

Five brand new brunches to try in September

Dig into freshly baked pastries, seaside Benedicts, “Santimosas” and more this weekend

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Santuari

If Downtown’s Le Grand is a bit too far, the Valley has its own new Cal-Med restaurant. Santuari, tucked into the Toluca Lake Tennis & Fitness Club, is plating up European-inspired resort fare right by the tennis courts—which means you can enjoy those Benedicts in a fantasy that you’re on vacation somewhere breezy and exotic. Lighter bites from executive chef and Wilshire vet Brendan Mica include Greek yogurt with honey, persimmons and mint; rice-and-quinoa salads with sunchokes and carrot; fresh fruit with a saffron sabayon; and roasted carrot hummus with grilled flatbread. Meanwhile, heartier fare means crab Benedict with crispy leeks and grilled focaccia; shakshuka with eggplant, feta and green harissa; short rib hash with poblano peppers and hollandaise; and grilled-prime steak frites with chimichurri. Top it all off with \$5 “Santimosas”—available in an array of juice options—or the \$8 strawberry gelato served with Spanish sparkling wine. See? Just like you’re on vacation.

Sat, Sun 11am–2pm