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## Date Night, More Izakaya and Some Big Trees

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**DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES - Date Night:** When it comes to a simple date night, nothing beats the combination of a good movie and an even better dinner. With that in mind, the Financial District Italian restaurant **Drago Centro** this Thursday is hosting the "Dinner & A Movie" promotion. Reservations are recommended for the \$40 tasting menu. The four-course July 1 meal will include charcuterie and pickled vegetables, gnocchi amatriciani, roasted leg of lamb and chocolate torta caprese. The movie will be the 1953 comedy *Roman Holiday* starring Gregory Peck and Audrey Hepburn. It will screen in The Vault, the restaurant's private dining room, at 7 p.m. (you eat while watching). The one-day event is the second edition of Dinner & A Movie. Future programs have yet to be announced.

*Drago Centro is at 525 S. Flower St., (213) 228-8998 or [dragocentro.com](http://dragocentro.com).*

**Goo Goo Fu-Ga:** No matter what time of day, and what type of food you're into, it seems like Downtown Los Angeles has just what you're looking for. Now, those who enjoy the Asian small-plates izakaya trend have a new option. Little Tokyo's **Izakaya & Bar Fu-Ga** opened this month and is now serving lunch, dinner and late-night snacks. Located on First and San Pedro streets, the lounge-like business' lunch menu includes Asian and mixed fare like charbroiled salmon teriyaki (\$9.95), assorted sushi rolls (\$9.95) and sandwiches such as grilled chicken (\$8.95) and rib-eye steak (\$9.75). The dinner menu offers items like shrimp tempura udon (\$8), spicy sesame chicken (\$6) and bacon-wrapped scallops with Japanese basil butter sauce. Those with the late night munchies can indulge in comfort quickies like the crispy tempura beer battered onion rings (\$4) and chili shrimp harumaki (\$7).

*At 111 S. San Pedro St., (213) 625-1722 or [izakayafu-ga.com](http://izakayafu-ga.com).*

**Take a Tour:** A tour around the Hawaiian Islands would be a great way to start the summer. But if something like work makes that impossible, there's another way to get a taste of the islands. **Roy's Hawaiian Fusion** last week launched its L.A. Ohana Tour rewards program. Available until Aug. 31, it gives diners perks when they visit different Roy's in the region. On the first visit customers get the Ohana tour card, while a trip to a second location results in a free chocolate soufflé with the purchase of an entrée. A meal at a third Roy's earns a \$20 gift card and the diner is entered to win a trip to Hawaii to have dinner with Roy Yamaguchi himself. The Downtown Roy's location, along with Anaheim, Newport Beach, Pasadena and Woodland Hills are participating in the promotion.

*Roy's is at 800 S. Figueroa St., (213) 488-4994 or [roysrestaurant.com](http://roysrestaurant.com).*

**Trojan Dining:** USC may be hurting over the whole Reggie Bush scandal, but that doesn't mean the school has stopped recruiting young talent. Fortunately, the latest powerhouse to go Trojan has nothing to do with the athletic department. Coming to the school's new Ronald Tutor Campus Center in August is Moreton Fig, an 8,000-square-foot restaurant. Open to the public as well as students, the restaurant is named after the century-old Moreton Bay fig trees that front the entrance. It will be open for lunch and dinner and serve burgers, sandwiches, soups, salads and entrees such as lemon and garlic roasted organic half chicken (\$18.75), roasted Wild King salmon (\$19.50) and meatloaf wrapped in bacon with mashed potatoes (\$14.50).

*At 3607 Trowsdale Parkway. Phone number not available yet.*

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Izakaya & Bar Fu-Ga opened at First and San Pedro streets this month. It offers Asian small plates and a 2 a.m. last call for food and drinks. Photo courtesy of Izakaya & Bar Fu-Ga.



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