

Del Mar

This coastal city has a small-town feel with big-name chefs, shopping, and views



Powerhouse Park



Whole Foods at Flower Hill Promenade



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Board & Brew

Spa L'Auberge

1 NEW

Sublime Tavern
Open since July, the menu by exec chef Josh Richard—fresh from Roppongi—specializes in gourmet comfort food and offers 55 craft beers on tap, plus 27 wines by the glass. 3790 Via de la Valle

2 NEW

El Agave
This #1 king-of-the-hill spot formerly occupied by Epazote, then Flavor Del Mar, will be El Agave in September, with 1,000-plus tequilas available for tasting. 1555 Camino Del Mar

3 NEW

Secret Pantry
The Peruvian market from Café Secret specializes in gourmet fare like vegan tamales and Peruvian tamales, plus foods from all over South America. 1416 Camino Del Mar

4 NEW

Flower Hill Promenade
This strip mall is getting a major foodie upgrade with Cucina Urbana spinoff Cucina Enoteca, Matt Gordon's Sea & Smoke, the new Whole Foods in-store bar Trifecta Tavern serving 24 craft beers on tap, and cheese paradise Venissimo now offering wine. 2720 Via De La Valle

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Armstrong Garden Centers
For tonight's dinner party, pick up a \$15 color bowl that includes various flowers like the pink and white vincas, at their peak right now. 2840 Via de la Valle

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Rusty Del Mar Surf Shop
This native SD brand has its own surf classic.

Pick up a hat or tee on your way to the beach. 201 15th Street

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Powerhouse and Seagrove Parks
These adjacent greens are popular for birthday parties and also host a twilight concerts series (August 13, September 8). Pre-order a ready-made picnic dinner from Pacifica. Coast Boulevard

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Spa L'Auberge
This month's special is the 80-minute Moor Mud Wrap for aching muscles (\$165; regularly \$185); next month's is a couple's treatment that involves Chardonnay and an al fresco bubble bath (\$360 per person). 1540 Camino Del Mar

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Everyone from Wine Spectator to Trip Advisor has bestowed awards on this humble classic specializing in California cuisine. 215 15th Street

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Gerhard
In the Plaza, this is one of the only boutiques in SD that carries high-end designer names like Nina Ricci, Lanvin, L'wren Scott, and Sonia Rykiel. 1555 Camino Del Mar

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Local favorites at this beloved neighborhood sandwich place include the Turkado and Tom's Choice. 1212 Camino Del Mar

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Crêpes and Corks
The Swiss-Italian owner presents sweet, savory, and gluten-free crêpes for low-key Euro-style sidewalk dining. 1328 Camino Del Mar

This Month in Del Mar

Racing season runs Wednesdays through Sundays, with events like the chili cook-off on August 3 and Pacific Classic on August 25. Pacifica Del Mar and Prepkitchen Del Mar will throw Del Mar Plaza's first dinner under the stars, August 29.