

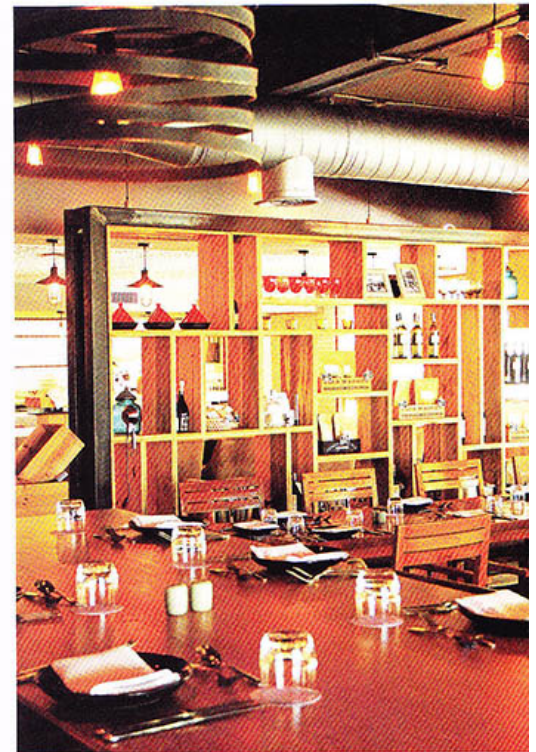


Michelin Meal in Normandy

Dine in L'Auberge des Ruines Restaurant opposite the Abbey de Jumièges and enjoy the gastronomic dishes served by Michelin-star chef Christophe Mauduit. Lunch starts with a glass of white wine served with cassis liqueur to accompany a plate of appetisers including breads and olive tapenade. Guests can order a variety of other traditional French country dishes such as vegetable soup, omelette with herbs and bacon or duck hotpot with cabbage, carrots and onions. In addition to wine, the local specialty of cider is most likely to be offered. This is apple country and it comes as no surprise that Calvados (apple brandy) is also available to accompany a dessert of apple pie with spices and housemade ice cream. www.auberge-des-ruines.fr

Food at Wharepuke

Kerikeri in New Zealand's Northland is surprising in many ways but especially with its subtropical climate. This means lush gardens as found at Food at Wharepuke in the town of Kerikeri. Located in a former army barracks, diners can enjoy sitting in the gardens and savouring the European cuisine with a touch of Thai. Local lamb is delicious as are the regional wines and craft beers that complement the food. www.foodatwharepuke.co.nz



Metzo Outrigger

Metzo's Mediterranean Restaurant in the Outrigger Laguna Phuket Beach Resort has a creative menu of popular dishes from around the Mediterranean that is complemented by a fine wine list. Metzo's wine list is not a long one but a carefully considered one for its country range, the variety of grapes and the style of wines. Weekend guests can indulge at the Mediterranean Sunday Brunch from 11.30am until 3.30pm and enjoy a carefully selected menu of mezze, tapas and dishes from the charcoal grill. Prices are reasonable and offered as food alone or extra with a free flow of wines, beers and cocktails. www.outrigger.com