From a glass-encased underwater restaurant to a treehouse where the waiter greets you via a zipline, some restaurants take dining to the next level.

These nine restaurants are so spectacular, they’re worth traveling to see.

Cloak and Petal in San Diego, California

Can’t make it to Japan for the peak cherry blossom bloom? Take an alternative route, and head to San Diego. Tucked among the classic Italian restaurants in the Little Italy neighborhood is Cloak and Petal, where sakuras are always in bloom. The faux punchy pink blooms framing the bar add to the hip vibe in this Japanese restaurant that’s bidding for a spot in your Instagram highlights. One night, live jazz may set the soundtrack. The next, old-school hip-hop beats are thumping. Of course, saying you “crave” something is the best compliment we can pay to food; and the garlic edamame made with sake, lemon and butter will be something that leaves an impression with your tastebuds.

Ithaa Undersea Restaurant at Conrad Maldives Rangali Island

Reservation for two: Under the sea, please. Ithaa Undersea Restaurant at Conrad Maldives Rangali Island is located 16 feet below the surface and guests will get to take in views of the Maldivian waters. No scuba certification needed as you catch frequent cameos from manta rays, sharks and tropical fish. The glass-encased restaurant serves European fare.
Las Ventanas al Paraiso, a Rosewood Resort in Los Cabos, Mexico

It’s a truly choose-your-own dining adventure at Las Ventanas al Paraiso, a Rosewood Resort. Through the “Challenge the Chef” culinary program, the hotel’s chef will judge your cooking skills, awarding you one to three spoons. Or, you can dine on the beach with a bonfire glowing or check out the on-site Tequila and Ceviche bar for a perfect pairing. But for a truly memorable dinner, make a reservation in a grotto and dine in a bubbling jacuzzi inside the Oasis Pool. Enjoy live music, an impressive wine list and nearby ambient fireplaces.

Ossiano at Atlantis, The Palm in Dubai

Dubai, in general, excels when it comes to delivering “wows.” Going along with that theme, Ossiano in Atlantis, The Palm gives diners an “underwater” experience. The award-winning seafood restaurant is surrounded by a massive aquarium. More than 65,000 species inhabit the aquarium and you may just catch a shark or stingray passing by while you enjoy dinner.
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Zuma Miami in Florida

A table at one of Zuma Miami’s waterfront tables offers a spectacular views of the Miami River. But ascending to the next level, guests at this chic Japanese restaurant can board their own private vessel or chartered yacht.

The Dome at lebua in Bangkok, Thailand

Ten glam bars and restaurants have coveted spots in The Dome at lebua, which spoils diners with panoramic views of the Bangkok skyline from 820 feet in the air. Among the dining options is Michelin star restaurant Mezzaluna, which offers fine European dining. The views are so remarkable
up here, photography experts are available to snap photos for guests, capturing the best angles with custom lighting.

Views from the Dome at lebua in Bangkok are so great, photography experts are available to capture perfect photos for guests.
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Soneva Kiri in Thailand
Childhood treehouse dreams, but make it fine dining. At Soneva Kiri, a luxury nature resort in Thailand, diners can take in the views of the ancient rainforest of Koh Kood. Curious how the waiters arrive at your table? Via a zipline, of course!

Dine in a treepod at Soneva Kira, a luxury nature resort in Thailand.
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Bota Sare Restaurant and Oyster Bar in Mali Ston, Croatia
The world is indeed your oyster. I discovered this floating oyster bar outside of Dubrovnik during an excursion while on a Princess Cruise through the Western Mediterranean. While the restaurant is situated in a waterfront castle, you can board a boat and sip some wine during a short ride from the shore of Mali Ston to the floating bar where the oysters are harvested for the restaurant.
San Ignacio Resort in San Ignacio, Belize

You know the views are special at the San Ignacio Resort’s restaurant when you sit down for breakfast and spot binoculars on the table. Take that as your cue to enjoy epic birdwatching while enjoying your morning coffee and fry jacks, which are an airy, breakfast pastry. The restaurant is perched in the jungle. Ask for a “Bird List” to see how many species you can spot. If you’re lucky, you’ll see a Keel-Billed Toucan, a colorful bird that takes up residence in the Belizean jungle.