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# Denver's Best New Restaurants

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What makes a best new restaurant? It takes more than just a plate of good food. There's consistency to take into account, and the waitstaff and the ambience too, but mostly it's that spirited vibe when an eatery fires on all cylinders. When that happens the kitchen knows it, as do the servers, and the diners can feel it. There's something special about being a part of that moment—and it's something you'll experience at all 10 of these metro-area restaurants. ¶ For the last 14 months we've kept a crib sheet of the new places opening in and around Denver. We've noted spaces with hype and discovered other spots that opened without any fanfare. We've visited them all—chewing our way through crêpes with chantilly cream, duck confit, Cuban sandwiches, tandoori chicken, vegetarian hotdogs, and always, always dessert. ¶ Denver's dining scene continues to mature, embracing trends like Peruvian cuisine and seasonally focused menus. We also learned that Highland—especially booming East Highland—is the place to be, as three of our 10 are located in that urban neighborhood. Most important, we've found a handful of restaurants of all price ranges and cuisines that will wrap you in the moment and entice you to visit time and again.

