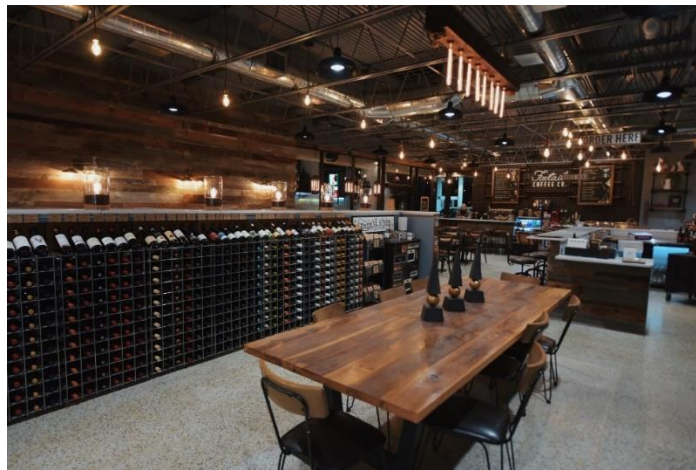


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These are America's 7 Most Beautiful Gas Station Conversions

Instead of loading up on gasoline or the perfunctory oil change, several derelict gas stations across the U.S. have been having a strange resurgence: in the form of restaurants. And these filling stations turned eating establishments can be found around the country, offering everything from gourmet coffee or Cajun brunches to high-end Asian fare. These venues are not only serving great food but they also are retaining much of their original gas station architecture, too. Take the Art Deco–inspired 410 Bakery in Indiana; the old concrete floors of Strange Brew Coffeehouse in Mississippi; and the reclaimed wood found in the Hourglass Social House in Florida. It's in these spaces that the life of the previous building can be felt in the current ambience. For many, dining on a long road trip involves a quick detour into a gas station convenience store for lukewarm pizza or day-old doughnuts. Yet that doesn't always have to be the case. Now, instead of resigning to quick food at working service stations, enjoy the fare at one of these seven defunct gas stations that are now tasty eateries.



Hourglass Social House (Orlando, Florida)

In Orlando's Hourglass District, a circa-1977 gas station and convenience store was repurposed as the Hourglass Social House. Guests can sip locally roasted java from Orlando favorite Foxtail Coffee, enjoy vegan fare, or indulge in a selection of 48 different types of wine and 60 varieties of beers, surrounded by reclaimed wood, greenery walls, and metal channel frame accents. For more information, please visit the website.