

# Getaway to Claremont Restaurant Week July 10-19

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They say “A change is as good as a rest” and if you’re seeking a quick getaway filled with wonderful dining choices, relaxing strolls down tree-lined streets and warm hospitality, you need look no further than [Claremont, CA](#).

Snuggled up against the San Gabriel Mountain foothills, this oasis of calm and charm is an easy one to two hour drive from most SoCal locations, yet is a world away from your everyday life.

And to make things even more enticing, many of the towns sixty (yes, sixty) locally owned and operated restaurants are participating in [Claremont Restaurant Week](#) July 10 - 19. This nine day celebration of cuisine offers a host of special menus, designed to showcase each establishments unique specialties: from simple salads, heavenly deserts and coffees to French, Italian, down-home American and even Korean/Mexican fusion! With twenty-one participating venues, you’re may have to stay overnight – or longer.

Discover Claremont and some of the local hotels have a special ‘[Dine and Stay](#)’ offer that includes a \$50

Discover Claremont gift card. What a great deal – that’s almost the price of dinner for two during Restaurant Week!

The Claremont Chamber of Commerce and Discover Claremont, kindly invited a small group from the [International Food Wine and Travel Writers Association](#) to sample a sneak peak of



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what will be on offer during this gastronomic festival. The majority of these restaurants are located within the ‘Village’ a 12 square block, easy to navigate area, complete with complimentary parking. The shady streets, lined with antique shops, boutiques and many one of a kind temptations are perfect for ambling – perhaps from cocktails to main course to dessert!

Here’s a quick rundown of some of the diverse and creative choices. Take a look at the photo gallery for more:

**European Flair** – Try [Bardot](#) (wonderful patio & French inspired cuisine), [The Eurocafe](#) (Portugese influence), [Nuno’s Bistro](#) (loved their seafood stuffed mushrooms), [Saca’s Mediterranean Grill](#) (Kalamata Hummus is divine), [Tutti Mangia Italian Grill](#) (Short ribs with creamy polenta is a savory standout), Pie Street Pizza (superb sauce on these choose your own topping pies) and [Pappas Artisanal](#) in nearby La Verne.

**Spicy Specials** – [Tikka Wraps & Curry Bowls](#) (the aromas of the their savory creations are fabulous with many vegetarian offerings, too), [The Junction](#) merges Korean BBQ with Mexican cuisine, all served up Spanish Tapas style – and it works! Think Bibimbap Burrito) and classic home style Mexican fare at [Casa Moreno Mexican Grill](#).

**Tasty Temptations** – [Packing House Wines](#) (Pix Fixe Dinner 3 courses for \$30 but go for the wine pairing, too (\$40) from their large, personal selections), [Pine Have Café](#) will wow you with their downhome menu and rocking deserts, and [Salad Farm](#) will supply your veggie fix with the utmost flair!

**Stay Awhile** – Two of Claremont’s choice accommodations are also home to great food! [Lounge 425](#) at [Hotel Casa 425](#) is ‘the’ place to hang out. Enjoy a creative two course dinner for \$20 or splurge an extra \$5 for dessert. You know you want to!  
[The Orchard is located at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel](#). Three courses for \$30 – try the Ahi Tuna Poke, Scallops Rockefeller to start! Enjoy a relaxing meander through their tropical gardens while you're there.

If you’d like to know more about this terrific ‘mini-vacation’ destination, watch for an upcoming article with details on other highlights of the area, including the [Santa Ana Botanical Gardens](#).

For a complete list of participating restaurant visit [www.ClaremontRestaurantWeek.com](http://www.ClaremontRestaurantWeek.com)

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