TEN BEST

IRRESISTIBLE RESTAURANTS

1. AMAYA

Halkin Arcade, 19 Motcomb Street, London, England Tel: 44-(0)-20-7823-1166, www.amaya.biz

Amaya—created by Ranjit Mathrani, Namita Panjabi, and Camellia Panjabi, the owners of Chutney Mary and Veeraswamy—grills the most delicious Indian food in the world, seasoned with subtle marinades prepared in an open kitchen. Award-winning for good reason, there is absolutely no better dining experience in London. Tasteful decor matches the fabulous food.

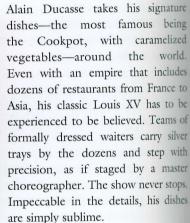
2. 1884 RESTAURANTE & PATAGONIA SUR

Belgrano 1188, Godoy Cruz, Mendoza, Argentina

Tel: 54-2610-4240-2698, www.1884restaurante.com.ar
1 Esq. Pedro de Mendoza, La Boca, Buenos Aires
Tel: 54-2610-4301-5917, www.restaurantepatagoniasur.com
Gaucho grilling with Francis Mallman—whose approach to
cooking has become legendary—takes vegetables, fruits, and
beef to new heights in two exciting restaurants in Argentina.
Both are unique: 1884 is situated in an old winery in Mendoza,
and Patagonia Sur is set in his town home in La Boca, one of
the oldest sections of Buenos Aires. Cooking with fire pampasstyle, Mallman is a culinary master, always striving to create
new taste treats—to taste is to believe. His apple tart is out of
this world. In Paris recently, he prepared more than 50 dishes
made entirely of potatoes, stunning the French masters.

3. LE LOUIS XV

Hotel de Paris, 9800 Monte-Carlo, Monaco Tel: 377-9806-3000, www.alain-ducasse.com/en





4. LA VERANDA AT VILLA D'ESTE

Via Regina 40, 22012 Cernobbio, Lake Como, Italy Tel: 39-055-626-11, www.villadeste.com

Called the most beautiful hotel in the world, the Villa d'Este has hosted notable personalities and celebrities for centuries in this grand, elegant 16th-century villa. For 40 years, Luciano Parolari, the executive chef of the hotel's famed La Veranda, has grown his own vegetables and herbs—picked daily—and prepared fresh regional dishes like risotto with saffron. Fettuccine and fondue, truffles and tortellini, apples and artichokes, all bring delight to the Italian table. To love food is to love Italy. Weather permitting, you can eat outside on the terrace.