

▲ Since it first opened in 1926. La Valencia has been one of the most appealing hotels in the San Diego area. Situated atop La Jolla Cove, with heart-stopping views of the Pacific, the property houses 113 rooms, suites and villas in a paradisiacal setting.

1132 Prospect St. La Jolla, tel. 1.858.454.0771.

www.lavalencia.com



▲ The cupcake craze that's swept the world has landed in La Jolla. At Cups, sweet-lovers can choose from a great variety of organic cupcakes, with creative flavors like honey carrot, chocolate decadence, almond dream and caramel macchiato.

7857 Girard Ave., La Jolla, tel. 1.858.459.2877, cupslj.com

➤ San Diego's newest contemporary art space, SDSU Downtown Gallery, which opened last April, is located on the ground floor of the city's historic Electra building. The opening exhibit, "Divergence: John Baldessari, Deborah Butterfield and Andrea Zittel," is on view until January 3, 2011.

725 West Broadway, tel. 1.619.594.6120, downtowngallery.sdsu.edu ▼ Easily La Jolla's best Asian restaurant.

Roppongi offers a delectable menu – with specials like miso-glazed Japanese eggplant and spicy Kung Pao calamari steak – as well as a terrific selection of sushi. sashimi and maki. You can eat at the trendy sushi bar or in one of the oversized booths.

875 Prospect Ave. La Jolla, tel. 1.858.551.5252, www.roppongiusa.com



➤ Named one of the top 20 US small hotels by Condé Nast Traveler, Hotel Parisi is a boutique property housing 29 suites. The eco-friendly, non-smoking establishment offers holistic spa services and sweeping views of the Pacific Ocean. 1111 Prospect St. La Jolla, tel. 1.858.454.1511.

1111 Prospect St., La Jolla, tel. 1.858.454.1511, www.hotelparisi.com



▲ The gorgeous, upscale, seaside town of La Jolla is home to Esteban Interiors, a trendy store that offers full interior design services and a wide variety of custom furniture and home accessories, including a vintage hand-blown glass collection and Jonathan Adler lighting, 7605 Girard Ave. La Jolla, tel. 1.858729.0045, www.estebaninteriors.com



