

# Sunset

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WITH CHICKEN &  
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### DENVER VEGGIES IN STYLE

Owner Dan Landes isn't bringing fresh produce into his vegetarian restaurant **City, O' City** from just any organic farm. He harvests from his own backyard for dishes like vegan roasted-vegetable pizza, and waffles with veggie ragù and taleggio fondue. Look for a new menu and bar, plus museum-worthy decor like a 1937 tractor trailer turned counter, and chandeliers made out of the former Rocky Mountain Seed Company printing press. \$; 206 E. 13th Ave.; 303/831-6443.



DENVER

## Walking tours get tipsy

Bartenders are usually too busy slinging drinks to show you the tricks of the trade, but new **Cocktail Tours**, 1½-hour jaunts through boozy hot spots like Larimer Square and the Highland neighborhood, will reveal the bar behind the scenes. You'll spend a half-hour at three different stops while "cocktail mechanics" like those at Green Russell (shown) swirl up different tasters and spill their secrets. Ask questions, take notes, and sample spirits like gin from Leopold Brothers, a local small-batch distillery. The tours end by 5:30 p.m., just in time to circle back for one more before dinner. \$40; [localtabletours.com](http://localtabletours.com)



### SALT LAKE CITY See what's making a splash

On March 22, the **City Creek Center**, long the buzz of downtown, will open. But just as cool as new shops and restaurants? Three fountains (aka water sculptures) designed by the creators of the famed Bellagio fountains in Vegas, with the lofty names *Flutter* (water plus fire), *Transcend*, and *Engage* (for the kids to play in). Pony up \$50 for local charities and get pre-opening VIP access. [shopcitycreekcenter.com](http://shopcitycreekcenter.com)

**Don't miss...** Las Vegas showing off its shady past at the **Mob Museum**, recently opened in the old downtown federal courthouse—the same building where many of the Mafia's made men were put on trial. Look for interactive exhibits, like one on how to decode wiseguy-speak. \$18; [themobmuseum.org](http://themobmuseum.org)

