

BELLY UP

GET YOUR DRINK ON AT THESE 14 BARS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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Southern California may be known for its blue skies and warm weather, but locals know the only thing we like more than sunglasses are glasses filled with delicious craft cocktails! Whether it's starting the day off with a boozy brunch or ending it with a nightcap, these bars throughout Los Angeles, Greater Palm Springs, Orange County and San Diego really know how to shake it up. Here are the best spots to grab a drink in SoCal.



Blinking Owl Distillery

ORANGE COUNTY

BLINKING OWL DISTILLERY

Must-Order Drink: *Dirty Bird Martini*

• Known for its focus on grain-to-glass craft, Blinking Owl Distillery has made a name for itself by using 100% organic California-grown grains to create its sensational spirits, including vodka, OC Orange vodka, aquavit, gin, bourbon, rye and more. Pull up a chair in the tasting room to enjoy a flight, an aperitif with housemade schnapps, cocktails or yummy food.

SANTA ANA
www.blinkingowldistillery.com

LEISURETOWN

Must-Order Drink: *Fortunate Islands Pale Ale*

• If you love Modern Times beer, then you'll adore their sprawling 33,000-square-foot tasting room—lovingly dubbed Leisuretown. But don't expect your typical brewery; this is a mind-bending mix of brewery, beer garden, mini-market and three-story historic home. Not only does it feature 70 taps of delicious beers and ciders, house-roasted coffee, wine and tasty bites, but

Leisuretown also has a pool for guests 21 and up.

ANAHEIM
www.moderntimesbeer.com/tasting-room/anahaim

HELMSMAN ALE HOUSE

Must-Order Drink: *Helmsman Special*

• As Newport Beach's first and only brewpub, Helmsman Ale House is the perfect place to cozy up and enjoy delicious bites, refreshing beer and a comfortable neighborhood ambiance. Whether you're sampling a flight with a giant soft pretzel or indulging in a decadent meal with cocktails, get ready to seas the day and have one hull of a good time!

NEWPORT BEACH
www.helmsmanalehouse.com



Leisuretown



MULDOON'S IRISH PUB

• Since 1974, Muldoon's Irish Pub has brought Newport Beach locals and visitors together over good food and drink. Aside from the classic pint, some favorite drinks at Muldoon's include the Doon Spritzer, the Guinness Shake and the classic Irish coffee. And if you're looking for a bite, we recommend the fish and chips, an award-winning burger or the decadent mint chip mud pie. With its pub-style dining room and charming outdoor courtyard, Muldoon's is a stellar place for brunch with friends, a date night or a few pints with pals. Oh, and did we mention that their patio is dog-friendly?

NEWPORT BEACH
www.muldoonspub.com



The Brews Hall

LOS ANGELES

THE BREWS HALL

Must-Order Drink: *Frozen Impala Margarita*

• If you're heading to The Brews Hall, there are only three things you need to prepare yourself for: good drinks, good food and good times! With an expansive menu of brews, cocktails, boozy milkshakes and tasty bites from George Lopez's Chingon Kitchen, Colin Cowherd's The Herd and more, you're in for a fun night and a full stomach.

HERMOSA BEACH, TORRANCE
www.thebrewshall.com

JUNESHINE TASTING ROOM

Must-Order Drink: *Midnight Painkiller*

• If someone ever asks you to go to a hard kombucha tasting room in Santa Monica, don't write it off as one of the most millennial-Angelino sentences you've ever heard—consider it an opportunity for a truly great time. Born in San Diego, JuneShine has quickly become a SoCal favorite for fun, adventurous flavors that will leave you feeling buzzed and your gut feeling happy.

SANTA MONICA
www.juneshine.com/pages/santa-monica-tasting-menu

ONLY THE WILD ONES

Must-Order Drink: *White Wine Old Fashioned*

• Curious about natural wine? Make a day of it at Only the Wild Ones, where they're pouring sustainable, natural and biodynamic wines by the glass along with low-ABV cocktails and mocktails. Our favorite pairing to go with your glass of natural wine? Some fresh bread that's baked in-house daily! This charming spot also offers a wine club that will curate special bottles for you to try.

