



Al-Fresco Dining for National Eat Outside Day



Fig Tree Cafe (courtesy photo)

On the hunt for the perfect opportunity to get out and see the sun? August 31st marks **National Eat Outside Day**, and the last day of August makes for a timely celebration of fantastic summer weather! Just because the summer is coming to an end doesn't mean it's time to retreat indoors. Enjoy the last few days of warm summer nights and dine al-fresco in the great outdoors on these sunny San Diego patios!

Move your meal outside to the delightful deck at [Park 101](#), the dining and drinking concept that has sailed into the beachside community of Carlsbad. This neighborhood go-to spot for friends and family is ideal for outdoor dining, featuring an 8,000 sq. ft. multi-use plaza-style complex and scenic deck overlooking the Carlsbad Village. Share a spread of the **Meat & Cheese Board**, an immense display of salami finocchiao, chorizo Iberico, Abbey Danish blue, hatch chili cheddar and more served with crackers, house mustard sauce, cippolioni onions, house pickles, marinated olives, honeycomb, mixed berry jam, nuts, and fresh fruit!

Take your taste buds to the patio at [Pacific Beach Fish Shop](#), home to some of the freshest fish in San Diego. Dropping anchor off Garnet Avenue, Fish Shop's menu is uniquely tailored to offer a boatload of fresh-caught selections, seasonings, and no corkage fee for bringing your favorite wines. Enjoy it all on the patio decked out in nautical décor while digging into the **Ahi Poke**, fresh raw ahi marinated in soy sauce, ginger, crushed red pepper and sesame oil and served with crispy wonton chips.

Skip the picnic and dine instead in the lively Gaslamp Quarter at [Lazy Hippo](#), downtown's most adorable eatery for all of your breakfast and lunch needs. This one-stop brunch spot brings a cute and quirky atmosphere to the plate matched with creative takes on both modern and traditional dishes, healthy breakfast alternatives, and savory favorites. Take your seat on the charmingly whimsical patio for a quaint breakfast experience complete with the unforgettable **Fried Chicken Waffle**, Belgian style waffles alternating with three pieces of crispy fried chicken breast and topped with hot cinnamon apple sauce and warm syrup.

If you can't get enough of the great outdoors, then [The Village at Pacific Highlands Ranch](#) is the ideal place to dine! Nestled in the heart of the Carmel Valley community, this mixed-use living, retail, and lifestyle center brings together gourmet and casual dining options along with award-winning chefs, health and wellness studios, and more. Stroll amongst the shops on the Santa-Barbara inspired Main Street before dining under the stars on the patio at the upscale casual **Amici's Ristobar**, a true neighborhood restaurant with specialty cocktails and authentic Italian cuisine such as Veal Milanese, served with arugula, cherry tomato and balsamic vinegar.

Get a taste of the great outdoors while dining at [Fig Tree Café](#), the inviting and genuine eatery rooted at Liberty Station. Designed uniquely to fit the neighborhood niche, this establishment is committed to using homegrown rosemary, select produce and eggs from a family farm in Ramona, giving back to

their community. A sought-after destination for enjoy breakfast and lunch, the overgrown, plant-filled garden trellis shading the patio offers a picture-perfect place to delight in the **Sapphire Salad**, a heaping bowl of mixed greens, goat cheese, dried cranberries, walnuts, and grilled chicken in a lemon-poppysseed dressing.

Keep it casual with an evening at [Woodstock's Pizza](#) near SDSU, the fun and student-oriented pizzeria that has stolen *apizza* our hearts. With focus on fresh, hand-tossed dough and a unique folded-over crust with sauce inside, Woodstock's is dedicated to offering the highest quality ingredients to serve their loyal customers. Find your slice of heaven on the back patio, the ideal outdoor space for an epic cornhole tournament, an ice-cold beer, and the **Kickin' Carnitas**, a steaming pie of southern chipotle sauce, slow marinated carnitas, crispy bacon, red onions and a sprinkling of fresh cilantro.

There couldn't be a better time to take your meal outside in the sunshine and fresh air! Renew your appreciation for these warm San Diego nights by enjoying a meal al-fresco at these perfect patio spots for National Eat Outside Day.