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Hawaii**
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The West UNPLUGGED

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& one-day escapes

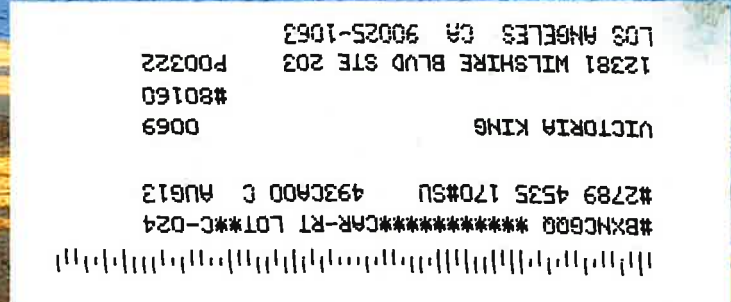
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## Desert-chic dining

**PALM SPRINGS** The stylishly *un-retro* **Workshop Kitchen + Bar**, with a bright industrial-mod look, communal table, black leather booths, and Heath Ceramics, is a refreshing change-up in the desert. The equally eye-catching menu uses ingredients from within 100 miles in dishes like Brick Chicken, a crisp free-range Jidori with arugula and pesto smashed potatoes. The bar kicks it up a notch too, with housemade syrups and small-batch spirits elevating drinks like the Boxers and Bobbysocks (gin, rosemary gomme, and lime juice), a complex mix of sweet, tart, and bitter. \$\$\$; 800 N. Palm Canyon Dr.; 760/459-3451.

### **LAGUNA BEACH** **Gardens grow upward**

Small-space gardeners, meet your new source of inspiration: **Alegría Fresh**, a hydroponic vertical farm that produces more than 900 pounds of leafy greens and veggies each month in a space the size of an average suburban backyard. The farm's secret weapon? Seven-foot planters that take up only 18 square inches of floor space each but can hold up to 60 plants. One-hour tours are a great way to see them at work. Afterward, check out the planters for sale or grab a bouquet of whatever has just been picked; this month that could be curly kale, collard greens, or Japanese basil. *Tours \$15; [alegriafresh.com](http://alegriafresh.com)*



### **SAN LUIS OBISPO** **New digs on the Central Coast**

SLO is on a meteoric rise, with nearby wineries, a walkable downtown, and as of October the elegant art deco-ish **Granada Hotel**. Located in a 1922 building of exposed brick, all 17 rooms have architectural-salvage pieces like velvet armchairs and Persian rugs, and 4 rooms have private balconies. We're fans of the C.O. Bigelow toiletries, switch-on fireplaces, and community sundeck. Other perks are the lender Linus bikes and Spanish-influenced Granada Bistro (\$\$\$). This is just the destination hotel that SLO has been needing. *From \$249; [granadahotelandbistro.com](http://granadahotelandbistro.com)*

### **DON'T MISS**

When killer pie comes with first-rate pour-over coffee, you know where to find us. North Hollywood's **Republic of Pie** has savory options if you're hankering for dinner, or you can get straight to the sweet stuff: chocolate bread pudding pie with banana and caramel, please. *To-go pies from \$28; 11178 Magnolia Blvd.; [republicofpie.com](http://republicofpie.com)*