

Chew 'n' view!

Great food and gorgeous scenery can coexist! Meet six restaurants—half icons, half newcomers—that are feasts for both your eyes and your taste buds. BY ANJA MUTIC





Old-school Atlantic Ocean

THE DINING ROOMS AT CASTLE HILL INN
Newport, RI

The view Rugged, ravishing Narragansett Bay, including the 124-year-old Castle Hill Lighthouse and the Newport Bridge (the longest suspension bridge in New England)

The food Nouveau New England in swank, sprawling 19th-century surroundings. Try the butter-poached lobster with tarragon mousseline and glazed radishes.

Insider tip

Eat in the Agassiz Room, a cozy space with a full-length (and at night, twinkling) view of the bridge. (castlehillinn.com)



Breathtaking Big Apple

THE WATER TABLE
NYC

The view New York Harbor. The restaurant you'll be sailing on is a newly—and coolly—converted WWII yard-patrol boat that passes the Brooklyn Bridge, the Manhattan skyline and, if conditions permit, Lady Liberty.

The food Haute houseboat—think lobster bisque and cocktails aplenty

Insider tip

For a bonus light show, check out the fireworks and Empire State Building light-color schedule at iboatnyharbor.com before you book. (thewatertablenyc.com)



Dreamy desert oasis

AZUL AT THE WESTIN LA PALOMA
Tucson, AZ

The view The Catalina Mountains, whose 9,000-foot peaks shade-shift from brown to orange to fuchsia at sunset

The food Sexied-up southwestern in a casual-chic setting. Dig into an adobo-spiced Angus fillet of beef with sweet-corn mashed potatoes and jicama-chile slaw.

Insider tip

Eat al fresco. And if you go at sunset, sit to the right of the patio door, where light lingers longest at this beloved institution. (westinlapalomaresort.com)



Northwest nirvana

WESTWARD
Seattle

The view The houseboats of *Sleepless in Seattle* fame, the lake they call home (i.e., Lake Union), plus the city skyline

The food Mediterranean meets Pacific, as in house-cured wild salmon gravlax with beets, labna and za'atar

Insider tip

Get to this new hot spot in the afternoon to beat the crowds to a coveted lakeside Adirondack chair (clearly, this is a kick-back kinda place), then order from the midday menu. (westwardseattle.com)



Ozark mountain majesty

OSAGE RESTAURANT AT BIG CEDAR LODGE
Ridgedale, MO

The view Lush landscape as far as the eye can see. And that's pretty freakin' far. Perched on a cliff, brand-new Osage overlooks 43,000-acre Table Rock Lake.

The food Highbrow heartland (yup, you can wear jeans). Try the braised short ribs with buttermilk mashed potatoes and sharp-cheddar gratin.

Insider tip

Sit in the cliff-overhanging atrium, where—whoa!—you'll be suspended above the Ozarks. (big-cedar.com)



Pacific-plunging peaks

NEPENTHE
Big Sur, CA

The view 50 miles of shimmering shoreline
The food Homey and hearty, like the Famous Ambrosiaburger (topped with a chile salsa, tomato sauce and mayo blend) that's been a local celebrity since 1949

Insider tip

There's nothing *but* prime seating in this glass-happy design by a former student of Frank Lloyd Wright. Go before sunset, when there's still enough light to spot the condors and whales that frequent these parts. (nepenthebigsur.com)

