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A tour of OpenTable's Top 50 restaurants with most scenic views

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OpenTable.com, the restaurant reservations network, has identified the Top 50 restaurants in the USA with the most scenic views.

EXCLUSIVE PHOTO TOUR: Hotel restaurants that made OpenTable's Top 50 list

And since 16 of the 50 happen to be located in hotels, Hotel Check-In is here to tell you about the list - and also take you on a photo tour of some of these extraordinarily scenic destinations.

Making the cut for OpenTable's Top 50 list is impressive, given that OpenTable lists some 12,000 restaurants in every state.



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Courtesy OpenTable

From Indianapolis to Phoenix to Honolulu, restaurants on the Top 50 list offer a memorable meal against a memorable backdrop, be it twinkling city lights, a spectacular Pacific sunset or majestic mountains.

They're all appropriate settings for a special dinner, be it an anniversary or important business dinner.

"From sexy urban skylines to stunning vistas courtesy of Mother Nature, the views at these top restaurants will take your breath away – but not your appetite," says Caroline Potter, OpenTable's chief dining officer. "The winning restaurants on this list represent the best in destination dining."

As a former Californian, I was especially intrigued by California's No. 1 showing.

More than half of OpenTable's full Top 50 list are located in the Golden State. San Diego alone claims eight, which is the most for any city, while the San Francisco Bay Area (broad, I know) claims six. New York City comes in third with five restaurants on the list.

Here's the list of 16 hotel restaurants listed by states with the most restaurants on the list, and then by alphabetical order. Scroll to the bottom for more information and a link to the full 50 on OpenTable's website.

CALIFORNIA

Claes Ovation – Laguna Beach (Hotel Laguna)

Edgewood Restaurant – South Lake Tahoe (Edgewood Resort)

Grandviews - San Francisco (Grand Hyatt)

River's End – Jenner (River's End Restaurant and Inn)

The Shores – La Jolla (La Jolla Shores Hotel)

NEW YORK

R Lounge at Two Times Square – New York (Renaissance Hotel)

The View Restaurant – New York (Marriott Times Square)

Top of the Tower – New York (The Beekman Hotel)

ARIZONA

Compass Restaurant – Phoenix (Hyatt Regency)

Different Pointe of View – Phoenix (Pointe Hilton)

ALASKA

Seven Glaciers – Girdwood (Alyeska Resort)

GEORGIA

Nikolai's Roof – Atlanta (Hilton Hotel)

HAWAII

Sarento's Top of the "I" – Honolulu (Ilikai Hotel)

INDIANA

Eagle's Nest – Indianapolis (Hyatt Regency)

NEVADA

Top of the World Restaurant – Las Vegas (Stratosphere Hotel)

WASHINGTON

Six Seven – Seattle (Edgewater Hotel)

Restaurants that made the cut were selected based on a year's worth of OpenTable members' reviews written through June 2011. OpenTable started collecting reviews in November 2008.

The San Francisco-based company has become a major player in the restaurant business since its inception in 1998. The site has seated more than 200 million diners around the world. See the [full Top 50 list here](#).