



# Matera's renaissance: new life in Italy's ancient cave city

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Fine dining in the atmospheric surrounds of Baccanti © Baccanti

In Sasso Caveoso, Baccanti blends outsized lamps, polished concrete and other modern design touches with ancient limestone walls to create a classy cave setting for its stunning food. At all three of these restaurants, local foods such as *cardoncelli* mushrooms, fatty *pezzente* sausage and sun-dried hot peppers crop up in dishes that epitomise the restraint and refinement of the best Italian cooking.