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## 11 Unforgettable Hotel Dining Experiences Designed With Safety in Mind

From a Scandinavian-inspired yurt to a "Hobbit house", these new dining set-ups are both safe and photo-worthy.

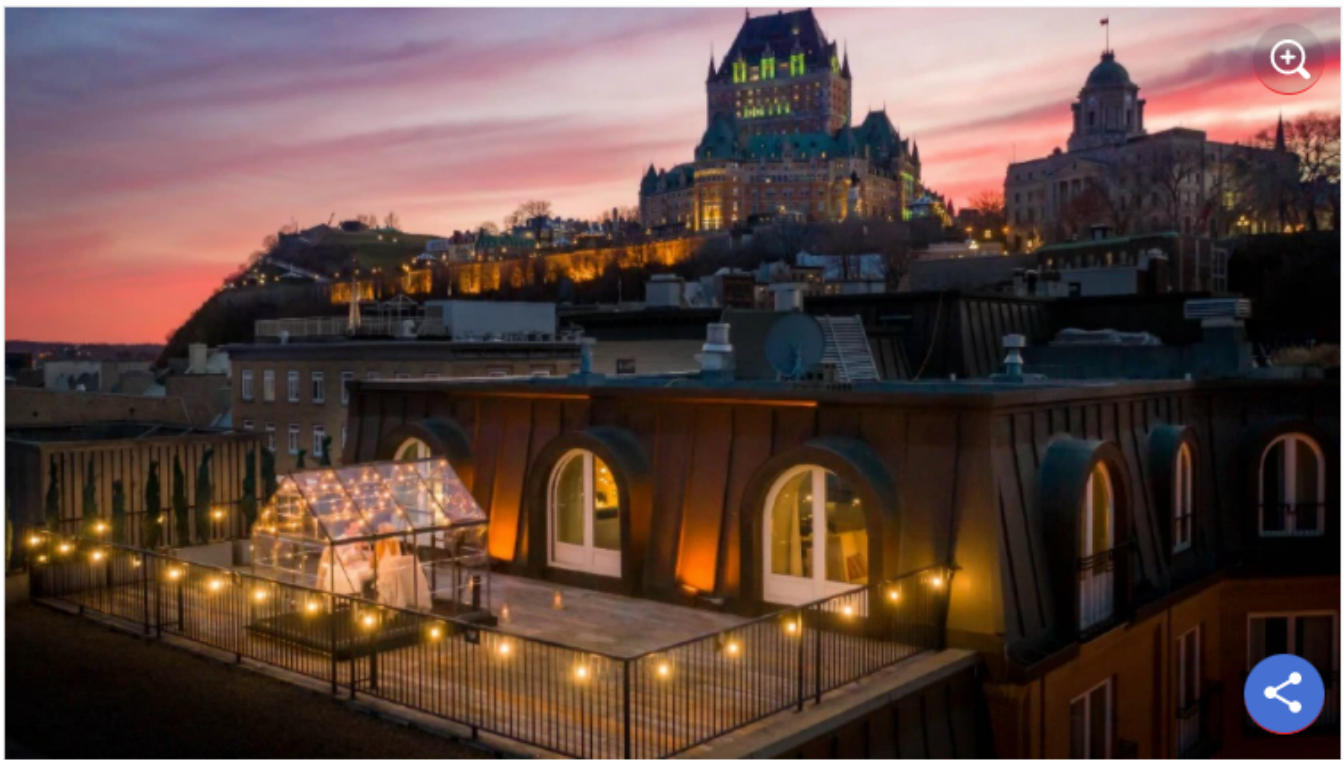
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While private dining is hardly a new concept in the restaurant and hotel worlds, ever-changing pandemic restrictions have forced businesses to get creative when it comes to how they can best accommodate guests, help them feel safe and still provide a memorable hospitality experience. In cities, this challenge has translated to purpose-built sidewalk and curbside structures (with varying degrees of insulation) that afford restaurants more outdoor seating. But at hotels and resorts—which enjoy the luxury of more space and, often, scenic locations—necessity has resulted in a slew of inventive set-ups.

Many luxury resorts already offer “dine anywhere on property” options (think torch-lit dinners on the beach or on a pier), but these pandemic-born opportunities take a slightly different approach by aiming to adhere to current guidelines while still feeling like some type of “normal” shared dining experience, with all the bells and whistles that we miss. From transformed guest suites and a European-inspired hidden alley to a bourbon-fueled homage to Middle-earth, here are 11 dining venues that are both fun and Covid-compliant.

## Auberge Saint-Antoine



Surrounded by views of the St. Lawrence river, Old Quebec City and the castle-like Chateaux Frontenac hotel, Canada’s intimate, Relais & Chateaux-member [Auberge Saint-Antoine](#) enjoys a storybook setting. Guests can soak up the vistas even in winter weather thanks to the new heated mini-greenhouses that can be set up on the terrace of your room or suite. Made of clear polycarbonate panels and strung with lights, the pods can accommodate up to five people for breakfast, afternoon tea (or hot chocolate) or a candlelit dinner “under the stars”. *The experience is available at any time for hotel guests, while non-guests can book a greenhouse dinner during the week.*