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Shore Guide :::

Let's eat!

Wine, dine and play at our Hot 10 Shore restaurants

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MECHANICAL BULLS, giant burgers, waterfront views, to-die-for pizza and a little Georges Perrier.

These and more gastronomic adventures await at an impressive new roster of Jersey Shore restaurants this summer.

The *Daily News* scoured Atlantic City, Ocean City and Somers Point and more to bring you to the hippest, coziest and most fun eateries debuting for the 2007 season.

Casinos are still feverishly trying to catch up to the Borgata and The Quarter at the Tropicana, forgoing buffets and senior-focused specials to cater to 20-and 30-somethings with edgy, funky and hip restaurants. And in the Shore's family-friendly towns, eateries are scrapping formal dining rooms and pricey fare for more casual atmospheres and menus.

Here's our Hot Ten places to visit this summer for good eats, Jersey Shore-style.

Dune

Tucked in a tony residential neighborhood at the corner of Ventnor Avenue and Madison Ave, this 70-seat jewel features gourmet dishes by young CIA grad Jason Hanin, who crafts everything himself, from fresh seafood to pastries. We love it because roughly 95 percent of his dishes are organic, and his specials and desserts change weekly. (Beg for his banana or black grape sorbets.)

The restaurant, which re-opened in April and will remain open until December, is fast becoming a favorite with Philadelphians who make reservations early in the week to snare a weekend table.

9510 Ventnor Ave., Margate, 609-487-7450, www.dunerestaurant.com. Open 5 p.m. daily, except Tuesday.