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Endless Summer

San Diego's dynamic landscape invites you to go outside and play.





Mavericks Beach Club in Pacific Beach. Opposite: Surfer Steven Muschett cools off in an Ocean Beach Barrel.

The heat is on in America's Finest City this summer, when our great outdoors become downright magnificent. We rounded up 10 of our favorite ways to maximize all the county has to offer—a mix of both brand-new and tried-and-true experiences and destinations. As it turns out, San Diego makes for a delightful playground.

1 MOVIE MAGIC

Nothing beats a night at the movies ... under the stars. The **Arts District Liberty Station** returns with its free outdoor film series, taking place the second Saturday of each month through October. Movies begin just after sunset on the lawn of Liberty Station's north promenade. Screenings include *Wonder Woman* on July 14; *Loving Vincent* on Aug. 11; and *A Wrinkle in Time* on Sept. 8. Curated short films will precede each feature movie, along with surprise pop-up performances and activities throughout the evening. Bring a blanket and a low-back chair, and pack a picnic. 2848 Dewey Road, Point Loma, artsdistrictlibertystation.com

Outdoor moviegoing reaches new heights with the San Diego debut of **Rooftop Cinema Club**, which presents movie screenings several nights a week throughout the summer atop the Manchester Grand Hyatt downtown. Take in views of the city and enjoy a luxurious outdoor cinema experience—including a state-of-the-art projector and provided

headphones, deck chairs and blankets. Movies range from classics such as *Casablanca* to campy hits such as *Grease* to newer releases such as *The Greatest Showman*. Ticket prices start at \$17 for a single deck-chair; \$20 for a single deck-chair along with bottomless popcorn; and \$24 (per person) for a double loveseat for couples and bottomless popcorn. Guests can also purchase gourmet street food, wine, cocktails and craft beer at the rooftop's concession stand. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and movies begin at 7:30. See website for summer movie lineup. 1 Market Place, downtown, rooftopcinemaclub.com/san-diego

2 MOONLIT DINING

San Diego has no shortage of alfresco dining experiences, but a new downtown option has caught our eye. **Lionfish**, the luxe Pendry San Diego hotel's signature restaurant, has expanded its dinner service up to its rooftop. Take in sweeping city and sunset views, then dine under the stars and twinkling lights on the pool deck—a portion of which

has been converted to elegant outdoor dining space. Known for its modern coastal cuisine dreamt up by Executive Chef JoJo Ruiz, Lionfish serves up plates such as tajin-seared albacore, spicy grilled octopus, sushi rolls, daily fresh catches and mains such as maple-leaf duck breast. 435 Fifth Ave., Gaslamp Quarter, 619.738.7200, lionfishsd.com

3 LIFE'S A BEACH (CLUB)

Pacific Beach is your quintessential beach 'hood where summer is eternal. In the heart of the action, **Mavericks Beach Club** has opened in the former PB Bar and Grill space. And it's a stunner. Enjoy cocktails, beer, bites and sunshine at the sprawling club, which spans two levels and 15,000 square feet. The indoor/outdoor venue features five bars, communal tables, a fireplace, outdoor games and TVs to catch the game. At night, Mavericks transforms into a dance club with live entertainment. 860 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858.999.0348, maverickssd.com

4 BRING THE OUTDOORS IN

Nearby in Pacific Beach, **Waterbar** is technically an indoor restaurant. Yet, it truly brings the great outdoors inside with its unparalleled views and 6,700 square