

# Ciao Down

BRING AN APPETITE—THERE'S NOTHING LITTLE ABOUT THE **TASTE OF LITTLE ITALY**

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So, what's the best thing about Italy? Well, after the historic buildings, rich culture and passion for life. Oh, and after all those sexy people. Wait, let me start over. One of the best things about Italy is the food. There's a reason nearly every city in the world has an Italian restaurant, but San Diego has gone a step further, dedicating an entire neighborhood to that wonderful country. Little Italy—it's almost like the real thing, minus the leaning tower and the pick-pocketing little kids.

Little Italy's diverse collection of American classics and authentic Italian restaurants makes it tough to decide where to eat, but during the November 4 *Taste of Little Italy*, the decision is easy—simply stroll along the district's tree-lined streets to sample a variety of appetizers, entrées, desserts and specialty beverages from more than 25 of the neighborhood's top eateries.

With paid admission to the Little Italy Association's semi-annual event (held in Fall and Spring) comes a culinary passport, which gets stamped at each restaurant in exchange for a taste of their featured menu item. So pack your bags for a night of delish and get ready to eat your heart out, Italian-style, without ever leaving town. ■

## CHOW

Anthology	Mona Lisa
Buon Appetito/Sogno di Vino	Numero Water
Burger Lounge	Pappalecco
Café Zucchero/ Trotteria Fantastica	Pizzeria Luigi
Caffè Italia	Po Pazzo
Enoteca Style	Puerto La Boca
Fabrison's	Rice at the W Hotel
Filippi's Pizza Grotto	Spicy Pickle
The Glass Door	Starbucks
Indigo Grill	Vincenzo Ristorante Italiano
Karl Strauss Brewing Co.	The Waterfront Bar and Grille
Little Italy Spaghetteria	Yogurtland
Mimmo's Italian Village	Zia's Bistro

## INSIDE DISH

**When:** Wednesday, November 4, 5 to 9 p.m.

**Where:** 25 restaurants throughout Little Italy

**Tickets:** \$35 in advance, \$40 day of

**Info:** 619.615.1092, [tasteoflittleitaly.com](http://tasteoflittleitaly.com)

**Bonus:** Proceeds benefit the Little Italy Association, dedicated to the ongoing improvement and enhancement of the Little Italy neighborhood.

