



# San Diego hotspots for holiday events

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The holidays are fast approaching, bringing occasions to celebrate. To throw a unique event or start a new holiday tradition, host your party at one of San Diego's sizzling hotspots.

The Tapas Bar at **Romesco Mexiterranean Bistro** offers a lively, casual space with Spanish-style ambiance perfect for large holiday celebrations. The Tapas Bar's extensive happy hour menu includes reasonably priced cold plate selections such as stuffed sweet piquillo peppers. House specialty drinks like the acclaimed Tamarindo Martini will add flare to any holiday event.

For an intimate holiday gathering, consider the approachable fine dining at **Table No. 10** in the East Village. Intimate, first-floor, open-kitchen dining is ideal for observing Chef Jason Gethin's innovative approach to intriguing cuisine. Guests can partake in seasonal, shareable food or

enjoy the craft cocktail and bar program. When choosing Table No. 10 for an exclusive holiday gathering, book at least three days in advance.

In the heart of the Gaslamp Quarter, **ginger's** amenities and lounge atmosphere offer an unparalleled holiday experience. At ginger's, event arrangements suit everything from a corporate brunch to an office holiday party. Guests can enjoy Executive Chef Kevin Templeton's custom food pairings with beer, whiskey and wine while seated or via buffet style or tray-pass service. The in-house DJ booth and sound can lend holiday cheer.

For a home-cooked meal without the work this holiday season, turn to **Ortega's, A Mexican Bistro**. Choose between Ortega's second-floor veranda and the indoor bar/cantina area. Ortega's renowned baja-style grilled lobster dinner, traditional baja cuisine, attentive service and delectable side dishes encourage friends and family to feel at home for the holidays.

The Asian fusion menu at **Wang's North Park** can please even the most selective holiday party-goer. Wang's North Park serves up an imaginative menu using only fresh, locally sourced ingredients. Pair delectable treats with micro brews and craft cocktails. The semi-private dining room accommodates 100 guests with customized menus available. Have a slightly smaller group? Wang's North Park also accommodates reservations for groups and families on the main dining floor.

For local flavor, **West Coast Tavern** in North Park provides a historic San Diego vibe while the contemporary cuisine of Executive Chef Abe Botello pleases any modern palate. Guests can indulge their culinary cravings with the pork belly sliders topped with house-made garlic aioli, five spiced jidori chicken wings drizzled in sauces or one-of-a-kind baked white cheddar mac 'n' cheese. With bottle service, patio or indoor seating, an extensive drink menu and phenomenal food, West Coast Tavern makes party planning easy.

For a truly cool holiday party, plan your event at **The Air Conditioned Lounge** in University Heights where options for food, beverages and entertainment abound. In this retro-inspired setting, jack-of-all-trades owner Gary John promises a memorable experience thanks to individualized package options and dedicated staff ready to execute your most memorable holiday party ever.

Take your seasonal event to new heights at **Level 9 Rooftop Bar** on the ninth floor of Hotel Indigo. Offering unique bird's eye views of Petco Park and the Gaslamp District, this bar offers sophistication with drinks like the San Diego Sunset featuring house-infused Clementine vodka with blood oranges, green apple and cranberries. Guests will enjoy thoughtfully created dishes such as baja fish tacos topped with mango salsa and chipotle chicken wings dripping in spicy barbecue sauce, letting them celebrate the holidays in high style at Level 9.