



SAN DIEGO

The city's hip North Park neighborhood is its best-kept secret.

Why Now: It took 120 years for North Park to come of age, but it's finally happened. Home to artists and hipsters, its energetically dense streets—packed with vibrant murals, craft breweries and a range of eclectic boutiques—have made the walkable hood a go-to.

Where to Go: Pack your swimsuit for a stay at the

Lafayette Hotel, Swim Club & Bungalows, a recently restored, 70-year-old grand colonial hotel with chic summer pool parties. Keep cool with an earthy, iced caffeine fix from Holy Matcha, whose pink banquettes and bold tropical wallpaper beg to be photographed. Then fuel up on a staple of the San Diego diet at City Tacos. While

waiting for a traditional al pastor or elevated carnitas con mango, snack on chili flake-covered jicama and cucumbers from the salsa bar—for if a taco shop doesn't have a salsa bar to raid, then it's no taqueria at all. Temper the fire with creative hyperlocal brews at stripped-down Thorn Brewing Co. or Fall Brewing Company

before exploring Artel-
exia, a stunningly curated boutique that hosts craft workshops and bursts with Mexican home goods and folk décor such as paper flowers and Talavera pottery. Around the corner, get sucked into Pigment, a whimsical shop with a plant lab, locally made engagement rings and a free photo booth. Check out a big indie or hip-hop act on The Observatory North Park's intimate stage, then pony up for a game of pool and a nightcap at Bar Pink, a funky cult favorite, cash-only bar. — **HANNAH LOTT-SCHWARTZ**

HIT THE TOWN

☉ **Wow Wow Waffle**

Belgian ingredients and local toppings star at this Thursday-Sunday spot.

☉ **North Park Sign**

This neon icon can be found at 30th Street and University Avenue.

☉ **Modern Times Flavordome**

The tasting room puts experimental brews on tap.



BEAUTY ESSENTIALS

ERNO LASZLO HYDRA-THERAPY SKIN VITALITY TREATMENT

Relaxation doesn't have to entail a trip to the spa. This mix-it-yourself mask goes on like a mousse then peels off, leaving skin looking hydrated and fresh no matter how jet-lagged you feel. \$80/four



TOO COOL FOR SCHOOL DINOPLATZ GREEN TEA BLOTTING PAPER

Don't let travel leave you shiny. These green tea-infused blotting papers soothe as they absorb oil and come in a case with a mirror and applicator puff—perfect for on-the-go touch-ups. \$8



V76 4-IN-1 CLEANSING FOAM

Guys: Look good on the road while still packing light with this multipurpose grooming product that's a shaving cream, shampoo, body wash and face wash—all in one TSA-friendly bottle. \$22



Grand Musée du Parfum

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

Bang Bang Oriental Food Hall has opened its doors, bringing the best bites from across Asia to North London with 33 kiosks and a 300-seat restaurant • *The Chew* co-host Michael Symon is now wooing foodies in Atlantic City with homestyle Italian fare at **Angeline** • With the arrival of **The Silo** on the V & A Waterfront, a redeveloped grain elevator has become one of the hottest places to stay in Cape Town • Find your fragrance fit and explore the history of scents at the new **Grand Musée du Parfum** on Paris' chic Faubourg Saint-Honoré • Architect Renzo Piano has introduced his first building in Spain: the waterfront **Centro Botín** arts center in Santander, covered with 270,000 ceramic disks that reflect the sea and the sky.