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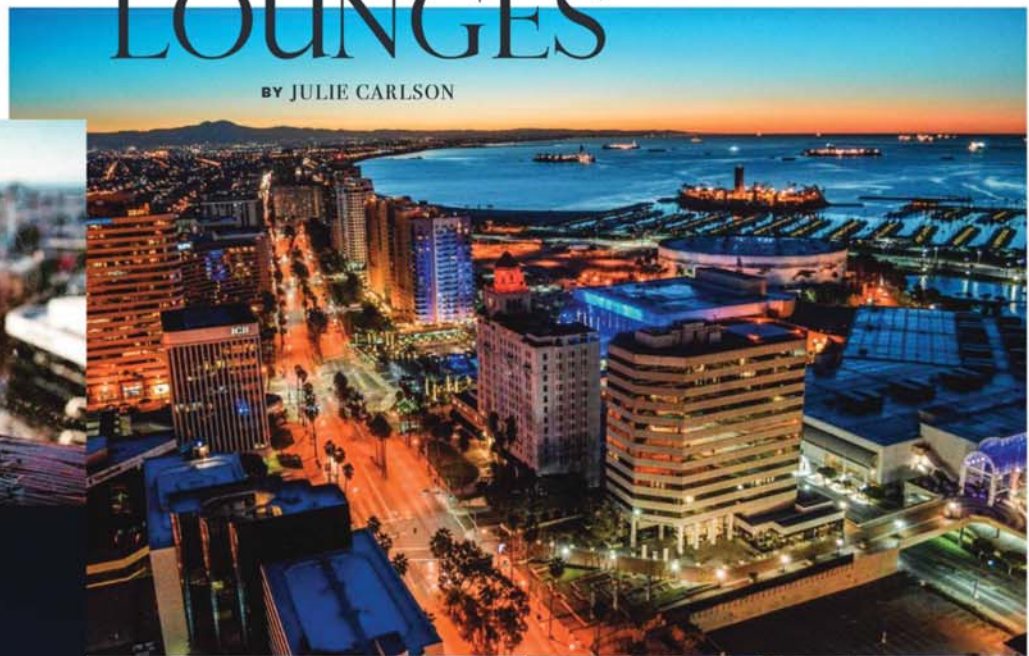
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FIVE FAVES

SO CAL'S SPECTACULAR ROOFTOP LOUNGES

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LONG BEACH

Cielo at The Sky Room

40 S. Locust Ave., Long Beach, CA 90802
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www.theskyroom.com

"Do you know what it's like to live like Elizabeth Taylor?" asks Pierre Dony, General Manager and Sommelier of **The Sky Room** and **Cielo**, located on the 13th floor of the historic Breakers Hotel. "If you join us, you will. Colored in rich reds, with stunning accents of black and white, the intimately lit restaurant showcases nearly 360 degree views of Long Beach." Guests can also head up the winding staircases to the breathtaking Tijuana-themed rooftop bar, Cielo. Favorite menu items are their guacamole and ceviche, hand-made street style tacos such as the Tinga de Pollo with pulled chicken marinated in spicy tomato sauce; and the Hongo taco, an oil and chili-flake mushroom taco. Two popular artisanal cocktails are "'One the OG's,' a sweet and savory tequila margarita with blueberry and basil agave and Tajin rim; and the 'Ron Burgundy' named after Will Ferrell's scotch drinking namesake, mixed with coconut and lemon, finished with a smoked rosemary sifter." Put on your dancing shoes because both venues feature live bands that "play a variety of music from the ages." 🎸



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LAGUNA BEACH

The Rooftop Lounge

1289 South Coast Highway, Laguna Beach, CA 92651
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www.rooftoplagunabeach.com

"The Rooftop Lounge has been and always will be a local favorite and a must-see for tourists," says Jordan O'Brien, Director of Restaurants at La Casa del Camino hotel. Relax by taking in the stunning views of the Laguna Beach coastline on the lively 4th floor bar. Sip their hand-muddled Mojitos infused with flavors like Strawberry, Mango, Tropical, Wild Berry and Champagne. Diners can enjoy appetizers like a "succulent shrimp wrapped with a golden crunchy panko and coconut shell dipped in Thai sweet chili sauce." Bring your four-legged friend with you because both the hotel and The Rooftop Lounge are dog friendly. "It is an iconic location made famous by local celebrities, television shows and locals," adds O'Brien. "There is truly no other place in Orange County that can compare."



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SAN DIEGO

Cannonball

3105 Ocean Front Walk, San Diego, CA 92109
(858) 228-9304
www.cannonballsd.com

Enjoy the sun, surf and sunsets in San Diego with a Sunset Margarita at **Cannonball**, "the largest ocean-front rooftop bar in Southern California." Every seat has a view at this unique pool-like setting, overlooking Mission Beach Boardwalk. A Pacific Rim inspired menu includes burgers, ribs, salads and seafood. A favorite on the sushi menu is the Enfuego Roll which is filled with salmon and topped with spicy aioli, that's torched to order. Thursday's feature live music for a "sunset serenade."

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VENICE BEACH

High Rooftop Lounge

1697 Pacific Ave., Venice, CA 90291

(424) 214-1062

www.highvenice.com

Offering spectacular 360-degree views of Los Angeles is **High Rooftop Lounge** in Venice Beach. The 21 and over bar, situated at the top of Hotel Erwin, has an eclectic mix of hand-crafted cocktails that change seasonally. Recommended is a frozen Rosé called "Frozé" or "A Day At The Beach" with Square One Cucumber Vodka, St-Germain, and fresh lime. Their "California coastal laid-back vibe" menu has street tacos, sliders, crab dip, and more. Reservations are recommended at this busy rooftop bar that "OpenTable Diner's Choice named The Best Ambiance, The Best Hot Spot and The Best Scenic View," where local DJ's spin tunes.



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LOS ANGELES

The Red Lion Tavern

2366 Glendale Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90039

(323) 662-5337

www.redliontavern.net

"**The Red Lion Tavern** is like something that exists outside of the normal passage of time," says Jon Brown, Bar Manager. "It is old-world and old-school." The relaxed, unpretentious atmosphere of this Silver

Lake German restaurant has home-cooked traditional German dishes such as Schnitzel, sauerbraten, rouladen, eisbein, and their popular bite-sized sausage platter with German mustard and pickles. Pair with Spaten lager or something different like a Kostritzer schwarzbier "a dark lager that delivers the complexity of a stout or porter without being heavy or filling." Enjoy dishes and drinks either downstairs or upstairs in their open-air beer garden. "There's a lot of history and it's worth it for anyone to come check us out and see why we've been here for 60 year," adds Brown. During baseball season the Red Lion offers a 10% discount (with proof) to anyone attending a home game at Dodger stadium the same day. "Whatever we serve you, it's going to be good." ❖



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