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The 10 Hottest Restaurants in Fort Lauderdale

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Sure, Miami has plenty of places for wining and dining. But Fort Lauderdale has plenty to bring to the table, too - and we're not just talking about the all-American, young professional scene with low-key beach-style vibe (although it's a plus!). The food doesn't disappoint here either, especially at these ten Fort Lauderdale restaurants.

Chow

The guys behind Creative Kitchen open this Asian-American fusion eatery in Downtown Fort Lauderdale, serving a unique mix of sushi and barbecue inside its cool farmhouse-style dining room along with crafty cocktails prepared upstairs in the hidden whiskey bar.

210 SW Second St.; 954-523-1213

Kuro (pictured)

This modern Japanese restaurant at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, focuses on locally sourced ingredients and specialty items flown in from Japan that are served inside a contemporary space with sushi bar and cocktail lounge.

1 Seminole Wy.; 954-327-7625

Steak 954

Stephen Starr's waterside steakhouse at the W Hotel Fort Lauderdale offers killer steak and seafood dishes in fancy digs with an aquarium full of jellyfish and stellar ocean views.

401 N Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd.; 954-414-8333

Fork & Balls

This meatball-focused eatery on hopping Las Olas Boulevard offers takes on the comfort-food classic made with lamb, veggies and fish, available in sandwiches, sliders, pastas and salads paired with craft brews and wines on tap.

1301 East Las Olas Blvd.; 954-771-2257

S3 Restaurant

Created by the folks behind **YOLO**, this chic Eclectic eatery in the Hilton Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort feature a huge tapas menu (including lots of sushi) that can be served inside the chic interior or outside on the massive lounge with fire pits, cushy seating and views of the beach.

505 N Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd.; 954-523-7873

Gilbert's 17th Street Grill

This low-key, family-run American joint in Harbor Shops aims to please with its comfy large booths, floor-to-ceiling windows and friendly vibe complemented with customized burgers, messy ribs, crispy sweet potato fries and decadent housemade Key lime pie.

1821 Cordova Rd.; 954-768-8990

Beauty & the Feast Bar | Kitchen

There's plenty to feast on inside this funky waterfront New American eatery parked on the lobby level of The Atlantic Hotel & Spa, ranging from small plates of crispy chicken sliders to a whole-hog feast.

601 N Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd.; 954-567-8070

The Riverside Market Cafe

A favorite among locals, this offbeat hangout with comfy couches offers a small Eclectic menu accompanied by wine, tons of brews on tap and specialty sodas.

608 SW 12th Ave.; 954-358-8333

15th Street Fisheries

You'll get dinner with a view inside this old standby Marina seafooder located right on the water. Diners can watch expensive yachts go by as they enjoy fresh fish on the chill, dockside-level, fancy upstairs dining space.

1900 SE 15th St.; 954-763-2777

Hardy Park Bistro

This cozy yet sophisticated New American serves a rotating menu of playful fare from a longtime yacht-galley chef. Note: reservations aren't accepted.

21 SW Seventh St.; 954-652-1475