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San Diego's 10 Must-Try Restaurants in Little Italy

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In Little Italy, chic residents and throngs of visitors can be found scurrying up and down India Street and Kettner Boulevard, visiting cozy restaurants, stylish boutiques, galleries and specialty shops. Exotically named but homey, in addition to being a shopping destination, India Street offers visitors a locale to idle on terraces over cappuccino, pastries, pizza and an international buffet of gourmet fare. Find out some of our favorite area restaurants in the slide show below, and be sure to tell us where you're shopping when you aren't noshing in our **San Diego Shopping and Food Lover's** survey...

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Isola Pizza Bar

Chef-owner Massimo Tennino's delightful newcomer is named for his nonna, Isola, but the cooking goes well beyond what you'd expect from family, ranging from pizza to antipasti baked in a wood-burning oven (mussels with cannellini beans, white wine and multiple seasonings) and an *elegante* tricolore salad in tart lemon dressing. The pizzas do star, of course, and the crisp crusts preen toppings such as cheese with arugula, truffle oil, pancetta and egg. The thoughtful wine list brings extra joy to the lucky few ushered to tables on the tiny back patio.

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