

Mouth-watering interiors

If you're in London or New York to check out our sales, here are IO picks for restaurants and bars with interiors that are as tempting as their menus

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Bemelmans Bar at The Carlyle

35 East 76th Street
New York, NY 10075

The walls of Bemelmans Bar don't talk, but they still manage to tell an incredible story. In 1947, *Madeline* writer and illustrator Ludwig Bemelmans was commissioned to create a mural complete with illustrations inspired by his beloved children's books. Instead of receiving payment for the job, he opted for accommodations at the hotel, and with its cosy leather banquettes and charming painted lampshades, it's easy to see why he felt so at home.

Spice Market

403 West 13th Street
New York, NY 10014

With a bar imported from Indonesia and Indian ruins around every corner, Spice Market patrons would be forgiven for thinking they'd found a secret passageway to Southeast Asia. Every surface is a study in texture, from the antique wall carvings to the embroidered curtains. Although the building retains the large timber beams that hint at its former life as a warehouse, French architect and designer Jacques Garcia has created a warm, inviting space that's big on atmospheric appeal.

Casa Lever below

390 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10022

There is perhaps no bigger compliment than to be called "very New York" by *The New York Times*, and Casa Lever is very New York indeed. From the Andy Warhol portraits on the wall to the understated wood trim and modern chandeliers, it's Big Apple chic at its best. If you go, try to reserve one of the restaurant's inset booths, where you can people watch to your heart's content while enjoying the comforts of your own semi-private dining space.



Sketch above

9 Conduit Street
London W1S 2XG

A sketch changes and evolves, all the while conveying the mind of an artist at work. It is, therefore, the perfect concept to describe this art gallery/restaurant/bar/scene, which transitions from art space during the day to see-and-be-seen hotspot at night. Don't miss 'The Gallery', Sketch's gastro-brasserie, where you'll find art all around you, from the David Shrigley-designed plates to 239 original works by the artist hanging on its blush-coloured walls.

Gymkhana

42 Albemarle Street
London W1S 4JH

Part restaurant, part time machine, Gymkhana's décor harkens back to the eponymous social clubs of colonial India. It's a design that doesn't skimp on the details — you'll find hunting trophies, vintage sports prints and even an old barometer that once belonged to the owner's grandmother. Taken in sum with the interior's sloping ceilings and exposed walls, it's enough to make us want to order a round of Ooty Town gimlets and stay for a while.

Tørst

615 Manhattan Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11222

Earlier this year the Restaurant & Bar Design Awards recognised Tørst as the best-designed bar in North America, owing, no doubt, to its stylishly streamlined interior — think Danish modern meets Brooklyn chic. Wood is the unifying element around which all other design features revolve, from the chevron-patterned tables to the ombré-coloured taps. But this isn't your grandmother's parquet floor — a less-is-more approach keeps the design as cool as Tørst's much talked about lineup of craft beers.

The Magazine Restaurant at the Serpentine Galleries

West Carriage Drive
London W2

Designed by starchitect Zaha Hadid, the Magazine features the undulating organic forms that have become synonymous with Hadid's signature style. Curving walls and pillars akin to giant stalactites give this interior a dramatic, larger-than-life feel. But the pared-down colour palette — neutrals with pops of green — makes the space feel open and airy, keeping the focus on the fabulous food.

Aqua Shard

31 St Thomas Street
London SE1 9RY

Aqua Shard's interior design doesn't try to compete with its surroundings — floor to ceiling views of London's stunning skyline — instead, it seems every detail was chosen to complement the world just outside this restaurant's walls. Lighting is key to the overall sense of atmosphere here, and to this end, fixtures include low-glare fittings that minimize distracting reflections on the panoramic glass windows. Lights are timed using an astronomical clock to ensure a perfect transition from day to night.

Refinery Rooftop at the Refinery Hotel below

63 West 38th Street
New York, NY 10018

In a city with its fair share of rooftop bars, Refinery Rooftop stands apart. In keeping with the style of the hotel below, the bar has a cool-not-cloying industrial aesthetic. But the real star of this show is, of course, the breathtaking city view, which can be enjoyed year-round thanks to a well-designed glass enclosed lounge featuring globe string lights, communal wood tables and seating cushions that provide a necessary infusion of colour.



THE AUCTIONS

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Highlights from London and New York

London, South Kensington

18 July – Style & Spirit, Sale XXXX

25 November – Interiors, Sale 5833

2 December – Masters & Makers, Sale xxxx

3 December – Fire & light, Sale xxxx

9–10 December – Interiors, Sale xxxx

17 December – Creatures, Sale xxxx

New York, Rockefeller Centre

19 December – Interiors, Sale XXXX



What to view and do this fall

Bentonville

State of the Art: Discovering American Art Now Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art Until 19 January

Last year, Crystal Bridges' curatorial team mounted 'the ultimate road trip', travelling the continental United States to find some of the best lesser-known artists in America today. Over 100,000 miles later, the resulting exhibition is an insightful look at art production from coast to coast. crystalbridges.org

Boston

Court Ladies or Pin-Up Girls? Chinese Paintings from the MFA, Boston Museum of Fine Arts Boston 20 December–19 July

Can 20th-century agricultural posters contain hidden erotic messages? Yes, according to the overall premise of this upcoming exhibition, which examines the depiction of women in over 1,000 years of Chinese art. Considered to be modest by modern standards, many of these works were actually highly suggestive when seen in their original context. mfa.org

