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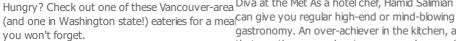


## Photos: 10 Vancouver-area restaurants worth blowing your food budget on



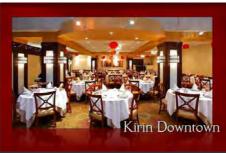








Hungry? Check out one of these Vancouver-area Diva at the Met As a hotel chef, Hamid Salimian gastronomy. An over-achiever in the kitchen, all that creative energy has to go somewhere and you'll find out-of-body food experiences on his tasting menus. They're priced at \$55 for five courses and \$75 for seven — very good value. (With wine matchings, they're \$95 and \$130.) The dishes are super labour intensive works of science (example, 'glass' potato chip garnish). 645 Howe St., 604-602-7788



Kirin restaurants Chinese restaurants can knock you out if you let them. At top-rated ones like Kirin, fabulous seafood, straight from the fish tank, can rival the best of exquisite meals in the city. Right now, it's Alaska king crab season. Choose how you want it prepared and get ready the foc to feast . The tanks also hold geoduck, lobster, and prawns. From the land, there's stuffed deboned duck, a signature dish. Two in Vancouver, Richmond, New Westminster

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