



## Best Holiday Party Spots

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Hidden Fish (courtesy photo)

'Tis the season for celebrating, and here is our list of some of the best holiday party spots. From small gift exchanges to decked out corporate parties, San Diego has some unique, one-of-a-kind destinations to host your holiday festivities this year.

[Mavericks Beach Club](#) is Pacific Beach's top party destination for locals and visitors, and should be for your holiday party as well! You can rent out partial areas of the bar or grab your holiday party to huddle around the firepit. Located just steps from the beach, Mavericks has five indoor/outdoor bars, 38 TV's and Baja-inspired bites and sips to keep your guests fully entertained all night long. The multi-level beach hot spot, with coastal-California décor, is also equipped with VIP booths, cozy couches near the outdoor fireplace and deck games such as cornhole and giant Jenga. Private events and celebrations of any size are welcome at Mavericks, all you need to do is fill out an event inquiry form which is available on the website.

With two locations in San Diego, [Woodstock's Pizza](#) is an ideal place to host your friends or family for a holiday gathering. Get the gang together in either Pacific Beach or along El Cajon, near the SDSU campus, for fresh pizzas made with hand-tossed dough and only the highest quality ingredients. Everyone is sure to love the newest edition to Woodstock's menu, the **All 'Choked Up** made with creamy garlic sauce, spinach, mozzarella, roasted garlic, artichoke hearts, shaved parmesan and extra bacon. Treat those nearest and dearest to your heart with Woodstock's **Cinnabread** dessert, a warm pie smothered with brown sugar, cinnamon and icing. You can now even add Nutella drizzle – yum!

Don't get your tinsel in a tangle, let [barleymash](#) plan your ultimate holiday event this season! The Gaslamp District restaurant is a fun, high-energy place to hang out that features progressive bar fare and creative craft cocktails. Executive Chef Kevin Templeton designed the menu, which lists everything from **Oven Roasted Beer-Brined Chicken Wings** with five different sauces, to burgers served on homemade barley-beer buns. And if you're searching for somewhere slightly more intimate, check out [ginger's](#), just below barleymash. This trendy and sophisticated underground lounge has a vast selection of gin and vodka cocktails and offers the same amazing food menu as barleymash.

For a truly one-of-a-kind party this holiday season, check out [Hidden Fish](#). Located on Convoy Street, Hidden Fish is San Diego's first omakase-only sushi destination, where top-level seafood can be enjoyed in an intimate setting. Your guests can sip sake, beer or wine while chefs prepare gourmet sushi bites right in front of their eyes. **Uni** covered in black truffle and sturgeon caviar is just one example of what will be served. Holiday parties require a minimum of 10 and can be booked through Resy, on Hidden Fish's website. This is one festive gathering your guests are sure to talk about for years to come!

[Juan Tequila](#) is the Gaslamp District's innovative Baja California-style cocktail and seafood bar, perfect for hosting a holiday gift exchange while snacking and sipping tiki-inspired cocktails. Grab a seat at the bar and marvel at the built-in twinkling lights or opt for a more intimate booth, where you can easily share the **Artisan Cheese Board**. Composed of the chef's selection of cheeses, seasonal fruits, charred bread and honey comb, this appetizer pairs well with the **Ode to Magana**, a blend of Jamaican and Mexican rums, orgeat, passionfruit and tropical spices.

Searching for a place to host your ugly sweater or themed holiday get-together? Look no further than [The Smoking Gun](#), an easy-going, retro-inspired Gaslamp District bar with Southern bites, inventive cocktails and a handful of fun bar games. Your guests can challenge each other to pool, ping pong, foosball or shuffleboard while nibbling on The Smoking Gun's oh-so-tasty **Lemon-Peppered Chicken Drumettes**, served with homemade ranch and Cali wing sauce. The Smoking Gun has an extensive menu of adult beverages, which includes wine, beer, single-pour whiskey, cocktails and boilermakers, if you really want to kick the party up a notch! Private event bookings can be made via the bar's website.

Get ready to party like a rockstar when you book your holiday festivities at [Music Box](#), a premier concert venue and event space in Little Italy. Give your guests a sneak peek into what happens behind closed doors and backstage at Music Box's VIP room, where local and national music legends take a load off before and after their live performances. From banquets to passed hors d'oeuvres, cosmopolitans to local craft beer, Music Box's full-service catering team specializes in inventive, customized menus for anywhere from 25 – 700 attendees. Staff can also help in recommending and booking local bands or DJs to make your party the best this season.

Book a tropical holiday getaway with your closest friends to [Miss B's Coconut Club](#), an island-inspired bar and eatery located just steps from the sand in Mission Beach. Cozy up next to the fire pit to host a hilarious white elephant gift exchange while noshing on bites from the brand-new menu. **Crispy Calamari**, **Soft Shell Crab Sliders** and **Cauliflower Fritters** are must-try, sharable appetizers that pair perfectly with any of Miss B's Caribbean-style cocktails, such as the **Caribe Welcome**. Enjoy sipping the blend of Puerto Rican Rum, apricot brandy, Coco Lopez, coconut water and fresh lime juice served in a hollowed-out coconut, while making holiday memories at Miss B's!