



San Diego's Most Anticipated Restaurant Openings for 2018

GET EXCITED ABOUT: A FOOD HALL, GELATO SHOP, COCKTAIL BAR, AND MORE

It's a new year, and that means new restaurants on the horizon. For 2018, the local restaurant scene looks to be bigger than ever. Expect popular chains expanding throughout the county and fresh takes on poke and pasta and new spots popping up at shopping centers. If you're feeling like last year went too fast, check out this [refresher](#) of San Diego's most important restaurant openings in 2017.



[The Taco Stand North Park](#)

Anticipated opening: January

Look for a fourth spot in North Park from the popular taqueria with branches in Downtown, La Jolla and Encinitas. The space continues the chain's Tijuana-inspired decor and selection of tacos with housemade tortillas.

3000 Upas

Curbside Eatery & Drinkery

Anticipated opening: January

Downtown La Mesa will be getting a new neighborhood bar this winter. Along with handcrafted cocktails, look for elevated bar food set in an open floor plan.

8353 La Mesa Blvd., La Mesa

Point Loma Fish Shop

Anticipated opening: January/February

Fresh fish and other seafood, served up as plates and in tacos, are coming to Point Loma this spring. The shop is the fourth location for this local chain joining Pacific Beach, Encinitas and Hermosa Beach.

1110 Rosecrans St.

El Jardín

Anticipated opening: Winter or spring

Top Chef Mexico competitor Claudette Zepeda-Wilkins and Rise & Shine Restaurant Group are teaming up to bring a cross-cultural eating experience to Liberty Station. The cuisine focuses on Zepeda-Wilkins' experience of growing up in Tijuana, San Diego and Guadalajara.

2885 Perry Rd.

Mavericks Beach Club

Anticipated opening: March

Pacific Beach will soon be home to a new beachside destination featuring bites and cocktails served at an indoor-outdoor bar. It's a joint venture by David Cohen and Mark Cirillo from the Verant Group (barleymash, Tavern, Westroot).

860 Garnet Ave.



Breakfast Republic

Anticipated opening: March

The restaurant powerhouse continues expanding its brunch stronghold with a new spot at the The Shoppes at Carlsbad. The eighth restaurant in the chain will specialize in pancake flights, crafty French toast concoctions and other breakfast fare.

2525 El Camino Real, Carlsbad



North Park Breakfast Company

Anticipated opening: Spring

Those who like breakfast with a healthier spin should be pleased by this North Park eatery from the Rise & Shine Restaurant Group (Breakfast Republic, Fig Tree Cafe). Dishes planned include quinoa blueberry pancakes, guava-infused pancakes and stuffed sweet potato breakfast bakes.

3131 University Ave.