

Restaurants in Solana Beach: Pillbox Tavern & Grill

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Check out Pillbox Tavern & Grill... *One of the Best Restaurants in Solana Beach!*

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Pillbox Tavern & Grill is ideally located in beautiful Solana Beach directly above Fletcher Cove Park in North County San Diego. It's a casual, sunny beach bar that serves up delicious coastal fare and to-die-for wings.

Whether you are looking for somewhere laidback to grab a bite after a beach day, post-shopping in the [Cedros Design District](#), or somewhere to watch a sports game, (but don't feel like putting yourself through the sports pub "dive bar" scene), Pillbox is the perfect spot.

The atmosphere at Pillbox is fun and lively, but not to the point of being rowdy and obnoxious.



Pillbox Tavern & Grill in sunny Solana Beach.
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There is indoor and outdoor seating, great lighting and a funky modern-retro vibe. You can bring your family, a date, a group of friends, or all of the above. The staff is super friendly and accommodating despite it being a popular spot.



Delicious wing options like the Honey Teriyaki and Jerk wings! (Image by Elisa Boorman)

Another great thing about this location (not counting the close proximity to one of the most gorgeous beaches along the coast), is its accessibility to the [Coaster train](#) across the street from the Lomas Santa Fe train depot. If you are staying downtown, but would like to take a day trip to North County San Diego, the Coaster is a

great way to take a load off and avoid freeway traffic.

Now, on to the important stuff — food. Pillbox did not disappoint in this category. We started with the wings, their specialty, because... well, why not?

They have [13 varieties](#) to choose from. We went with the honey teriyaki and jerk — both were delicious, juicy and flavorful.

Another staff favorite that we couldn't resist was the coconut shrimp. The big succulent jumbo shrimp was breaded with a golden crispy coconut batter and served up with a sweet chili dipping sauce. (You're not going to want to share these!)

For our [main course](#), we shared the pulled pork sandwich stacked with slow roasted pulled pork drizzled with a house-made barbecue sauce, topped with coleslaw and crispy onions on a big soft bun, and a spinach salad with beets, goat cheese and shrimp. It was delicious, fresh and a generous portion of food.

Pillbox has some pretty awesome [weekly specials](#) too: Burger Monday's (burger and a beer for \$10), Taco Tuesdays and Wing & Trivia night on Wednesdays (20 percent off all wing orders and trivia from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.). Daily hours are Sunday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 12 a.m.

Pillbox's menu offers so much more than typical "bar" food, not to mention a rotating selection of craft beers, delicious wines and an impressive selection of fresh specialty cocktails. Good food, drink and a killer location — not a bad way to unwind and enjoy the culinary offerings of Solana Beach!

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