

crowd. Would-be diners might remember **Urban Mo's Bar and Grill** as the bar formerly known as Hamburger Mary's. The name has changed, but many things remain the same. Urban Mo's is more the place to go if you're craving a burger and a stiff drink. **Baja Betty's** is owned by the same restaurateur who owns Urban Mo's, but it turns the party down a notch. It serves restaurant-style Mexican food in a fun, upbeat environment. If you're looking for the place that serves the best breakfast in town, look no farther. **Crest Café** is perfect for those craving good ol' fashioned diner food. If you want to grab a quick sandwich but crave something of higher quality than what's offered by a corporate chain, **Bread and Cie**, which makes all its breads from scratch daily, is where you want to go.

WHERE TO PLAY: The girls will be flocking to **Numbers** on Friday night. Keep in mind that San Diego doesn't have a dedicated lesbian bar, so although this is the place to kick off Pride weekend, the party the following night will take place directly across the street at **The Flame**. A bar that doesn't feel like it, **Bourbon Street** has two indoor rooms, a second-floor game room and an enormous outside patio. This is a mixed bar but the girls typically rule the venue on Fridays until 11p.m. and Sundays most of the day.

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It's the grandmother of gay Prides, the biggest and, by some accounts, the best. In this town there's a place for every budget. But you'll want to make reservations now. — *Diane Anderson-Minsball*

WHERE TO STAY IF YOU ARE ON A BUDGET: At **Elements Hotel**, a rare boutique hostel, you can sleep above and next to two of the city's hottest restaurants for as low as \$29. Enjoy cocktails and a 360-degree view of the city on the sky terrace and free breakfast at attached lesbian hotspot **Medjool**.

WANT TO PARTY WITH THE CURVE GIRLS: There's little wonder why the **Kabuki Hotel** is the official

CURVE gay Pride women's host hotel this year. From tea service to cultural services (sake tasting) to the hot in-house restaurant **O** (an American take on the classic Japanese Izakaya house), **Kabuki** has it all and an incredible queer-friendly communal bath (with women-only Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays).

WANT TO PRETEND YOU'RE ILENE CHAIKEN: At **Outbyowner.com**, the LGBT-friendly, DIY-travel website, you can find an amazing house atop Twin Peaks with floor-to-ceiling windows, views of the city, bridges and bays, fireplaces and a Jacuzzi tub built for two. You'll never want to leave.

WANT TO REALLY PLAY: **Hotel Tomo** is a funky little hotel with anime murals and awesome gaming rooms replete with PlayStation 3, Wii, bean bag chairs and 6-foot LCD projection screens.

WANT TO BE TREATED LIKE A ROCK STAR?: With panoramic views from all its rooms, chic **XYZ Lounge** and **Bliss Spa** (try the movie-and-manicure stations!), the **W** offers the full rock-star treatment. The four-star **Westin** is sleek and cosmopolitan (perfect for 24/7 activity) and the artsy **Galleria Park** offers a private half-acre urban park—on the 3rd floor of the hotel—with stunning city views.

WANT TO GO GREEN: The **Orchard Garden Hotel** is California's first truly green hotel and what an amazing one it is. The hotel has an ecofriendly, Euro-style keycard energy control system and doesn't skimp on luxury (LCD with DVD), surprises (a huge balcony patio) or location (right at the gates of Chinatown).

WANT TO STAY WET ALL WEEKEND: The **Handlery** is steps from Pride and has a great little heated pool, while in the quieter Marina district, the kid-friendly **Hotel Del Sol** feels like SoCal (think palm trees and sparkling water).

WANT TO SEE PRIDE FROM YOUR WINDOW: With a \$30-million renovation in the works, **Parc 55** is looking sexy and modern (plasmas, built-in charger docks, etc.) and has private "workout" themed rooms aimed at girljocks like us. Parc's Pride package offers awesome balcony rooms that look out over Market Street's parade route—and partial proceeds go to charity. Meanwhile, the landmark **Renoir Hotel** offers a view of pride from its renovated, Euro-style, turn-of-the-century rooms. ■

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