



DINNER AND A MOVIE



Gnocchi Checca at Fig Tree Cafe

Dinner and a movie is not only a perfect date-night idea, but also a fun evening plan for a family outing or group of friends. With a lot of fantastic films coming to theaters within the next few months, we are here to tell you about some great San Diego restaurants where you can enjoy dinner before your movie.

If you're searching for an al-fresco dining option prior to enjoying a film at the fancy theater, The LOT, you'll want to visit the [Fig Tree Cafe's](#) Liberty Station location. Grab a seat on their secluded and charming patio, and order the **Gnocchi Checca** pasta dish. Wash down the house made gnocchi, organic heirloom tomatoes, fresh mozzarella and basil with a glass of **Justin Cabernet Sauvignon**.

For San Diego residents who live near downtown, stop in to the iconic [barleymash](#) before catching a flick at Horton Plaza. Only a three-minute drive from the theater, this high energy restaurant and bar offers appetizing and innovative bar fare, along with brews, wines and a variety of cocktails. Known for their inventive mac and cheese dishes, you can't visit without trying **The Mash**. This barleymash is made with cavatappi noodles smothered in poblano beer-cheese,

pepper jack beer-cheese and a three-cheese blend, and topped with ale-raised pulled pork, bourbon-bbq sauce, fresh jalapenos and crispy tobacco onions. Pair with the light and refreshing **barleymash Blonde** Kölsch-style beer for a hearty and delicious dinner.

Another Gaslamp favorite is the [The Smoking Gun](#), serving southern influenced meals and funky, retro cocktails. *Zagat* recently featured The Smoking Gun's **Cheeseburger Sliders** in their *10 New Burgers You Need to Try in San Diego* article. The two sliders are served on homemade sweet rolls with lettuce, tomato, house pickles, red onion, smoked gouda and garlic aioli. The Smoking Gun also has a sizeable list of side dishes, including **Roasted Brussels** and **Thick Chips**, made of Kennebec potatoes, house made ketchup and garlic aioli.

Landmark Theaters, in Hillcrest, is known for showing a wide variety of films, from 3-D movies to independent and foreign films. Located just half a mile away is family owned and operated, [The Rail](#). They recently launched a brand-new brunch menu, with lots of delicious options for the perfect meal before seeing an afternoon movie with a group of friends! The **Waffle Sandwich** is one of those tasty menu items, and is made with scrambled eggs, bacon, provolone cheese and avocado aioli served on a waffle.

Another Landmark Cinema is located a short distance away, in the quaint Kensington neighborhood. For some satisfying pizza or pasta meals, visit [The Haven Pizzeria](#) on Adams Avenue. On weekdays, between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. all appetizers, pizzas and salads are \$2 off! All pizzas can be made either 9 inches or 14, depending on the size of your group. Try the **Margherita**, topped with homemade pizza sauce, fresh mozzarella, tomato and basic drizzled with olive oil. The crust can also be substituted for wheat or gluten-free options. It doesn't get much better than pizza and a movie for a fun-filled family evening.