

Ice Cream Dreams

March is the perfect time to take a sweet tour of Sydney. Try as many as you can of these 10 top spots, each putting their own twist on the classic art of ice cream and gelato.

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GELATO BLUE

This family-owned gelateria offers up 100% plant-based vegan gelato in 20 flavours such as mint choc chip, pavlova, espresso swirl, banoffee cheesecake and panna cotta with Dutch waffles. 318 King Street, Newtown. 9519 0933. facebook.com/gelatoblue

BELLINGEN GELATO

Named after the tiny town of Bellingen in northern NSW where it was established in 2006, this gelato bar in Rozelle makes delicious gelato with fresh in-season fruit such as peach, raspberry or passionfruit. 688 Darling Street, Rozelle. 8095 8188. bellingengelato.com.au

GELATONY

Owner Antonino Lo Iacono learnt to make gelato as a child, in his father's gelateria in Sicily. After 30 years in the gelato business, Lo Iacono now oversees the making of artisan gelato using all natural ingredients in simple, classic flavours. 25 Lackey Street, Summer Hill. 0409 265 000. facebook.com/gelatonyAU

GELATO MESSINA

Well-known for its weird and wacky flavour combinations, Gelato Messina produces over 40 flavours of gelato and sorbet in small batches. Try a favourite like salted caramel and white chocolate or a weekly special. 66/61 Hall Street, Bondi. 9130 2877. Shop G-10, Gateway Plaza, 1 Macquarie Place, Circular Quay. 9252 4480. 389 Crown Street, Surry Hills. 9332 1191. The Star Café Court, Level G/80 Pyrmont Street, Pyrmont. 9571 1918. gelatomessina.com

GELATISSIMO

The first Gelatissimo store opened on King Street, Newtown, in 2002. Using traditional Calabrian family recipes, Gelatissimo now has 44 stores across Australia. 73 George Street, The Rocks. Circular Quay Esplanade, C2 Alfred Street, Sydney. Shop 2, 1-25 Harbour Street, Darling Quarter, Sydney. 8845 0100. gelatissimo.com.au

LA MAMMA DEL GELATO ANITA

How do you choose between 150 flavours of gelato? The answer is to come back

repeatedly to La Mamma Del Gelato Anita in order to sample their wide range of gelato, which is available in creamy, sorbet, vegan and yoghurt varieties. 180 Campbell Parade, Bondi Beach. 8097 8508. 28 Broadway, Chippendale. 8097 8508. anita-gelato.com

COW & THE MOON

Winning the title of the world's best ice cream at the 2014 Gelato World Tour in Rimini, Italy, its Mandorla affogato-flavoured gelato cemented Cow & The Moon's place as one of the best places in Sydney to grab a sweet treat. Customers rave about flavours such as the raspberry cheesecake, Turkish delight and pistachio at this family-owned gelateria. 181 Enmore Road, Enmore. 9557 4255. facebook.com/Cow-and-the-Moon-GelatoCoffeeDessert-Bar-14504195555930/

RIVARENO GELATO

Drop by RivaReno for a scoop of traditional Italian gelato. Created by two Italian gelato-makers and their friends, RivaReno Gelato opened in Milan in 2005, with Sydney being chosen as home to the first RivaReno Gelato store opened outside of Italy. Try the 'Alice' (mascarpone, premium Marsala Vergine Soleras and lashings of giandua chocolate). 280 Crown Street, Darlinghurst. 9356 2669. 4/33 Barangaroo Avenue, Barangaroo. 9188 1510. rivareno.com.au

VITO GELATO & CAFFE

This inventive brand offers a twist on traditional gelato by blending it with Japanese flavours. The gelato comes in flavours such as vanilla and mixed berry pie as well as matcha and earl grey latte. 6/314-322 Darling Street, Balmain. 9810 3954. 169 Wycombe Road, Neutral Bay. facebook.com/vitogelatobalmain

AQUA S

Silky soft serve has been taken to the next level at this Insta-famous ice cream shop. Creator Jennifer Lam was inspired to bring sea salt soft serve to Australia after discovering it in Okinawa, Japan. Shop 27, 501 George Street Regent Place, Sydney. 8668 5957. aqua.s



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