



## Finding Coconut Inspired Dishes



Union Encinitas Thai Coconut Mussels (courtesy photo)

With temperatures getting warmer in San Diego as summer quickly approaches, it's time to start enjoying lighter meals that don't sit heavy and make us feel like we've over indulged. One ingredient we love to enjoy as temps start to rise is fruity and flavorful coconut, which can be added to just about any meal. We've rounded up some of the very best dishes with coconut around San Diego, so you can get to tasting!

Solana Beach's [Pillbox Tavern](#), is a "retro modern" beach bar that rises up to meet the community's need for coastal American cuisine and delicious drinks. Along with salads, burgers and an array of flavorful wings, Pillbox also offers tasty appetizers like the **Coconut Shrimp**. Plump shrimp are hand rolled in a coconut batter and served with a sweet chili sauce, perfect for a light, pre-dinner snack.

Located along the energetic ocean-front boardwalk in Pacific Beach, [Waterbar](#) boasts a tantalizing menu of seafood plates inspired by the East and West coast, and Baja culinary styles. If you're looking to indulge in a dish with just the slightest hint of coconut, opt for the **Rockfish** entrée with shiitake, almond, lemongrass, basil, coconut rice and bay shrimp. Request a table near the windows, so you can take in the panoramic ocean views and lively entertainment while enjoying your meal.

Mission Beach's island-inspired bar, [Miss B's Coconut Club](#), has some of the best coconut dishes in all of San Diego. From the moment you step foot in the door, you'll be transported to the Caribbean with vibrant and bright décor, fruity drinks and tropical menu items, such as the **Coconut Rum French Toast**. Kolache toast is battered in Miss B's house rum, cinnamon and sugar, sprinkled with toasted coconut and fresh berries, and smothered in mango berry syrup! They also have a filling and delicious **Acai Granola Bowl** consisting of acai, fresh honey granola, tropical fruit, berries and toasted coconut.

[Union Encinitas](#), a neighborhood-friendly spot along Highway 101, has a menu comprised of dishes made from fresh, local ingredients, as well as craft cocktails and local San Diego beers. Stop in for dinner any night of the week and get the

meal started with the **Thai Coconut Mussels**. The flavors and textures of Linguiça, kaffir lime, lemongrass, serrano chili, coconut soy broth and a side of grilled bread make this one appetizer you'll appreciate, but that won't spoil your dinner.

Start your day out in a sweet way at [Breakfast Republic](#)! Locations in North Park, Liberty Station, Encinitas, East Village, Ocean Beach, Pacific Beach and Carmel Valley all offer a **Lemon 'N' Coconut** French toast that is unlike anything you've have before. Lemon zest French bread is topped with coconut shavings to create this splendid breakfast dish! And if you're more of a pancake person, Breakfast Republic has got you covered with a mouthwatering **Lemon Coconut** pancake, covered in lemon zest glaze and roasted coconut flakes.