

GREAT SEAFOOD IN THE BEACH CITIES

When you want fresh, delicious seafood, it makes sense to get it right from the source and head to the beach towns where you can experience seafood in various atmospheres and venues. For upscale dining, head to Manhattan Beach to Fishing with Dynamite (FwD) located a block from the beach. FwD has a casual, rustic dining room decorated in white with brown touches and marine themed art. The restaurant is intimate with a cocktail and raw bar set amongst tightly packed tables. The small plate menu's specialty is raw oysters in addition to different kinds of chilled seafoods served with various sauces. FwD also offers seafood classics like crab cakes and clam chowder in addition to more nouveau cuisine dishes such as pork belly and grilled octopus. The restaurant is the brainchild of chef David LeFevre who made his mark at the seminal L.A. seafood restaurant, The Water Grill.

South of Manhattan Beach in Redondo Beach is the Bluewater Grill which has locations in other beach cities such as Newport Beach and Catalina Island. Their Redondo Beach restaurant has great ambiance since its located right on the pier with a spectacular view of the docked boats and harbor, perfect for either a casual night out or a romantic special event. Their extensive lunch and dinner menu specializes in charbroiled seafood, homemade chowders, a raw oyster bar and clams on the half shell. They also have up to 20 varieties of fresh fish daily. Bluewater Grill also offers non-seafood dishes like pasta and salads. In addition, they are one of the rare seafood restaurants to offer a happy hour at their bar which includes seafood and meat items. Another way Bluewater Grill is special is that there is no corkage fee on the first two bottles of wine you bring; on the third bottle the fee is \$10.

For a more casual, dig in and get your hands dirty seafood experience head over to Quality Seafood on the boardwalk in Redondo Beach. More of a seafood market than a restaurant, customers buy fresh raw seafood and get it cooked however way they prefer, steamed, fried, or broiled. You can eat your meal at the outdoor picnic tables with a small view of the harbor and pier or take it to go. Quality Seafood offers a wide variety of seafood from raw oysters, live stone, or blue crabs, dungeness crabs, sea urchin, clams, lobster or ready-to-eat seafood. They also have a small draft beer selection. Seafood doesn't get any fresher than eating it here!