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# 13 San Diego Things We Can't Wait to Do When Quarantine is Over

Beers at Balboa Park, dumplings in Mira Mesa, and sunsets on the beach.

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It's time to relax, San Diego. Seriously, it feels like we've all been holding our breath for the last eight weeks, and it's time to let go. As we slowly return to the beaches and parks, continue to support our restaurants, breweries, and other small businesses and dare to look at what our city might be like post-coronavirus we're also looking back -- at how things were, and how much we took for granted.

We asked some of our favorite San Diegans what they miss most while sheltering in place, and what they can't wait to do again after we get through this. A few secrets were spilled, like where a small-batch brewer can legally crack open a beer in Balboa Park and which tacos our favorite rugby players are craving. More than one chef lusts after steak and an old school nightcap, a craft beer expert has a plan for a Convoy Street beer and dumpling crawl and San Diego's favorite diva reveals an off-menu cocktail.

Holistic spa days, romantic date nights, and coffee with friends rank high on many must do lists, but overwhelmingly, everyone just wants to get outside again. To the beach, the trails, the desert and the mountains, the neighborhoods, the parks, the galleries and gardens -- they're calling to us, and we're ready to get back out and enjoy life in America's Finest City.



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## **Enjoy sunshine at Torrey Pines and a romantic date night at Born & Raised**

"I am yearning to hike in the sunshine at Torrey Pines State Park, lay on the sand and splash in the waves at Windansea Beach, go to the San Diego Zoo and Balboa Park with my kids, and take the family to SeaWorld on a beautiful day.

I can't wait for dinner parties with friends where our kids go crazy running around the house and we actually get to talk like adults. I'm ready to have a date night out with my husband that includes movies in a movie theatre and dinner at one of our favorite upscale restaurants. I'd start with a Head Ancho (or three) and ahi tostadas at Tahona or a Seoul City Hipster at Realm of the 52 Remedies, followed by an unforgettable sushi experience at Wrench and Rodent Seabasstropub or delicious steaks at Born & Raised."

— **Rachel King, founder and culinary director of Kaneh Co., a local San Diego high-end culinary brand specializing in gourmet cannabis-infused edibles**