon Asado Fries**, seasoned fries topped with roasted pulled pork, Jamaican beer cheese, and sofrito for a fierce kick of fiery flavor.