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## Blue Ocean Robata & Sushi Bar's Innovative Take on Modern Japanese Cuisine

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### ***North County Japanese Restaurant Brings Bold Flavors and Beautiful Design***

San Diego has no shortage of sushi restaurants—raw fish restaurants are on practically every corner in the seaside city. But Carlsbad's Blue Ocean Robata & Sushi Bar manages to stand out amongst the crowd with its stylish design and bold flavors that elevate the cuisine.

Opened in 2014 by the Love Boat Group, Inc. (known for Love Boat Sushi in Oceanside, San Marcos and Rancho Bernardo), Blue Ocean Robata & Sushi Bar is tucked among local businesses in Carlsbad Village. Unlike typical sushi restaurants, Blue Ocean is hard to miss—a pristine white building with a wooden geometric entryway resembling an actual fish. The modern interior is designed by Bells + Whistles, the firm responsible for Little Italy's Bracero Cocina, Carlsbad's Campfire Restaurant and downtown San Diego's Starlite. Blue Ocean's interior evokes that of a modernist aquarium: dangling glass lights resemble ocean bubbles, light fixtures look like sea urchins and the wood seating and floors brings to mind the color of sand. Black tones, origami-patterned ceilings and open shelving behind the bar complete the modernist style. Blue Ocean Robata & Sushi Bar