

TRENDING

## Feast Your Eyes

Their dishes may be delicious, but with interiors ranging from haute to psychedelic, the visuals at these new restaurants steal the show. BY DIANA HUBBELL

### BANGKOK

#### The House on Sathorn

The W Bangkok's crowning jewel, an 1889 mansion that once was the Soviet Embassy, finally this summer flung open its restored louvered doors. The big reveal? A gorgeous courtyard overhung by big parasols, twisty trees and the sea of skyscrapers beyond; a sexy Art Deco lounge; the soon-to-come exclusive club and private accommodations—and an intimate dining room with a menu inspired by chef Fatih Tutak's travels. The communal bar around the open kitchen is the best place to gush over the beastly half-kilo river-prawn dish called Pier 9, or the playfully morbid Hunting, duck atop a splatter of pomegranate jus to symbolize blood. 106 Sathorn Rd.; 66-2/344-4000; [whotelbangkok.com](http://whotelbangkok.com); dinner for two Bt1,700.



### SHANGHAI

#### 1921Gucci

Luxe brands like Bulgari, Prada and Porsche have been getting in the dining game and now Gucci has blazed onto the runway with a lush space swaddled in velvet, dark wood and gold. The aesthetic, like the menu, leans to expensive Italian, with napkins and silverware bearing the coveted logo and the brand's birth year. Eating here is a splurge to be sure, but less financially ruinous than anything in the actual Gucci store down the elevator. 413 IAPM Mall, 999 Huaihai Lu; 86-21/3356-3525; dinner for two RMB700.

### TOKYO

#### Kawaii Monster Café

Where else but Harajuku could the neon acid trip that is Kawaii Monster Café feel at home? Local artist Sebastian Masuda taps the countercultural geist in an eatery that manages to be equally adorable and unsettling. After passing the luridly hued cake-shaped carousel, diners are led by heavily costumed “monster girl” hostesses to one of four areas, including Mushroom Disco, decorated with poisonous-looking fungi, and Mel-Tea Room, a Mad Hatter-worthy party. 4F, 4-31-10 Jingumae, Shibuya-ku; 81-3/5413-6142; dinner for two ¥4,000 plus ¥900 entrance fee for 90 minutes.



FROM TOP: The House on Sathorn lights up Bangkok's brimming drinking and dining scene; step into a contemporary take on the Italian Renaissance at Beijing's Florentina.

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#### Florentina

The Renaissance epicenter informs both food and form here. A muted palette and touch of Carrara marble recall Italian classicism. Designer Emma Maxwell drew on her background in sculpture to add flair: blown-glass ornaments call to mind fireworks in a summer sky. *La vita è bella*, indeed. 1F, Bldg. 2, 6 Fangyuan Xilu, Chaoyang Dist.; 86-10/8431-0027; dinner for two RMB676.

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