

Carlsbad's Sips of the Season

GIVE THE HOLIDAYS
A JOLT WITH THESE
LIMITED-TIME COFFEE
DRINKS; GET 'EM
WHILE THEY'RE
HOT (OR ICED).

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Imagine strolling through our charming Carlsbad Village during the holiday season and smelling the aromas of cinnamon, spice and espresso wafting from our local coffee shops. You might stumble upon a Smashing Pumpkins latte, a cozy ode to autumn, or a Winterspice Latte, a creamy, spiced hug in a mug. Maybe you'll discover a White Peppermint Mocha that tastes like a chocolate coffee candy cane, or an Egg-nog Espresso Martini to warm your body on a cold winter's night on the beach.

What makes these drinks extra special is their limited availability, offered only during the holiday season. Our local coffee shops are unveiling a creative explosion of festive flavors, pouring a little bit of holiday magic into every cup to create a unique and unforgettable experience.

Sipping a holiday beverage is not just about the drinks themselves; it's the experience strolling through our festive town centers, enjoying the cozy ambiance, the friendly baristas and the feeling of savoring something truly wonderful.



Toddy BS-OG Latte

Baba has reimagined the classic hot toddy, Carlsbad style. It's called the Toddy BS-OG Latte. Picture this: grated ginger and orange zest dancing in your cup with the Baba espresso and brown sugar. For the adventurous, the Toddy BS-OG Latte 21+ adds whiskey-like alcohol for that extra kick. Craving something cool? Try the iced version, topped with a fluffy brown sugar-orange zest cold foam. It's a symphony of spice, a citrusy zing and a whole lot of holiday fun.

BABA COFFEE

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Eggnog Espresso Martini

Step aside, Espresso Martini, because a festive sibling has arrived. Introducing the Eggnog Espresso Martini available at Cbar. Imagine the rich, bold kick of espresso perfectly blended with smooth Sabe Rum and the classic holiday eggnog. That'll warm your bones! It's a playful, sophisticated sip that's both familiar and delightfully unexpected. This isn't just a drink; it's a celebration in a glass, a perfect way to toast the season.

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S'mores Latte

The drink that reminds us of toasting marshmallows over a campfire, licking sticky fingers and relishing the sweet chocolate decadence as we smoosh the layers of marshmallow, candy and graham cracker together. The S'mores Latte at Vinaka Cafe tastes like those toasty evenings, with roasted espresso, gooey marshmallow and a ribbon of chocolate, topped with a charred-sugar kiss. Perfect for autumn beach walks, the S'mores Latte turns ordinary coffee into a nostalgic campfire treat. Sip slowly, and let it comfort your holiday season.

VINAKA CAFÉ

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Smashing Pumpkins

Steady State Roasting has created a warm drink that's just as iconic as its namesake band. The Smashing Pumpkins is a latte that's a total "1979" of flavors. It includes pumpkin puree with a spice blend of cinnamon, nutmeg, clove and a dash of ginger. Don't let the holidays pass you by without ordering the drink that will rock your taste buds.

STEADY STATE ROASTING

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Photo courtesy of Revolution Roasters



Winterspice Latte

This isn't just your average latte; it's a winter wonderland in a cup that's inspired by warm spices used in things like baking and chai, but with an espresso twist. The Winterspice Latte at Revolution Roasters features a winter spice syrup with cinnamon, nutmeg, clove and star anise. The syrup is paired with rich espresso and milk, and swirled with ground cinnamon. It's a perfect companion for when the wind is extra crisp coming from the ocean. Available December 1 to the end of February.

REVOLUTION ROASTERS

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Gingerbread Latte

What better way to revisit those warm, fuzzy childhood memories of building gingerbread houses on the kitchen table than with this festive seasonal drink? This year, La Costa Roasting Company is pairing its delicious house-made gingerbread cookies with a Gingerbread Latte. This is a perfect double shot of espresso with steamed milk and a swirl of the shop's gingerbread syrup, crowned with a delicate dusting of cinnamon. It is the taste of a gingerbread house in liquid form.

LA COSTA ROASTING COMPANY

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White Peppermint Mocha

A new creation only available at the holidays is brewing at Café Elysa. The White Peppermint Mocha is a collaborative invention born from the staff's creative spirit. Ter-rani peppermint syrup, a swirl of white Ghirardelli chocolate and a shot of espresso are combined and topped with a cloud of whipped cream. Only the best of the best drinks makes it to the permanent seasonal menu like this one did.

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