London

Rembrandt: The Late Works The National Gallery Until 18 January

Even during the later stages of his life, Rembrandt continued to produce astonishingly beautiful works — in fact, many of his so-called 'late works' were amongst his most innovative and expressive creations. This show celebrates

Rembrandt as he is meant to be remembered — as both a revolutionary and a master of the Dutch Golden Age. nationalgallery.org.uk

Los Angeles

Drawing in the Age of Rubens The Getty Center Until 11 January

Not every artist gets their own adjective, but the term 'Rubenesque' is an honour that's well-deserved. Rubens had a unique way of translating the brilliance of 3-D life into 2-D mediums, which is why this exhibition of his drawings is such a pleasure to see. getty.edu

Miami Design Miami 3–7 December

One of the most highly anticipated design fairs of the year, Design Miami presents a veritable treasure trove of chic furniture, lighting, objects d'art and more. When you're ready to take a break from browsing, fair organisers will also be offering a series of talks by collectors, creatives and critics. designmiami.com

Art Basel – Miami Beach 4–7 December

For denizens of the art world, it's the place to see and be seen in the month of December. That's when hundreds of collectors and dealers will descend on South Florida to party, peruse and purchase works from today's most sought-after artists. The fair is the central attraction in a constellation of art-related events, so if you plan to go, be sure to also check out the many other smaller fairs happening that week. artbasel.com

Minneapolis

Art at the Center: 75 Years of Walker Collections The Walker Art Center Until 11 September 2016

The Walker's incredible programming over the last three-quarters of a century has earned it many fans — and we're definitely among them. This exhibition offers a glimpse inside the curatorial history of this boundary-breaking institution — we can't wait to see what's in store for the next 75 years! walkerart.org

New York

Picasso & Jacqueline: The Evolution of Style Pace Gallery

31 October–10 January Picasso's wife Jacqueline was his most painted subject, so it comes as no surprise that Pace Gallery's exhibition of works featuring her portraits demonstrates remarkable depth and range. A fascinating glimpse into the artist's final years, this final chapter of Picasso's life and work is a must-see. pacegallery.com

Henri Matisse: The Cut-Outs The Museum of Modern Art Until 8 February

This is the largest group of Matisse's cut-outs ever assembled for public exhibition. Don't miss The Swimming Pool, which has been newly restored and is back on view at the museum after a more than 20-year absence. moma.org

V.S. Gaitonde: Painting as Process, Painting as Life The Guggenheim Museum Until 11 February

A leading figure in the field of modern and contemporary Indian art, Gaitonde's style

was abstract, minimalistic, and above all, revolutionary. Apart from being a world-class artist, he was also a famously private individual, which makes this first retrospective of his work all the more interesting and important. guggenheim.org

The Hugo Boss Prize The Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation November

Every two years, Hugo Boss — in conjunction with the Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation — awards a \$100,000 prize to an artist making a significant and outstanding contribution to the field of contemporary art. Past recipients include Matthew Barney and Danh Vo and we'll be raising a glass to this year's winner when the prize is awarded in November. hugoboss.com

Paris

Paris Photo Grand Palais 13–16 November

With over 150 galleries (and art book dealers!), Paris Photo attracts photophiles from around the world. This year its lineup includes a 'recent acquisitions' exhibition that highlights new collections from a range of international institutions. parisphoto.com

Jeff Koons The Pompidou Centre 26 November–27 April

Following its exhibition at the Whitney Museum in New York, the Pompidou Centre will host its salute to all things Koons beginning at the end of November. In terms of its architecture and dramatic interior, we can't think of a more exciting place to see Koons's works than the Pompidou Centre. Let the selfie-taking begin! centrepompidou.fr

Shanghai

Shanghai Art Fair ShanghaiMART 13–16 November

The Shanghai Art Fair has been a staple on the international art scene for close to two decades. This four-day event features an array of works by Western masters including Picasso, Rembrandt, Monet and more, alongside 20th-century Chinese paintings by legendary figures such as Zhang Daqian and Xu Beihong. sartfair.com

Zurich

Bharti Kher Hauser & Wirth 22 November–19 January

Whether she's using tiny bindis (the decorative dots many women apply to their foreheads in parts of South Asia) or creating a life-sized elephant sculpture, the forms and techniques employed in Kher's art are just as important as the ideas being conveyed. Her multimedia works are conceptual art at its best. hauserwirth.com

Everywhere

100 Masterpieces of Design Edited by Françoise Guichon and Frédéric Migayrou In Stores Now

Have you thought about the beauty of a Bic Cristal ballpoint pen lately? No? 100 Masterpieces of Design will help you see it in a new light. From everyday essentials to the kinds of pieces that are more likely to be housed in museums, this is a celebration of the world's best designed objects. (The Pompidou Centre)

At Christie's

Style & Spirit Sale 5795 London, South Kensington 18 November

The Shaman's Hut: A Private Selling Exhibition of Works by Michele Oka Doner New York 24 November – 18 December

Interiors Sale 5833/5421 London, South Kensington 25–26 November

Masters & Makers Sale 5870 London, South Kensington 2 December

Fire & Light Sale 10482 London, South Kensington 3 December

The London Art Circle: Short Courses at Christie's Education London Until 8 December

Interiors Sale 5912 London, South Kensington 9–10 December

All Creatures Great and Small Sale 5972 London, South Kensington 17 December

Interiors Sale 3405 New York 17–18 December



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