

Toronto

Room to eat

Hotels in Canada's largest city serve up new and exciting places to wine and dine

FOOD



Louix Louis
St Regis Hotel

Take an elevator up to the 31st floor of The St Regis Hotel and be dazzled by the glamor of whisky bar Louix Louis. This swish, Art Deco hangout is inspired by the old-world opulence of iconic bars in New York and Paris – evident from its decorative details such as a stunning 18m ceiling mural by Toronto artist Madison Van Rijn. Representing the city's history as one of the largest distillery districts at the start of the 19th century is a 500-strong premium collection of dark spirits, ranging from rum and whisky to cognac and brandy. Beyond the impressive drinks menu, chef Guillaume Robin's kitchen delivers a menu of contemporary French-American fare. Got a sweet tooth? You'll want to make room for the show-stopping 13-layer King's Cake made with flecks of gold and served with chocolate sauce that's poured tableside. louixlouis.com

Kōjin
Shangri-La Toronto Hotel

Kōjin, which takes its name from the Japanese god of fire, the hearth and the kitchen, is celebrity chef David Chang's latest offering at the Shangri-La Hotel. This brand new 90-seater outfit, helmed by longtime Momofuku chef Paula Navarrete, pays homage to her Colombian roots with a menu that focuses on wood-fired grilled meats. Settle into the airy, glass-walled space and order the grilled corn flatbread, made with hominy and cornmeal and a variety of toppings, before diving into the Easton-blend burger, with a chuck steak, skirt and short rib patty topped with fried gruyère. Don't forget to order a side of Tita's Mash, a cheesy dish of mashed potato cakes originally created by Navarrete's grandmother. kojin.momofuku.com





Constantine
The Anddore House

A historic, 10-story boutique hotel located in the heart of Toronto, The Anddore House reopened in 2018 with a minimalist, black façade and rooms with exposed brick walls. Complementing its new makeover is the sleek and cavernous Constantine, a restaurant that focuses on Mediterranean cuisine with Greek, Italian, Turkish and Israeli influences. "Imagine your Italian grandmother took a trip to the Middle East and came back with a basket full of ingredients from the Grand Bazaar," says chef Craig Harding, who's also behind acclaimed Toronto restaurants Campagnolo and La Palma. Sit at the 18-seater bar surrounding the open kitchen or get cozy in the dining room, and work your way through the mezze plates before savoring a rich saffron pappardelle with melt-in-your-mouth braised beef short ribs or a lamb burger with harissa aioli. constantineto.com



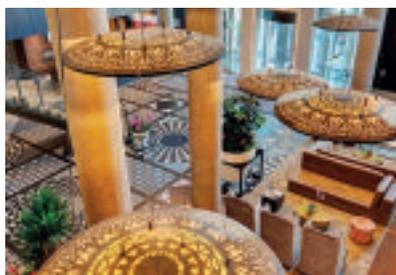
Mother Tongue
Templar Hotel

Located within the seven-story Templar Hotel, Mother Tongue houses a 46-seater restaurant with neo-Bohemian interiors on the ground level, and a speakeasy-inspired cocktail bar in the basement. Chef Francis Bermejo draws upon his Filipino roots to serve delectable sharing plates like *pancit bihon*. Here, the traditionally meat-heavy noodle dish is tossed with seasonal vegetables and *kombu dashi* (seaweed stock), resulting in a Japanese twist. "I don't like keeping it specific to one type of Asian cuisine because that's how I grew up as a kid in the Philippines," Bermejo says. The bar's signature cocktails also come with an Asian spin – try The Thrilla From Manila, a fiery combination of tequila, beet, lime and cucumber juice, with red chili and firewater bitters. mothertongue.ca



X MARKS THE SPOT

Tuck into gourmet modern Mediterranean cuisine while admiring the view of Stanley Gardens



Fancy Mediterranean restaurant Pétros 82 is set to open this summer within Toronto's much talked-about Hotel X, Library Hotel Collection's exclusive new offering. Overlooking Stanley Gardens, the 929m² restaurant will spotlight locally-sourced seafood and natural ingredients, while boasting a raw bar, to be led by Filipino-Canadian executive chef Richard Andino. Diners can also look forward to a grilled fish station by Rob Rainford, cookbook author and former host of *License to Grill* on Food Network Canada. In the meantime, guests can head to Pétros 82 Lobby Bar, which offers inventive cocktails and a slew of delicious bar bites. hoteltoronto.com

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