



Top 40 Restaurants in the U.S.

Each year we honor America's top fine-dining restaurants, where chefs strive to reach the pinnacle of their culinary craft.

The year 2017 brought some significant changes to the realm of fine dining in the U.S. We mourned the shuttering of Tru in Chicago and SAAM at The Bazaar by José Andrés in Los Angeles, both previous honorees of GAYOT's top restaurant awards. The spirit of reinvention, an imperative motif in the culinary world, was embodied by Eleven Madison Park as the New York restaurant embarked on a renovation to fortify its future and continued success.

Meanwhile, stalwart chefs across America persevered in their pursuit of culinary innovation through refined techniques and pristine ingredients sourced from near and far. We're proud to honor these excellent establishments on GAYOT's **2017 Top 40 Restaurants in the U.S.**, presented in alphabetical order.





Studio | Chef Craig Strong | Laguna Beach

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Chef Craig Strong's French cuisine with local, seasonal influences works wonderfully well at Studio, as its home, the Montage Laguna Beach, is an ode to the sophisticated California lifestyle and palate. The setting is also impressive, as the restaurant sits atop a gorgeous bluff with panoramic views of South Laguna's incomparable shore.