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## **Prestigious Michelin Guide Spotlights West Hollywood Restaurants**



### ***A Dozen Eateries are Honored in Michelin's First California Guide in a Decade***

WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA (June 12, 2019) – Two very coveted stars now enhance the menu of West Hollywood's [Sushi Ginza Onodera](#), as the famed Michelin Guide recognizes the restaurant's "exemplary quality," "resplendent Japanese elegance" and "delirious array of courses" in its first dedicated California publication in a decade. In addition to Sushi Ginza Onodera, 11 other West Hollywood restaurants are among the 657 spots statewide that received notable recognition in the [2019 Michelin Guide California](#). Inclusion in the Michelin Guide on any level indicates that a restaurant merits distinction for quality food as determined by the discriminating reviews of its anonymous critics.

"One of the highlights of West Hollywood's unique culture is the abundance of diverse dining experiences available. At every turn, there are restaurants of virtually every kind that showcase the creativity of some of the best chefs in the world," says Tom Kiely, President and CEO of the [West Hollywood Travel and Tourism Board](#). "We are thrilled that the Michelin Guide has recognized so many of our destination's fantastic restaurants. It's a great honor that underscores the incredible culinary landscape here."

Those rounding out this esteemed list include the following eateries, with snippets of “Michelin Guide’s Point of View”:

**Michelin Bib Gourmand** – Designated with the iconic Michelin Man in the guide, these restaurants are acclaimed for their high-quality, simple and approachable style of cooking presented at a great value. It is given to selected eateries at which guests can enjoy two courses and a glass of wine or dessert for \$40 or less (excluding tax and tip).

- **Aburiya Raku**: Authentic Japanese fare served in a “zen-like dining room” with the option to sit by the open kitchen and watch the grill masters at work. Alongside an impressive sake menu, must-try items include the signature robata skewers and Michelin’s recommended Kurobuta pork cheeks and pork ribs brushed with teriyaki sauce.
- **Eveleigh**: A “delightfully bright and airy restaurant” nestled into a rustic setting, this easy-breezy spot offers al fresco dining with a retractable roof and fresh farm-to-table fare. Michelin experts recommend the crushed peas with burrata and spaghettini with hearty chunks of Dungeness crab.
- **Rosaliné**: Sporting a cozy atmosphere adorned with upbeat Latin music, this is the spot for traditional Peruvian cuisine served with heart. The centrally-located kitchen offers Michelin recommendations like lomo saltado and adobo pork osso bucco, plus an array of seafood.

**Michelin Plate** – Included in the guide for its quality cuisine and as such, considered recommended by Michelin experts.

- **Connie & Ted’s**: Eclectic East- and West-Coast vibes mix here, where the “funky interior and seafaring knickknacks” pay homage to Chef Michael Cimarusti’s New England roots. On the must-try list: the lobster roll, trio of chowders and chilled seafood platters... topped off by saltwater taffy.
- **Gracias Madre**: “Plant-based darling,” “airy and beguiling” and “astoundingly delicious” pepper the Guide’s review of this vegan Melrose Mexican spot. On the menu of local market-inspired specialties, don’t miss the coconut ceviche, shredded jackfruit, housemade chips and menu of 60 tequilas and 70 mezcals.
- **Katana**: Look beyond the glam of the celebrity-preferred hot spot boasting the most sought-after tables on the Sunset Strip to the menu of shiro maguro, smoke-infused meat skewers, and raw Hamachi topped with “copious amounts of sautéed red and green chilies.”
- **Lucques**: The ambiance at this Mediterranean gem takes diners to a cozy Napa cottage, while the menu, created by the “graceful hand of Chef Suzanne Goin” begins an adventure in specialties like market lettuce with roasted beets, more mushroom lasagna and soft egg with creamy burrata.
- **Night + Market**: The cuisine here is as vibrant and tantalizing as the colorful and beaded décor, featuring Thai specialties classic and creative. Explore the culinary spice route with gaeng hanglay, larb gai and “house delight” pad see ew.
- **Norah**: The restaurant is self-described as eclectic, but Michelin hails its ethereal and pretty setting with delicious food. Belly up to the two-sided marble bar for hand-crafted cocktails, then indulge in cornbread with rosemary butter, cauliflower tartare and butter-poached shrimp with smoked

tomato.

- **Tesse:** “An impressive lineup of terrines, rillettes and artisanal sausages” are the namesake stars of the menu at this stylish French restaurant. Serving up the very best farmers’ market finds of the day, curated by masterful chefs, the spot serves up favorites like blue crab simplisseime, fire-roasted bone marrow and duck prosciutto and shallots.
- **Tower Bar & Restaurant:** Posh meets cozy in this Old-Hollywood inspired space, “an art deco relic of the Great Depression.” The maître’d can make or break the seating experience, but the dining experience is reliably delectable, including a succulent pork chop, throw-back deviled eggs and crudité, and baked Alaska.

The 2019 Michelin Guide California is now available to order or view online, while West Hollywood’s premier restaurants continue to dazzle foodies day into night.

### **About West Hollywood Travel + Tourism Board**

West Hollywood Travel + Tourism Board is the official marketing organization that invites visitors to West Hollywood, California, a walkable, 1.9 square mile city in the heart of Los Angeles. Located at the base of the Hollywood Hills and adjacent to Beverly Hills, West Hollywood is a creative and progressive city that embodies the quintessential L.A. lifestyle. West Hollywood is home to 19 hotels and comprising three main districts: the world-famous Sunset Strip with unparalleled nightlife, eclectic and LGBTQ-friendly Santa Monica Boulevard, and the Design District known for its sought-after shopping and dining. West Hollywood enjoys a year-round moderate climate and thanks to its prime location and hip atmosphere, West Hollywood serves as home and playground to many celebrities. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram (@visitweho). [www.visitwesthollywood.com](http://www.visitwesthollywood.com)

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