VENICE BEACH
www.onlythewildones.com



Only the Wild Ones

Wormwood



SAN DIEGO

FLAMINGO DECK

Must-Order Drink: *Lil' Shin Dig*

• Bright, quirky and unforgettable, Flamingo Deck is the perfect place for you and all your birds of a feather to enjoy specialty cocktails, a warm ocean breeze and a gorgeous New American menu with an Italian influence. For a really good time, say “flock it” and order bottle service or a specialty cocktail in a shareable flamingo punch bowl—you’ll be tickled pink in no time!

PACIFIC BEACH
www.flamingodeck.com

WORMWOOD

Must-Order Drink: *Le Frappe*

• Absinthe has gotten a bad rap, but this charming restaurant with a bohemian ambiance is setting the record straight. Aside from its whimsical menu, Wormwood also serves up the best absinthe available and offers an education on the spirit while doing so. Wormwood has undoubtedly made absinthe the star of the menu—you can find it straight from the dripper, mixed in cocktails and even in a few of the dishes!

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS
www.wormwoodsd.com

SYCAMORE DEN

Must-Order Drink: *The Ticket*

• Featuring an impressive whiskey selection, plenty of beers and an intimate ambiance, Sycamore Den is a cozy neighborhood bar that prides itself on creating enticing craft cocktails in a fun, vibrant environment. Come for a drink, then stay for the live music or one of Sycamore Den’s weekly events like drag queen bingo, trivia night or burlesque night.

NORMAL HEIGHTS
www.sycamoreden.com



Flamingo Deck



UNDERSTORY AT DMHTC

• In the center of Del Mar Highlands’ Sky Deck, an all-new restaurant collective, you’ll find Understory—a captivating and mysterious bar that serves up only the finest, most adventurous cocktails and light bites.

Some of our favorite sips include the Pompadour Cotinga, the Bohemian Waxwing, Van Dam’s Vanga, the Satanic Nightjar and Prince Ruspoli’s Turaco, which is served in the cutest little elephant glass. If you’ve worked up an appetite, order a charcuterie board to graze on and keep the party going. With decor inspired by the layer of forest between the tree canopy and forest floor, an eclectic mix of live music and beautifully garnished drinks, you’re sure to be feeling nocturnal in no time.

DEL MAR
www.dmhct.com/skydeck



Dead or Alive Bar + Shop

GREATER PALM SPRINGS

DEAD OR ALIVE BAR + SHOP

Must-Order Drink: *2020 Raft Wines Cavillon*

• With a magnificent wine selection featuring reds, whites, rosés, sparkling, naturals and more, Dead or Alive Bar + Shop is every wine-lover’s dream. Enjoy light bites and try out some wines by the glass, then take some bottles home from the shop. Don’t miss the Brine Bar pop-up—it might be the best place to indulge in raw oysters in the desert!

PALM SPRINGS
www.deadoralivebarandshop.com

OUT THERE BAR

Must-Order Drink: *Cosmo*

• With its salmon-pink exterior and psychedelic decor, this bar has certainly lived up to its name. Head to Out There Bar to leave your worries at the door, play some pool, enjoy a cold pint and groove a little under the disco ball. Although it’s fairly new on the desert scene, Out There Bar’s eclectic style and friendly employees make it feel like it’s been around for years.

TWENTYNINE PALMS
[@outtherebar](https://www.instagram.com/outtherebar)

TAILOR SHOP

Must-Order Drink: *Highball*

• New to North Palm Canyon Dr., Tailor Shop brings all the craft and style bespoke to uptown Palm Springs’ mixology scene. The decor exudes midcentury elegance, allowing you to live out any “Mad Men” fantasies you may have. Get ready to get dolled up and sip on some high-quality spirits that are, as Don Draper would say, “simple but significant.”

PALM SPRINGS
www.tailorshopps.com



Tailor Shop