



San Diego's Most Beautiful Restaurants of 2017

Vibes are at a premium in these 10 establishments



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A good restaurant fills a variety of needs. Yes, the food needs to taste delicious and be prepared well. Service should be thorough, warm and gracious, yet not too overbearing. Sometimes overlooked in favor of the other two criteria is design, which is essential for setting the right vibe. Bad design can kill a restaurant—rough lighting, uncomfortable seating, tacky decor and a lack of cohesive vision could turn an otherwise enjoyable spot into a place diners don't feel compelled to return to.

San Diego has produced not only a bevy of new restaurants over the last year, but some truly beautiful spaces to boot. And much of what's new and beautiful in San Diego can be attributed to the creativity flowing through the city right now. Here are the 10 most beautiful restaurants of 2017.

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Courtesy photo

Address: 1953 India Street, Little Italy, San Diego

Opened: December 2017

The look: This brand new Japanese small plates and cocktails spot slid in just under the wire to be one of the most beautiful openings of 2017. The space calls upon an abandoned Tokyo subway station, and as such, is decked out with a giant cherry blossom tree, glazed brick and subway tiles and graphic large-scale installations by artist Shane Bowden.