

MORENA BOULEVARD SHOPPING & DINING

A really delightful must-see store is **City Lights Year 'Round Christmas & Collectibles Emporium (10)** at 1212 Knoxville St. (619-275-1006). Imagine 40,000 square feet of everything you could ever want for Christmas and more. The moment you walk in the door you'll be mesmerized with glittering ornaments, holiday decor and jolly Santas. **Mention their ad in this book for a free San Diego ornament.** See Shopping.

For the best Cuban cuisine this side of Miami, dine at **Andre's (24)** at 1235 Morena Blvd. (619-275-4114). See Restaurants.

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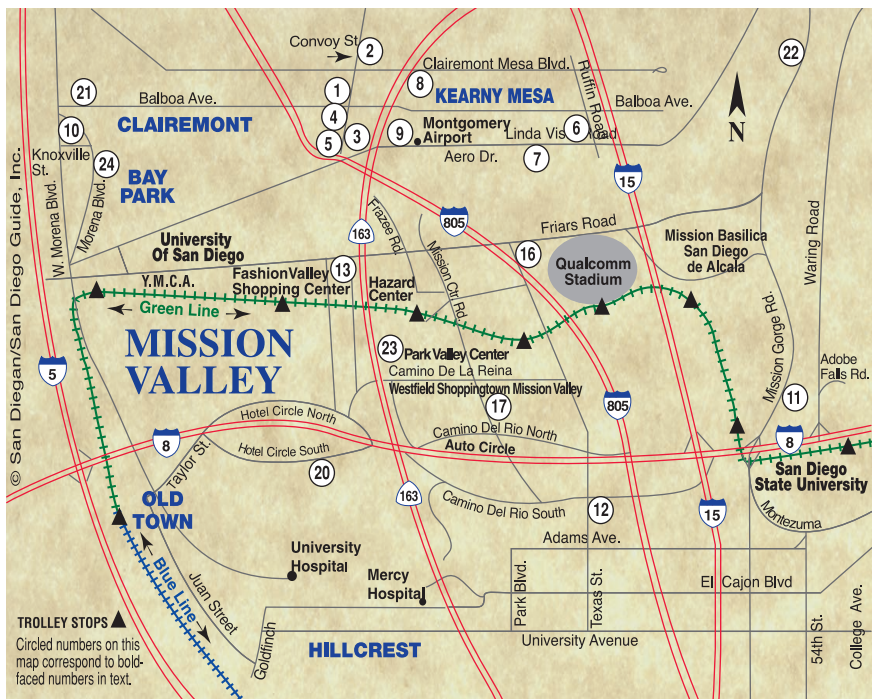
A fabulous dining destination near Mission Valley is Kearny Mesa, which is San Diego's answer to Chinatown in other cities. See Kearny Mesa on the Mission Valley map. Many of San Diego's favorite American restaurants are here, too.

A great restaurant on the dining scene is **China Max (1)** at 4698 Convoy St. (858-650-3333) in Kearny Mesa, serving outstanding Cantonese seafood cuisine. You'll be impressed with their healthful cooking style and delicious entrées. Don't miss their daily lunch specials, excluding holidays. See Restaurants.

Up the street near the corner of Convoy Street and Clairemont Mesa Blvd. is one of the classiest Italian gourmet restaurants in San Diego. It's aptly named **The Godfather Restaurant (2)** at 7878 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. (858-560-1747) It's open for lunch and dinner. See Restaurants.

Just to the east at the corner of Clairemont Mesa Blvd. and Kearny Villa Rd. is **Golden City Restaurant (8)** (858-565-6682). Many of their customers say that this is the best Chinese restaurant in San Diego. See Restaurants.

Overlooking Montgomery Field Airport is **Casa Machado Mexican Bar and Grill (9)** at 3750 John J. Montgomery Drive (858-292-4716). For great-tasting Mexican food, fabulous



Sunday Brunch and a fantastic view of planes taking off and landing, this is the place! See Restaurants.

A great place for a meal 24-hours a day is the retro-themed **Studio Diner (6)** at 4701 Ruffin Rd. (858-715-6400). Their selection includes eggs, prime rib and everything in between, including burgers, soups and sandwiches. See Restaurants.

The Original Pancake House (5) at 3906 Convoy St. (858-565-1740) serves fantastic pancakes daily, 7 a.m.–3 p.m. Also featured are wonderful crêpes, waffles and omelets made with farm fresh grade AA eggs. See Restaurants.

A block farther down Convoy Street at Aero Drive is **Emerald Chinese Seafood Restaurant (3)** at 3709 Convoy St., Suite 101 in the Pacific Gateway Plaza (858-565-6888). Diners flock here for their superb dim sum delicacies, fresh seafood and an incredible array of main course selections. See Restaurants.

Another local favorite is **Sunrise Buffet (5)** at 3860 Convoy St. (858-715-1608). They serve delicious dim sum, sushi, seafood and Hawaiian BBQ. Diners come for their great food, and come back because of their affordable prices. See Restaurants.

A few blocks north is the **Phuong Trang Vietnamese Restaurant (4)** at 4170 Convoy St. (858-565-6750). Their specialty is delicious-tasting Vietnamese cuisine with an emphasis on vegetarian entrées. See Restaurants.

For country style cookin' at its old-fashioned best, dine at **Country Waffles (21)** at 5252 Balboa Ave., Clairemont (858-279-0200). They're open daily, 6 a.m.–3 p.m., serving delicious breakfasts and lunches.

And the shopping treasure located on Aero Drive is **Canyon Pottery Co., Inc. (7)**, at 8575 Aero Dr. (858-279-2600) (see map). They have the largest and most impressive collections of outstanding architectural accent pieces in Southern California at **40 percent discount prices on most planters and accessories!** Gainey ceramics, Talavera planters, handcrafted Italian terra cotta and ceramics and Raku vases. **Present their ad in this book and receive \$10 off your purchase of \$50 or more of retail prices (excluding tax)!** See Shopping.

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