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PAUL BASILE PORTRAIT: COURTESY PAUL BASILE. PLAY PHOTO: BALBOA PARK, BALBOA PARK CULTURAL PARTNERSHIP. EAT PHOTO: IRONSIDE FISH & OYSTER, MIKE NEWTON. SHOP PHOTO: COMMUNAL COFFEE, SOUTH PARK, ALEXIS ISQUITH.

# ITINERARY

PAUL BASILE

Designer Paul Basile has been quietly taking the San Diego (and beyond) hospitality scene by storm with restaurants like Morning Glory, Plan Check and Born & Raised. “When I moved here, I was almost 20 and had just withdrawn from college,” says the Detroit native and fourth-generation builder. “I was interested in becoming an architect but didn’t know what to do. I fumbled around and fell in love with designing furniture.” Commissions soon came rolling in and after a stint running his own restaurant, The Guild in Barrio Logan, Basile launched his eponymous design, build and fabrication firm. Now a local of some 25 years, he’s sharing a few of his favorite haunts. [basilestudio.com](http://basilestudio.com)



## STAY

**Fairmont Grand Del Mar:** You can’t beat the Grand Del Mar (center, right) for a luxurious place to stay, great wine and even better food. They have a beautiful adult pool for some quiet time, and I always get a massage if I’m able to sneak away. [fairmont.com](http://fairmont.com)

little hideaway. Red wine is all I drink, so everywhere I go has to do with a decent wine list. [manhattanoflajolla.com](http://manhattanoflajolla.com)

## PLAY

I love going for urban walks—everywhere from **Makers Quarter** to **Balboa Park** (top, right) and **North Park**. There’s so much to see by foot, but when I get a little landlocked, sailing is a nice change of pace. Actually, getting out on the water is essential to see San Diego from a different vantage point.

**Little Italy:** I spend a lot of time checking out the restaurant scene, and Little Italy is a great hub right now. We have a few projects there, too: Born & Raised, Ironside Fish & Oyster (right), and Craft and Commerce. [littleitalysd.com](http://littleitalysd.com)

## SHOP

**The Rose:** Getting out to shop doesn’t happen often, but San Diego is full of great artisan makers and merchants, like Communal Coffee (top, left) and The Rose in South Park, a nice, walkable neighborhood with boutiques. [therosewinebar.com](http://therosewinebar.com)

## EAT

**Hane Sushi:** At least once a week, I make a visit to Hane Sushi in Bankers Hill. My ordering is all over the place because everything is very good; on most occasions I get the ceviche roll. [hane-sushi.net](http://hane-sushi.net)

**Raised by Wolves:** It’s a retail concept we did in La Jolla last year—a boutique bottle shop in front and a hidden bar in the back. You can come in for a cocktail and then shop on your way out. They have one of the best spirits selections in the country. [raisedxwolves.com](http://raisedxwolves.com)

