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1. Savory flatbread at Kentro Greek Kitchen
 2. HopScotch Tavern has made its home in a former railway station.
 3. Gilding the Lily covers all your button (and ribbon and feather) needs.
 4. An Eames chair at Out of Vogue
 5. The Blackberry Smash, as served at HopScotch



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WHY YOU'LL LOVE

FULLERTON, CA

Where to eat, shop, and sip in one of Southern California's prettiest downtowns. *By Robin Jones*

You won't mind missing your train

It boasts 75 craft beers and more than 100 whiskeys, everything from single-malt Scotches to single-barrel bourbons. But what makes [HopScotch](#)—an eight-month-

old tavern in a renovated Pacific Electric Railway station—stand out are the cocktails. Grab a seat on the back patio and order the Peruvian, with Pisco Portón, Courvoisier, lime juice, thyme syrup, celery bitters, and

candied bacon. Or try the Blackberry Smash with Right Gin, blackberries, lemon juice, cinnamon syrup, and mint. Either way, you won't care that Pacific Electric stopped service here in 1938. *136 E. Commonwealth Ave.; hopscotchtavern.com.*

You'll eat a better burger

For years, the restaurants along downtown Fullerton's main drag, Harbor Boulevard, were known for booze first and food second. But just as downtown has revived (its gorgeous 1920s



GETTING HERE

Fullerton lies 25 miles southeast of Los Angeles via I-5 and State 91.

buildings look better than ever), the dining scene has gotten truly interesting. At **Burger Parlor**, Joseph Mahon uses skills honed as executive chef at Bastide in Los Angeles to turn out gourmet burgers like The Lasorda (named for former Dodgers manager and longtime Fullerton resident Tommy) and the *Pulp Fiction*-inspired Royal w/Cheese. Great milkshakes too: Try the Cinnamon Toast shake. Or hit **Kentro Greek Kitchen**, where options include lamb, oregano potatoes, and *tzatziki* on flatbread, and charbroiled octopus with pickled veggies. **Burger Parlor**: \$; 204 N. Harbor Blvd.; burgerparlor.com. **Kentro**: \$; 100 S. Harbor; kentrogreekkitchen.com.

It has a sense of style

If the window displays at **Out of Vogue** look like scenes from the first season of *Mad Men*, there's a reason: One of the

show's previous set designers shops at the store, which focuses on midcentury modern furniture. Beyond the space-age settees and hi-fis, you'll also find stacks of colorful Heller plates, vintage earrings, and an assortment of guitars, a nod to owner Mike Atta's years in the early Orange County punk band The Middle Class. A couple of blocks away, at **Gilding the Lily**, the goods are even more specialized—high-quality beads, buttons, feathers, and ribbon for rehabilitating old-fashioned hats. They carry purses and jewelry too. *Out of Vogue*: 109 E. Commonwealth; outofvogue.com. *Gilding the Lily*: 305 N. Harbor, Ste. 101; vintagedesignresource.com.

There's a cafe for everybody

Like any good college neighborhood (Cal State University Fullerton is a few miles away), downtown here is full of indie cafes. The sustainability-minded can hit **Green Bliss**, where the panini and salads are almost all organic and often vegan, and the guilt-free coffee beans come from local outfits like L.A.'s Handsome Roasters. Around the corner, **The Night Owl** lures culture fans with live music and poetry nights, not to mention sweet, milky lattes. Coffee not your preferred stimulant? At **Tranquil Tea**



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6. Tom Barraza mans the bar at HopScotch, which offers more than 100 whiskeys. 7. The Royal w/Cheese crowns Burger Parlor's roster of hefty burgers. 8. The Night Owl's patio entices even in the daytime.



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Lounge, the decor is sleek and 95 different teas can be had hot or iced. **Green Bliss**: 305 N. Harbor, Ste. 103; green-bliss.com. **Night Owl**: 200 N. Harbor; thenightowlfullerton.com. **Tranquil Tea**: 106 W. Wilshire Ave.; tranquiltealounge.com.

displayed at **Oh, Hello Friend**. This Etsy shop/crafts-fair booth went brick-and-mortar in February. As its name implies, the store is warm and welcoming. So much so that affirmations printed on decals and gift tags ("You are beautiful" and "You are loved") encourage you as you browse the handmade jewelry and potted succulents. 122 N. Harbor; ohhellofriend.com. ▲

It brings Etsy to life

Little treasures like rubber stamps and antique sewing scissors fill the baking tins

THE LOCAL LOWDOWN

"This is the most un-Orange County city in Orange County."

—MIKE ATTA, OWNER, OUT OF VOGUE