

Get into the holiday spirits at these pop-up bars, restaurants in San Diego

From festive bites to holiday-themed runs and bar takeovers, there's something for everyone to celebrate this holiday season

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The days are getting colder, and winter coats are being pulled out of the closet. It can only mean one thing: the holiday season is upon us. While it's not likely we will have a white Christmas in San Diego, there are plenty of ways to feel festive for the holidays.

Below we have some holiday pop-up bars and restaurants offering festive bites:

Dine like Santa

Christmas Brunch at Provisional Kitchen

Dec. 25 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. | *Pendry Hotel*

Join Provisional Kitchen for a festive pre-fixe brunch menu featuring sweet and savory corners, carving and dessert stations, a chocolate fountain, choice of entrée and live music. Brunch cocktails and bottomless bubbles are also available.

Christmas Dinner at Provisional Kitchen

Dec. 25 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. | *Pendry Hotel*

Celebrate the holiday with friends and family over a special three-course menu curated by Executive Chef Brandon Sloan. Menu highlights include Scallop Crudo, Honeynut Squash Arancini, Roasted Duck Breast, Filet Mignon and a Chocolate Raspberry Tart.

Winter Lodge at the Cutwater Tasting Room

Nov. 20- Dec. 31 | *Cutwater, 9750 Distribution Ave*

The Tasting Room & Kitchen is transformed into a cozy Winter Lodge, offering a lineup of cocktails for every taste—warm, frozen, spirit-free, and everything in between



Festive sips

Lafayette Hotel

Nov. 28- Dec. 31, times vary | *The Lafayette, 2223 El Cajon Blvd*

The historic Lafayette Hotel & Club has transformed into the North Pole with handcrafted seasonal cocktails, festive bites and even photos with Santa Claus.

Winter Wonderland at Draft

Nov. 28 – Jan. 4, times vary | *Belmont Park*

Christmas-themed cocktail pop-up bar filled with over-the-top holiday décor and handcrafted seasonal cocktails that bring the holidays to life.

Brisa Holiday Pop-Up Christmas Bar

Nov. 20 - Dec. 31, times vary | *Brisa, 2101 Kettner Blvd*

Brisa has launched its festive Christmas pop-up, now open through the holiday season. The seasonal transformation features an imaginative lineup of holiday cocktails, immersive festive décor and a cozy, celebratory ambiance perfect for holiday gatherings.

Yo Ho Ho-liday Tavern

Nov. 22 - Jan. 2, times vary | *Margaritaville Hotel*

Escape the ordinary and step into a world where pirate lore meets holiday magic. Twinkling lights, treasure chests and coastal touches transform LandShark into a merry maritime oasis featuring festive holiday nautical-inspired décor, seasonal cocktails and a festive pirate pop-up. Click [here](#) to RSVP.

Deck the Halls at Nason's Beer Hall

Nov. 27 - Jan. 5, times vary | *Pendry Hotel*

Add a dose of serious spirit to your holidays with a night out at Nason with the jolliest over-the-top holiday décor, including 700 ornaments, 75 jumbo ornaments, 200 feet of tinsel and more. Visit Nason's for frosty beers, jolly cocktails, seasonal bites and festive merriment.

Lala-Land

Dec. 1 - Dec. 31, times vary | *1919 India St*

The holidays are about to get a whole lot brighter. This December, Lala is bringing back its signature holiday pop-up, Lala-Land, transforming the Little Italy hotspot into a whimsical, over-the-top Christmas wonderland. This year, the team is turning up the sparkle with different pop-ups featuring festive décor and photo opportunities that make every visit unique. Expect surprises that will keep guests coming back all month long.

Sippin' Santa at the Grass Skirt

Until Dec. 31 | *Grass Skirt, 910 Grand Ave*

A tropical, playful, and retro-kitsch Christmas pop-up offering tropical holiday sips and tasty bites.

Great Dicken's Holiday Pop-Up

Nov. 28- Dec. 30, 4 p.m. to close | *Duck Dive, 4650 Mission Blvd.*

Guests can indulge in an exceptional selection of holiday cocktails that truly embody the spirit of the season like Berry Christmas, Everyone, The Great Dickens and more.



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