

October 2024

San Diego County

Calendar of Events



El Cajon Oktoberfest **Sept. 27-29, Oct. 4-6**

Enjoy German food and a variety of European pastries. A great selection of German beers and liquors. Traditional folk dancing, choir recitals, drama routines, stein-holding competitions, and interactive musical entertainment. Games, contests and prizes, a Kid Zone and a variety of shopping booths line the patio "tent" for additional all-ages fun.

1017 S. Mollison Avenue www.germanclubsandiego.org

Endless Summer Sidewalk Sale **Oct. 1**

Shopping, live music, and prizes.

10am-5pm / Downtown Coronado

619-437-0254 / www.coronadomainstreet.org

Del Mar Wine + Food Festival **Oct. 2-7**

Culinary experiences featuring an all-star lineup of culinary talent, curated wine experiences from top-notch producers, walkaround tasting adventures, immersive lifestyle events, and more! Benefits Feeding San Diego.

Various locations throughout San Diego. <https://delmar.wine/>

La Mesa Oktoberfest **Oct. 4-6**

Three free days of festive live music, including Oompa bands, tons of top-notch German food, and of course, steins filled to the brim with German & Craft beer!

La Mesa Village www.lamesaoktoberfest.org

San Diego Tijuana International Jazz Festival **Oct. 4-6**

Celebrate the musical richness of the San Diego/Tijuana region with internationally acclaimed performers as they light up stages on both sides of the border. Friday: California Center for the Arts, Escondido. Saturday: Tijuana Jazz and Blues Festival, Tijuana. Sunday: Quartyard, Downtown San Diego.

www.sdtjazz.org

Latinx New Play Festival **Oct. 4-6**

The festival expands the presence of Latinx stories and artists on the American stage, and spotlights the broad range of today's Latinx experience. Four scripts will be selected to be rehearsed and developed at the Playhouse, culminating in a live public reading at the festival.

6-11pm / La Jolla Playhouse

858-550-1010 / www.lajollaplayhouse.org

East Village Oktoberfest **Oct. 5**

Live musical performances, the best in local fest lagers, Munich-style food favorites, games, and contests. 21+ event.

12-6pm / Quartyard: 1301 Market Street

www.eastvillageoktoberfest.com

Mira Mesa Street Fair **Oct. 5**

Enjoy live music and other entertainment on two stages, a Fun Zone with pony rides for children as well as inflatables and other attractions for kids and teens, and a food court with an international flair.

10am-5pm / Camino Ruiz www.miramesatowncouncil.org

Taste of North Park **Oct. 5**

Embark on a self-guided tour through our eclectic neighborhood. Enjoy over 50 food tastes and 14 craft beer, craft cider, and kombucha sips from North Park's finest restaurants and breweries.

11am-3pm / 29th Street

619-294-2501 / www.northparkmainstreet.com

Carlsbad Oktoberfest **Oct. 5**

Real German meals from Tip Top Meats, kids and adult activities, pumpkin patch, costume contest, corn maze, live German music, and a Bier Garten!

12-8pm / Carlsbad Strawberry Company

www.rotaryoktoberfest.org

Stagecoach Sunday **Oct. 6**

Live music, bbq lunch, kids corral, beer/wine garden, auction & raffle, live animal exhibits, stagecoach rides, and more.

11am-3pm / Fallbrook Land Conservancy

www.fallbrooklandconservancy.org

Taste of Coronado **Oct. 9**

The event will feature tastings of food and drinks, showcasing Coronado's most prominent and beloved restaurants, bars, and shops.

5-9pm / Rotary Park & The Ferry Landing

www.atasteofcoronado.com

Ocean Beach Oktoberfest **Oct. 11-12**

The family-friendly vendors and activities are organized by the Ocean Beach Main Street Assoc. in Veteran's Plaza. In our beer garden you can enjoy a classic German brew or local beer, wine & spirits. We'll have live music by local and nationally touring artists, contests, vendors, giveaways and more.

Foot of Ocean Beach Pier

619-224-4906 / www.oceanbeachsandiego.com

Ladies at the Lake Fall Market **Oct. 12**

A variety of vendors with uniquely selected items, from Health & Beauty, Clothing, Jewelry, Holiday Gifts and more! Food trucks will be available!

10am-3pm / Santee Lakes Recreation Preserve

619-258-4759 / www.santeelakes.com



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Nature Collective's Fall Festival Oct. 13

Get creative and join the costume contest with fun themes like Most Creative and Most Environmentally Friendly. Have fun creating and engaging with live animal encounters featuring bats, reptiles, and raptors.

10am-1pm / San Dieguito County Park, Cardiff

760-436-3944 / www.naturecollective.org

San Diego International Film Festival Oct. 16-20

Features Red Carpet events, including the Opening Night Film Premiere and Reception in Balboa Park and the Night of the Stars Tribute in La Jolla. Enjoy Studio and Independent Features, Documentary and Short Film screenings along with Filmmaker Q&As and Panels at AMC UTC 14 @ Westfield UTC.

619-818-2221 / www.sdfilmfest.com

Haunted Hangar Halloween Bash Oct. 18

Thrilling activities, exciting contests, delicious treats, bewitching cocktails for the grown-ups, and more. Don't forget to flaunt your most spine-chilling costume to win a fang-tastic prize!

