

## DINE+DRINK



Barleymash's special Comic-Con spread includes movie-inspired food such as cocktails, sliders and pizza. **BARLEYMASH**

### San Diego County eateries getting into the Comic-Con spirit with food, drink specials

**T**he old movie and video game rental store Blockbuster Video is making a comeback at Barleymash during Comic-Con. The Gaslamp Quarter restaurant and bar is transforming its menu with themed drinks and food, along with giveaways such as custom popcorn buckets, tote bags and membership cards. Some of the movie-themed drinks include the \$20 Make it a Blockbuster Night with bourbon, peach liqueur, lemonade, a liquorice straw and a custom membership card and the \$18 His Dudeness, the Duder, El Duderino, in reference to "The Big Lebowski," with vodka, salted caramel, coffee liqueur and heavy cream. **10 a.m. to 2 a.m. Thursday through July 27. 600 Fifth Ave., San Diego. 619-255-7373, barleymash.com**

**Pac-Man Cafe:** A gaming legend, Pac-Man is celebrating its 45th anniversary with a pop-up cafe during San Diego Comic-Con. The limited-time Pac-Man Cafe will offer guests themed food, desserts, beverages, exclusive merchandise and collectibles for sale. The food and drink menu includes Pac-Man quesadillas, custom kettle popcorn shaped as power pellets from the video game, ghost-themed cake pops, shaved ice and beverages served in limited-edition cups. The menu items come from a Pac-Man cookbook, according to event organizers. The first 25 guests on Saturday, Sunday, July 24-27 and Aug. 2-3 will get exclusive swag items such as limited-edition tote bags, pins and cafe-inspired merchandise. Plus, there will be free arcade game access to play classic Pac-Man and the new versions. **11 a.m. to 8 p.m. now through Aug. 3. 323 Seventh Ave., San Diego. [instagram.com/officialpacman](https://www.instagram.com/officialpacman)**

**City Tacos:** At the Ocean Beach City Tacos location, a Comic-Con trivia night is being held. It will cost \$8 to play and there will be awards for the top three with bonus prizes to those who dress up for the best costume contest. Most tacos are less than \$5 and there are 10 local and Mexican beers on tap. **6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday. 4896 Voltaire St., San Diego. 619-487-9814, [citytacossd.com/ob-playground](https://www.citytacossd.com/ob-playground)**

**Donut Bar:** Provisional Kitchen is collaborating with Donut Bar to serve Comic-Con-themed treats. Character-themed donuts and pastries can be purchased on the Provisional Kitchen patio at Pendry San Diego. The sugary sweets will be available each morning until they sell out. **7 a.m. Thursday through July 27. 550 J St., San Diego. 619-738-7000, [pendry.com/san-diego/dining/provisional](https://www.pendry.com/san-diego/dining/provisional)**

**Borrego Rooftop Kitchen:** The ninth floor of Hotel Indigo San Diego is where guests can get specialty cocktails in celebration of Comic-Con. The Borrego Rooftop Kitchen is serving four themed cocktails in honor of the comic book and new movie "The Fantastic Four." The Invisible Woman contains gin, a wine-based aperitif and a cherry liqueur. The Thing mixes mezcal, carrot juice, a corn liqueur, lemon juice and a Tajín rim. The Human Torch blends a serrano-infused tequila, serrano agave and lime juice. The Mr. Fantastic is made with gin, lemon, a rosemary juniper syrup, Blue Curaçao and an egg white. These cocktails are priced between \$14 to \$19 each. **4 to 10:30 p.m. Thursday through July 27. 509 Ninth Ave., San Diego. 619-727-4000, [borgerooftopsandiego.com](https://www.borgerooftopsandiego.com)**

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