

just back from... san diego

SoCal's capital of sun and surf is fast becoming a haven for foodies

LA JOLLA

Located just north of San Diego, upscale La Jolla is known for fine dining, luxury shopping, and lavish lodgings.

George's at the Cove

A San Diego landmark, this oceanfront icon boasts a just-finished \$2.7 million upgrade >

and new vegan and vegetarian specialties on its seasonal menu. Dine outside at the bar and terrace overlooking stunning La Jolla Cove, and watch the crashing waves below.

EAT: The menu varies, but

the ricotta gnocchi with peas, pea tendrils, oyster mushrooms, almonds, asparagus, Parmigiano-Reggiano, and Meyer lemon peel is a real standout—perfect for a late springtime meal. Also try the addictive California

avocado slices lightly fried in a corn-nut mix and paired with a citrusy cabbage salad and spicy aioli.

DRINK: The red bell pepper-infused martini has both sweetness and bite.

■ 1250 Prospect St.; 858/454-4244 or georgesatthecove.com

Nine-Ten has a loyal following and a reputation for fresh, seasonal fare.

EAT: Dungeness crab served over warm uni pasta and homemade Concord grape sorbet.

