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THE BEST RESTAURANTS IN SAN DIEGO RIGHT NOW



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It's no secret that San Diego's dining scene has exploded over the last several years. In particular, the last two years have seen a bevy of new restaurants, ranging from the swankiest of steakhouses to the most casual of burger joints -- a dichotomy that San Diegans revel in. Sure, we love to get dressed to the nines and hit the town with the best of 'em, but at heart, we're a casual beach town that enjoys an unpretentious good time over pretty much all else. Here's where we're eating these days -- in *most* cases, shirt and shoes required.

BEST OF THE BEST



COURTESY OF CLOAK & PETAL

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LITTLE ITALY

Come for the cocktails, stay for the high-quality seafood dishes

Cloak & Petal opened in Little Italy in late 2017 with a focus on high-end Japanese small plates with a highly creative cocktail list. The decor is intended to recall a fever-dreamed Tokyo subway stop with graffiti art, two centerpiece cherry trees, tiled walls and a black, urban edge. For the ultimate decadence, try the wagyu zabuton with wasabi greens, black pepper, nikiri, and yolk, with an uni upgrade for good measure.