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## Daily Dish

THE INSIDE SCOOP ON FOOD IN LOS ANGELES

### 14 best Mexican restaurants in Southern California, by Jonathan Gold

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No places matches the breadth and depth of Mexican restaurants we have in Southern California, except [Mexico City](#) itself – and maybe not even there. You can find the cooking of almost every region in the country here, crafted at street-corner taco trucks as well as cutting-edge places like the new Corazon y Miel and Bizarra Capital. Here are Los Angeles Times restaurant critic Jonathan Gold's choices for 14 of the most essential places to try.

**1. Babita:** One of the most serious Mexican restaurants on the Eastside, a casual corner joint whose service is burnished to a white-tablecloth sheen. Chef-owner Roberto Berrelleza is especially gifted at the cuisine of his hometown of Los Mochis on the Sinaloa coast. 1823 S. San Gabriel Blvd., San Gabriel, (626) 288-7265; [Babita-MexiCuisine.com](http://Babita-MexiCuisine.com).

