

SAN DIEGO

Best Mexican Food in San Diego

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If you thought this was just America's home for fish tacos, you're in for a real treat.



If we're talking culinary attractions, Mexican food is San Diego's main calling card. While inexpensive fish tacos and French fry-stuffed burritos are readily available around here, San Diego has much more to offer when it comes to traditional Mexican cuisine. Tacos using freshly pounded heirloom corn tortillas, tangy ceviches, succulent lamb barbacoa, and redolent mole and carnitas are just the beginning. Whether you're walking up to a food truck or tucking into a loaded plate, you're guaranteed a good—and seriously authentic—meal. We've scoured the streets to bring you the best Mexican Food in San Diego.



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"Make Salsa Not War," reads a neon sign inside the Encinitas outpost of City Tacos, a wildly popular fast-casual taqueria chain in **San Diego** that blends street-style taste with hipster vibes. Tacos form the core of the menu, and the interpretations here are mostly classic with some gourmet twists (think fried leeks and cilantro drizzled strawberries). We love the Borrego (pulled lamb with wild mushrooms), the Chile Relleno (with gooey Oaxacan cheese), and the Birria de Res (inspired by the traditional beef stew).