

Dine From Dawn to Dusk

Whether you need a spark of caffeine to jump-start your day, want lunch packed to-go for an afternoon at the beach or have plans to meet up with friends for drinks and dinner, Oxnard offers excellent eats around the clock.

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Harbor Mart

SUNRISE SUSTENANCE

In the Annex Food Hall, **Ragamuffin Coffee Roasters** makes an excellent latte (try the lavender honey), but is perhaps best known for its collaborations with breweries like Firestone Walker and Casa Agria Specialty Ales.

With locations in Channel Islands Harbor and Wagon Wheel, **Honey Cup Coffeehouse & Creamery** serves avocado toast, honey biscuits with jam and specialty drinks. (Maple cinnamon latte, anyone?)

Located in the Oxnard Transit Center, **Cafe Dolce Vita** was named one of Yelp's Top 100 U.S. Restaurants in 2023, and it serves an Instagram-worthy latte with foam art. Bring your drink over to the "Greetings from Oxnard" mural for a selfie with Shaquille the Seal. (Turn to p. 74 for more murals.)

Add a spoonful of culture with your caffeine at **Xielo Artisan Desserts**, which serves traditional Café de Olla and thick Mexican-style hot chocolate. Warning: You may have to ditch your diet. We hear an *abuela* somewhere saying, "Eat! You're too skinny!"

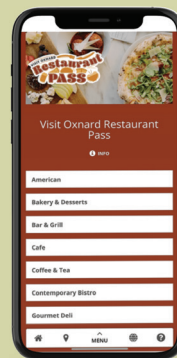
BEACH BITES

For a light lunch you can pack for the beach—or for a trip to the Channel Islands—there are perhaps no better sandwiches in town than those made at **Harbor Mart**. Order deli meat and cheese piled high inside a roll, or Mediterranean lamb or chicken tucked in pita, then grab your food to-go and hit the sand.

Already at the beach? Just steps from Silver Strand, take a break from the waves at **The Strandwich**. This neighborhood breakfast and lunch spot makes insanely good breakfast burritos; order one with pulled pork, tri-tip or brisket. Here for lunch? Pair a sandwich with a "Box o' Fries" so big you might need to share—or not!

Also in the Silver Strand Beach neighborhood, newcomer **The Strand Bar & Grill** is a sit-down spot serving weekend-only breakfast and lunch. Had a wild night prior? Chorizo street tacos with a Bloody Mary accompaniment is a "hair of the dog" fix that'll get you on your feet.

Restaurant Pass



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Unlock prizes by dining at Oxnard restaurants and checking in at locations:

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- Check in to seven spots to receive your choice of journal or water bottle.
- Check in to 12 spots to receive your choice of beach towel or candle.

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Honey Cup Coffeehouse & Creamery

EAT & DRINK



“When I'm away from The Gourmet District, my favorite meal is most definitely Mexican. I've traveled many places, and by far, Oxnard has the greatest Mexican dishes outside of Mexico itself!”

Matt Palmer

Executive Chef of The Gourmet District

HAPPY HOUR & EVENING EATS

Spend golden hour in Seabridge Marina enjoying pub fare and craft cocktails at **The Raven Tavern**. You'll rave about the Raven Pies, with slow-cooked gravies in a house-made pastry. Enjoy live music on the patio, but don't miss the game: The Raven doubles as an epic sports bar and is a local hangout for everything from pay-per-view boxing matches to Super Bowl parties.

For more nightlife, there's live music, craft workshops and guest kitchen events at **Streyl Cellars**; billiards, dancing and karaoke at **Q Club Oxnard**; and games and craft beer at **Red Tandem Brewery**.

The Haven at Whitesails offers flavors not often found in this region like sauteed callaloo, curry rasta pasta and braised oxtail. You'd have to fly to the Caribbean to find jerk chicken this good. And did we mention mouthwatering roti? The dining experience transports you to paradise with murals and potted palms.

In the Oxnard Shores neighborhood, **The Shores Restaurant** is a popular spot, mixing the casual environment of a sports bar with eclectic menu offerings like lamb lollipops and Maine-style lobster rolls. Owner Bill Kracht proudly displays photo murals from Oxnard's "Hollywood by the Sea" era and surf memorabilia from local legends.

After a day on the water, settle in at **The Waterside Restaurant**. This California-Mediterranean fusion spot is perfectly situated in Marine Emporium Landing. Try the cauliflower florets appetizer served with creamy garlic parmesan cheese, then dig into the double-cut pork chop with yuca purée and lingonberry sauce. A perfect way to end a day in Oxnard!



THE STRAND BAR & GRILL

Dine by the ocean and sip on colorful cocktails while the sun sets at the only full-service restaurant on Silver Strand Beach. This family-owned neighborhood spot is known for its relaxing atmosphere. Don't miss breakfast, served every weekend.

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