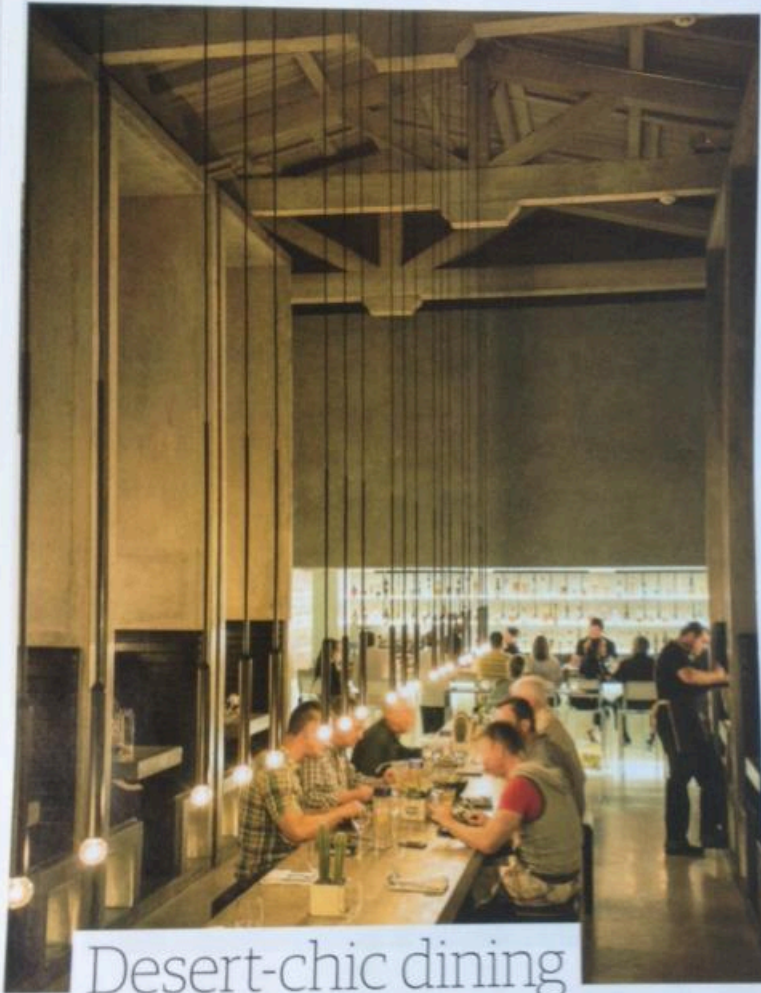


# Sunset

## Editors' picks



### Desert-chic dining

**PALM SPRINGS** The stylishly *un-retro* Workshop Kitchen + Bar, with a bright industrial-mod look, communal table, black leather booths, and Heath Ceramics, is a refreshing change-up in the desert. The equally eye-catching menu uses ingredients from within 100 miles in dishes like Brick Chicken, a crisp free-range Jidori with arugula and pesto smashed potatoes. The bar kicks it up a notch too, with housemade syrups and small-batch spirits elevating drinks like the Boxers and Bobbysocks (gin, rosemary gomme, and lime juice), a complex mix of sweet, tart, and bitter. \$\$\$; 800 N. Palm Canyon Dr.; 760/459-3451.

#### LAGUNA BEACH

### Gardens grow upward

Small-space gardeners, meet your new source of inspiration: **Alegria Fresh**, a hydroponic vertical farm that produces more than 900 pounds of leafy greens and veggies each month in a space the size of an average suburban backyard. The farm's secret weapon? Seven-foot planters that take up only 18 square inches of floor space each but can hold up to 60 plants. One-hour tours are a great way to see them at work. Afterward, check out the planters for sale or grab a bouquet of whatever has just been picked; this month that could be curly kale, collard greens, or Japanese basil. Tours \$19; [alegriafresh.com](http://alegriafresh.com)

#### SAN LUIS OBISPO

### New digs on the Central Coast

SLO is on a meteoric rise, with nearby wineries, a walkable downtown, and as of October the elegant art deco-ish **Granada Hotel**. Located in a 19 building of exposed brick, all 17 rooms have architectural-salvage pieces like velvet armchairs and Persian rugs, and 4 rooms have private balconies. We're fans of the C.O. Bigelow toiletries, switch-on fireplaces, and community sundeck. Other perks are the lender Linus bikes and Spanish-influenced Granada Bistro (\$\$\$). This is just the destination hotel that SLO has been needing. From \$245. [granadahotelandbistro.com](http://granadahotelandbistro.com)

#### DON'T MISS

When killer pie comes with first-rate pour over coffee, you know where to find us. Hollywood's **Republic of Pie** has savory options if you're hankering for dinner, or can get straight to the sweet stuff: choux bread pudding pie with banana and cardamom please. To-go pies from \$28; 11118 Magnolia Blvd.; [republicofpie.com](http://republicofpie.com)