

# Famous Restaurants: Crazy Milkshakes in NYC



By

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Nothing has been taking the internet by storm quite like New York's latest trend of crazy, over the top milkshakes! It's nearly impossible to scroll through Instagram without laying eyes upon mountainous milkshakes literally *overflowing* with sweets ranging from heaps of savory chocolate cake to decadent donuts. This delicious [food trend](#) in NYC has people flocking to the Big Apple in order to satisfy their sweet tooth cravings.

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1. [Black Tap](#) (529 Broome St, New York, NY 10013): This restaurant is the cream of the crop when it comes to the perfect milkshake, so end your [date night](#) the right way by stopping at Black Tap on Broome Street! Thankfully, you don't have to worry about cutting your night short in order to indulge in their artfully designed milkshakes. Black Tap is open until 12:00 AM during weekdays and are also open until 1:00 AM Thursday through Saturday. These \$15, foot-tall milkshakes launched this past November and have spread like wildfire over social media. One of their fan favorite milkshakes include the Sweet N' Salty Peanut Butter Shake: chocolate frosted rim with chocolate gems and PB cups topped with a sugar daddy, pretzel rods, chocolate covered pretzel, whipped cream and chocolate drizzle – what else could you ever want in a milkshake? So, if you and your boo are ever in the New York area, make sure to check out this Insta-famous eatery!

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2. [Sugar Factory](#) (835 Washington St, New York, NY 10014): In case you miss Black Tap's 1:00 AM weekend cut off point, don't fret! The Sugar Factory, located on Washington Street, is open weeknights until 1:00 AM and 2:00 AM on weekends. The Sugar Factory prides themselves on their delicious sweets in and on their shakes. Celebrities such as [Kylie Jenner](#), who appeared

at the chains Ocean Drive opening, can't seem to get enough! Although the Sugar Factory has dessert options such as their \$99 King King, which includes 24 scoops of ice cream, and their \$1,000 chocolate fondue served with a bottle of Dom Perignon, you don't have to spend a fortune to get a great shake. Their most popular \$20 shake called the Caramel Sugar Daddy Cheesecake milkshake serves your typical vanilla milkshake in a mug coated with chocolate icing drizzled with caramel sauce and whipped cream. You thought that was the last of it? The shake also comes with a huge slice of cheesecake paired with their famous rainbow lollipop right on top. Get your fix by visiting the Sugar Factory!

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**3. [Buns Bar](#) (263 W 19th St, New York, NY 10011):** This restaurant known specifically for their decorated milkshakes is the perfect [date idea](#) for you and your love if you're looking to be a bit nostalgic during your date night. Buns Bar located on West 19th Street decorates their milkshakes with everyone's favorite childhood characters such as SpongeBob, the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, and Spiderman. Anything you can think of, they make it! After coating their glasses with thick layers of icing, the artists at Buns Bar carefully place sprinkles, marshmallows, and cereal on the outside of the glass to create your favorite characters. Looking for something a bit more "adult"? No worries – Buns Bar lives up to their name. You can order some of their famous milkshakes with a splash (or more) of your favorite liquor! People are obsessed with their famous Cinnabon Milkshake. Typically priced at \$15 dollars a shake, for an extra \$5 you can add shots of RumChata liqueur to enhance the savory Cinnabon shake. Keep your night going by checking out Buns Bar!

**Are you from the New York area and know other places to find over the top milkshakes? Share some of your favorites with us by commenting below!**

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# Famous Restaurants: Hottest Boston Restaurants for 2017



By

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One of the most important parts of planning any trip to a new city is checking out the best local restaurants. If you're on the lookout for a fantastic foodie experience when it comes to your next trip to the great city of Boston, look no further. These top five, critically acclaimed restaurants will have your mouth watering in no time, and the sheer variety of food to be had in this busy city will leave your mind boggled and your stomach growling.

**Whether you're dying for a great piece of steak or a vegan supper, a sip of a sinfully delicious cocktail or fries so good they're a guilty pleasure, Boston has you covered with these five amazing restaurants.**

**1. The Automatic:** If you're looking for something that combines fancy with casual for a great result, look no further than one of the hippest new restaurants in Boston, The Automatic. Here you can get a delicious plate of five-star fries along with a fancy bit of bone marrow for a dining experience that has Bostonians raving and will certainly have you doing the same! One of the best parts of this dining experience? The cocktails! Specialty drinks take on a whole new meaning at this place, and if you're looking for the high life, you will definitely enjoy it here, sipping on The Automatic's famous "Silent X" cocktail.

**2. The Capital Grille:** Looking for a luxury dining experience like no other? Try the Capital Grille, a four-star steakhouse with prime cuts of meat that will have your mouth watering in seconds. With a fine dining ambience that will leave you relaxed and ready to enjoy your delicious dinner and accommodating wait staff ready to serve your every culinary need, The Capital Grille is the place to go for a great piece of steak and a luxury experience that will make you feel like a VIP in every sense of the word.

