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LET'S MAKE A TOAST...

To breakfast for dinner

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"The restaurant that never sleeps" also never disappoints. Brian's 24's Waffle Cristo.

Brian's 24

Breakfast all day is the motto of this 24-hour Gaslamp mainstay. From its copper-clad open kitchen come house specialties including the Waffle Cristo, a decadent blend of ham and cheddar cheese served between two halves of a bacon waffle, topped with powdered sugar and served with sweet potato fries. There's also an extensive selection of Mexican breakfast options, like huevos rancheros and machaca con papas burrito. "The restaurant that never sleeps" also serves a

solid selection of whiskeys and cocktails across a mahogany bar that once graced the home of actress Joan Crawford.

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S'mores French toast at Breakfast Republic restaurant.

Breakfast Republic

The latest concept by San Diego restaurateur Johan Engman, **Breakfast Republic** combines traditional breakfast food with beer. Beer in the morning — it's a concept that seems to be working. The founder of the Fig Tree Café chain has opened two **Breakfast Republics** in the past year (in North Park and Liberty Station) and he's got three more on tap: Encinitas on Nov. 1, East Village in February and Carmel Valley next spring. The menu mixes traditional breakfast fare with adventurous dishes like **Breakfast Bone Marrow** (bone marrow topped with chorizo and quail eggs), **Vietnamese chicken wing breakfast bowl** and

S'mores French toast. Only the Liberty Station location offers dinner hours. The rest serve breakfast dishes through the lunchtime hours.

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