6-9pm / USS Midway Museum, San Diego www.midway.org

Otaku Smash Festival Oct. 19

Guests of all ages are invited to express themselves through the art of Japanese pop-culture! The agenda includes music, performances, a cosplay contest, food, vendors, prizes and more.

10am-5pm / Japanese Friendship Garden of San Diego

619-232-2721 / www.niwa.org/otaku

Rancho BEERnardo Festival Oct. 19

More than 35 local breweries, wineries, and distilleries, live music, and food vendors. 21+ event.

2-5pm / Webb Park, Rancho Bernardo

www.ranchobernardofestival.com

Solana Beach Día de los Muertos Oct. 19

Live performances, classic car show, kids activities, more than 40 altars, authentic Mexican American food and beverages, vendor booths, and more.

10am-5pm / La Colonia Park

858-720-2453 / www.cityofsolanabeach.org

Santee Brews & Bites Festival Fundraiser Oct. 19

Fast Times, the ultimate 80's experience band, will be headlining this year's Brews & Bites. 21+ event.

5:30-9:30pm / Town Center Community Park East

619-258-4100 x219 / www.cityofsantee.ca.gov

Borrego Days Desert Festival Oct. 19-20

Parade, live bands, plus art exhibits, kid's zone, food vendors, artisans, education, adult beer garden, free to enter car show.

Christmas Circle Community Park www.borregodays.com

San Diego Spirits Festival Oct. 19-20

A weekend of unlimited tantalizing sips as you reconnect with brands you know, and discover new ones from over 60 brands from High end Spirits to ready to drink cocktails and seltzers. 21+ event.

Sat 2-6pm, Sun 1-5pm / Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla

www.sandiegospiritsfestival.com

Fallbrook Harvest Faire Oct. 20

Crafts, food & treats, tractors, vintage trucks & cards, military vehicles, pony rides, pumpkin contests, costume contest, pie baking contest, pumpkin patch, and scarecrows.

9am-4pm / Main Avenue, Downtown www.fallbrookchamberofcommerce.org

Horse Heritage Festival and Ride & Stride Oct. 20

Promotes the rich cultural history of San Marcos and the importance of preserving a rural and equestrian presence within the community.

8:30am-2pm / Walnut Grove Park, San Marcos www.helptothehorsepark.org

HauntFest on Main Oct. 25

An exciting family friendly event with a pumpkin patch, costume contest, kidz zone, rides, entertainment and more!

4-9pm / Downtown El Cajon www.hauntfest.org

Santee Lakes Spooktacular & Trunk-or-Treat Oct. 26

This will be a great day of games, a giant Halloween maze, crafts, photo opportunities, and more. Local businesses will be hosting a trunk-or-treat for all participants.

10am-2pm / Santee Lakes Recreation Preserve www.santeelakes.com

Pumpkin Bash Oct. 26

Watch the Big Cats and Bears devour their pumpkin treats!

10am / Lions Tigers & Bears, Alpine

619-659-8076 / www.lionstigersandbears.org

Nightmare on Normal Street Oct. 26

Live entertainment, costume competitions (including a special pet contest for your furry, fuzzy, and feathery companions) outdoor bars, and the best people watching in all of SD.

5-11pm / Hillcrest, San Diego www.fabulousshillcrest.com

Once Upon a Hallowe'en Oct. 26

Test your bravery in the Haunted House, try your skills at haunted carnival games, and ride aboard the Poway Midland Railroad.

4:30-8:30pm / Old Poway Park

858-668-4576 / www.poway.org

Julian Natural Wonderfest Oct. 26

A late night astronomy star party, wildlife ambassador encounters, games and activities, presentations of music and art, and outreach booths from land preservation and other local nature-focused organizations, food vendors and access to the winery tasting room adjacent.

2-11pm / Menghini Winery

www.naturalwonderfest.com

Fallbrook Halloween Festival Oct. 26

Food, games, arts & crafts, costume contest, and other fun activities.

4:3--7:30pm / Fallbrook Community Center

760-728-1671 / www.sdparks.org

Trek 'n' Treat Oct. 26

Put on your Halloween costume and come help us raise funds and support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities! Prizes for best costumes and largest donations!

9-11am / Oceanside Harbor

760-207-9427 / www.eventbrite.com

Trick-or-Treat on India Street Oct. 27

Little ghouls and goblins of all ages are welcomed to dress up in their favorite costumes and enjoy an evening of authentic trick-or-treating with their families in an urban fashion.

3:30-7:30pm / Piazza della Famiglia, Little Italy

619-233-3898 / www.littleitalysd.com

Oceanside Dia de los Muertos Festival Oct. 27

Altars, arts & crafts, Por Siempre car show, a chalk cemetery and much more!

10am-5pm / Downtown Oceanside

www.friendsofoceansidediadelosmuertos.org

MainStreet Goes Ghostly Oct. 31

It's the day for witches and ghosts to wander throughout downtown Coronado for some trick-or-treating. MainStreet will have a cauldron in Rotary Plaza to collect entry coupons for a drawing for Coronado Currency, our citywide gift certificate program. The coupons will be on fliers sent home with the Coronado children by each school.

3-5:30pm / Downtown Coronado www.coronadomainstreet.org