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## 5 San Diego Restaurants That Never Close

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Burning the midnight oil takes fuel. And whether it's 3 AM and you can't go back to sleep, or you've been partying the night away and need some grub, rest assured you won't go hungry in this city. While San Diego plays host to a variety of fast-food joints open at all hours, try visiting one of these five 24-hour restaurants that range from moody coffee shops and retro diners to pastry shops and Downtown haunts.

### **Rudford's Restaurant**

Open since the 1940s, this beloved North Park restaurant is steeped in history. And not much has changed at this cozy diner filled with booths and counter seating, making it a unique landmark where you can indulge in homestyle cooking 24/7. For a real trip back in time, try the restaurant's grilled liver served with bacon and onions.

*2900 El Cajon Blvd.; 619-282-8423*

### **Brian's 24**

Craving a peanut butter burger or pancakes with all the works at 2 AM? At this family-run Downtown hot spot, you can find a whole slew of diner classics available all hours of the day. The daytime crowd consists of business people stopping by for a quick bite, but at night, it transitions into an interesting mix of late-night clubgoers and hungry insomniacs.

*828 Sixth Ave.; 619-702-8410*



### **Lestat's Coffee House/Lestat's on Park**

Caffeine fuels this coffeehouse, and you'll find two North Park locations, both boasting a cool artsy vibe and free Wi-Fi available at all hours. Named after author Anne Rice's popular nocturnal anti-hero, these haunts serve more than coffee. The menu of freshly made pastries sourced from local bakeries, sandwiches and salads makes this a popular stop among the nightwalkers.

*3343 Adams Ave.; 619-282-0437*

*4496 Park Blvd.; 619-501-6628*

### **Peterson's Donut Corner**

If you're up past your bedtime, why not travel to Escondido for larger-than-life pastries? Here, the shelves are fully stocked with old-fashioned buttermilk donuts, French crullers, cream puffs and buttermilk bars just to name a few. There's never a bad time to visit — the shop replenishes its inventory around the clock.

*903 S. Escondido Blvd., Escondido; 760-745-7774*



### **Humberto's Taco Shop**

There's no shortage of taco shops in San Diego, but only a handful are open 24 hours a day. One of the most popular is this shop in Golden Hill that caters to late-night cravings for chorizo-stuffed breakfast burritos and carne asada fries. What it may lack in curb appeal, it more than makes up for with grub that hits the right spot.

*1015 25th St. Ste C; 619-231-8433*