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OF THE YEAR



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DOWNTOWN & EAST VILLAGE

Bottega Americano

The bustling food hall leans equal parts breakfast and lunch, offering everything from a breakfast calzone to gnocchi.

⇒ Sunday 10 am–3 pm, 1195 Island Avenue, East Village

Cafe Chloe

Get a taste of Paris at this polished East Village bistro, which specializes in French fare, like croque madame and moules frites. Don't miss the delightfully oozy poached eggs, served with wild mushrooms and a sage-truffle butter sauce.

⇒ Monday–Friday 8 am–3 pm, Saturday–Sunday 8:30 am–3 pm, 721 Ninth Avenue, East Village

Cafe 222

Their all-American breakfast has gotten love from Bobby Flay and *Gourmet* magazine. Think buttermilk pancakes, eggs Benedict on house-made biscuits, and red velvet waffles.

⇒ Daily 7 am–1:45 pm, 222 Island Avenue, Downtown

The Westgate Hotel

San Diego goes Versailles chic here, with breakfast in the regal Westgate Room (dress code: smart casual), as well as a Sunday brunch buffet

with crêpes, a chocolate fountain, Champs, and more for \$50 per person.

⇒ Daily breakfast 6:30–11:30 am, Sunday brunch 10 am–2 pm, 1055 Second Avenue, Downtown

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WESTGATE'S
BRUNCH!



Cafe Topes

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HILLCREST

Show up in your pajamas and get a free breakfast shot on weekends at S&M Sausage & Meat.

LA MESA

For more pajama fun, wear your PJs to The Hills and get access to the unlimited waffle bar for \$5.

PACIFIC BEACH

With Bare Back Grill's Beat the Clock special, mimosas are 50 cents at 10 a.m. and increase by 50 cents every half hour until 1 p.m.

CARLSBAD

Finish 12 eggs with a side of potatoes in two hours, aka the Dirty Dozen Challenge at Cafe Topes, and your meal is on the house.

GOLDEN HILL & SOUTH PARK

Big Kitchen Cafe

That a pre-fame Whoopi Goldberg worked here—there's a dish named after her—isn't the only reason to visit this spot. Big Kitchen whips up pancakes, home fries, plenty of veg options, and crazy good coffee cake. Choose from the diner-style interior or the patio, with live music on Sundays.

⇒ Daily 7:30 am–2:30 pm, 3003 Grape Street, South Park

Counterpoint

If it's cool and off-the-radar you're after, check out Counterpoint's weekend brunch, which veers heavily toward comfort eats, like biscuits, praline croissants, and a chicken and waffle Benedict.

⇒ Saturday–Sunday 10 am–2 pm, 830 25th Street, Golden Hill

Piacere Mio

The Italian resto offers great values for breakfast, ranging from \$7.50 for a berry French toast to the more hefty Piacere Mio Breakfast (two eggs and two mini English muffin hamburgers topped with Swiss cheese fondue for \$13.50).

⇒ Sunday 9:30 am–2 pm, 1947 Fern Street, South Park

The Rose

Wine bottles and bistro tables fill this cozy space, which serves a short but well-edited weekend brunch menu. The Rose's semiregular Yoga Mosa event, held in an adjacent space, gets you a yoga class, mimosa, and brunch for \$35.

⇒ Saturday–Sunday 11 am–3 pm, 2219 30th Street, South Park

THE BREAKFAST CLUB ⇒ Feeling picky? Try these tailor-made a.m. suggestions.

