

# A Restaurant

## Where Culinary Excellence Meets Timeless Elegance

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Amidst the captivating beauty of Newport Beach and Newport Coast, A Restaurant and A Crystal Cove stand as culinary gems, where exceptional food and timeless ambiance come together to create an unforgettable dining experience. A Restaurant's rich history dates back to the 1920s and exudes classic elegance and charm. Whether savoring a romantic dinner for two, gathering with friends for a special occasion, or simply indulging in a delectable meal, you are invited to savor every moment in style.

### Behind the Curtain

Hollywood producer McG and restaurateur Jordan Otterbein, River Jetty Restaurant Group partners behind the original swanky mainstay, A Restaurant in Newport Beach and buzzy new hotspot, A Crystal Cove, located within the Crystal Cove Shopping Center, know a thing or two about creating classy and welcoming eateries in the neighborhoods they grew up in. Both restaurants are tailored to the unique communities in which they are located.

Enjoy A Restaurant and A Crystal Cove's modern-American menus, presenting seasonally inspired, elevated dishes of land and sea, and stay for the distinct and lively atmospheres that each location provides.

For a cozy, romantic atmosphere with old Hollywood sophistication, visit A Restaurant for dinner where you'll find Executive Chef Robert Gomez cooking up A Restaurant classics like the Maine Diver Scallops, House or Specialty cuts of beef, and don't miss his Friday special—Chicken Pot Pie. Dig into the flaky, feather-light pastry billowing atop a medley of chicken gravy and veggies for the perfect comfort food to warm your soul on a cool, California evening.

Head over to A Crystal Cove for lunch, dinner and weekend brunch to experience relaxed coastal sophistication. Nodding to the old Hollywood glamor of the original A Restaurant, the beachside hideaway is helmed by Executive Chef Elvis Morales and features a menu of greatest hits from A Restaurant accompanied by delicious lunch dishes including the Lobster Cobb Salad, Chilean Sea Bass Tacos, and Cubano Sandwich for lunch, and creative brunch classics like the Filet + Dungeness Crab Benedict, Horchata Pancakes and Duck Confit Sopes.

### History

Originally built as a restaurant and service station, construction began on The Arches in 1925, the same year Coast Highway opened up from Huntington Beach to Newport Beach. Founded by John Vilelle and James Sturgeon, it was named by 10 year old Victor Chatten in a contest



advertised by them in the Balboa Times. The distinct Mediterranean style of the original buildings, with arches and red tile roofs, quickly made it a recognizable staple of Newport Beach as it helped to shape and inspire the town in its early stages.

Beginning as a basic roadside diner, the restaurant and its menu flourished together, featuring steak, seafood and celebrities in the 40's, 50's and 60's, and was touted for its French food by the early 1970's. And while its appearance and function has changed over time, its commitment to customer and community has not.

### INSIDER TIPS:

#### A Crystal Cove

Order from the "Push the Envelope" cocktail menu, a luxury cocktail menu offering four unique cocktails. A local favorite is "The Bogart," a spin on an old-fashioned made with Hibiki Japanese whiskey, cherry wood smoked tableside, and a bruleed Luxardo cherry.

They also offer 1/2 off wine on Tuesdays and 1/2 off champagne during weekend brunch.

#### A Newport

Offers daily specials Tuesday-Friday.

Tuesday - Chicken Piccata, Wednesday - BBQ Ribs, Thursday - Skirt Steak and Friday - Pot Pie. NBL & NCL favorite is the Pot Pie. It's the best in town! Tip: Put your order in early, as they sell out of these specials quickly!

They also offer "Stevens Precious" wine list. Steven is the infamous sommelier. It's his curated list of spectacular wines that are hard to find anywhere else.

For both locations, we encourage you to make reservations in advance.



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#### A Crystal Cove

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