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**3. By Chloe:** If meat turns your stomach and a formal dining experience just isn't your scene, try By Chloe, a hidden gem

in Boston's crown of delicious eateries. By Chloe is a fast and casual restaurant serving delicious and all-vegan cuisine in a friendly and calm environment with a natural and relaxed ambience. Enjoy an eating experience that fits in perfectly with your diet needs and snack on By Chloe's vegan interpretations of classic Bostonian favorites like lobster rolls and clam chowder.

**4. Ostra:** If you're looking for seafood without a vegan spin, try Ostra, an award-winning restaurant that's critically-acclaimed for its delicious seafood fares. Just like Capital Grille, Ostra is a fine-dining facility, so if you're looking for a [romantic date night](#) while you're in this historic city, look no further! Ostra is the perfect place to cuddle up with your significant other for a candlelit dinner that offers unique fine-dining versions of all your savory seafood favorites.

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**5. Roxy's Central/A4Cade:** This well-loved spot is a local favorite that acts as a kind of two-for-one deal when it comes to a divine dining experience. Snack on delicious reinventions of old favorites like Roxy's world-rocking grilled cheese before heading to the back to visit A4cade's pinball machine, foosball table, shuffleboard court and arcade games. Perfect for a fun and fiercely competitive date night for those who are kids at heart, or even a family outing for those traveling with children, this is the pinnacle of casual and fun eateries perfect for a relaxed night of fun, food and games.

**Will you be giving any of these restaurants a try the next time you visit Boston? Let us know in the comments!**

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# Celebrity Diet: Get A Red-Carpet Ready Body and a Healthy Mind By Eating These Super Foods



By

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The foods you have in your pantry and fridge may be helping or hindering your brain. Dr. Christopher Calapai D.O, a New York City Osteopathic Physician board certified in family and anti-aging medicine explains that the foods we choose have a lot to do with how sharp, attentive, alert, focused and happy we feel after they are consumed. Certain foods may taste great have additives in them that literally cloud our brains and leave us sluggish and dull headed. The opposite is also true. We can

eat certain foods and feel a charge of mental energy and focus. We spoke to Dr. Calapai and got a quick list of foods that boost and drain the brain. Which ones will you add and remove from your shopping list?

**If you're a fabulous foodie looking for some delicious new fare or simply a fitness fashionista always on the look out for the next trend-setting celebrity diet, one expert is about to spill the beans on which foods will energize you and which will leave you listless.**

### ***Brain Boosting Foods to Add!***

**1. Nuts and seeds:** Nuts and seeds are great sources of vitamin E. Higher levels of vitamin E correspond with less cognitive decline as you get older. Add an ounce a day of walnuts, hazelnuts, Brazil nuts, almonds, cashews, peanuts, sunflower seeds, sesame seeds, flax seed, and un-hydrogenated nut butters such as peanut butter, almond butter, and tahini. Raw or roasted doesn't matter, although if you're on a sodium-restricted diet, buy unsalted nuts. "Adding nuts to your diet can aid in decreasing levels of enzymes that lead to protein plaques from forming and dementia. Nuts can also reduce brain inflammation, keep blood pressure low, key for preventing stroke," explains Dr. Calapai.

**2. Blueberries:** "I eat these daily and encourage patients to add blueberries to as many things as possible. They're great on their own, added to a shake, to oatmeal, or even to a salad," says Dr. Calapai. Blueberries are tasty and sweet and



loaded with antioxidants. They're packed with vitamin C, K and fiber and pack high levels of gallic acid, making them especially good at protecting our brains from degeneration and stress. "Studies show that eating blueberries can boost focus and memory for up to 5 hours," adds Dr. Calapai.

**3. Broccoli:** Broccoli is one of the best brain foods out there. Thanks to its high levels of vitamin K and choline which is a B vitamin know for aiding brain development keeps memory sharp and protects the brain from later decline with age. It's also loaded with vitamin C. Just one cup provides you with 150 percent of your recommended daily intake. Its high-fiber levels makes you feel full quickly, too. "People hear broccoli and roll their eyes thinking it's bland a boring. Think of broccoli as a canvas ready to be painted with spices and flavors, offers Dr. Calapai. Try stir frying with a bit of olive oil, red pepper flakes, salt, and pepper. Add in a spoonful of orange or lemon juice and it gets this nice sweetness to it.

**4. Fish:** Salmon, mackerel, tuna, and other fish are rich in heart-healthy omega-3 fatty acids, including docosahexaenoic acid (DHA). DHA seems to be very important for the normal functioning of neurons in the brain. Eating more fish often means eating less red meat and other forms of protein that are high in artery-clogging saturated fats. "People who are lacking in Omega 3's can experience mood swings and feeling edgy or negative. Omega 3's have been know to be mood boosters in addition to enhancing focus and memory," says Dr. Calapai.

**5. Avocado:** This creamy treat is also a rich source of the antioxidant vitamin E. Research suggests that foods rich in vitamin E—including avocado, which is also high in the antioxidant powerhouse vitamin C—are associated with a lower risk of developing Alzheimer's.

***Brain Drainers to Drop!***

**1. Partially Hydrogenated Oils:** There is zero reason to ever eat foods that list “partially hydrogenated oils” in their ingredients list. It’s code for trans fats, which, in addition to upping your risk for obesity and damaging your heart health, can cause serious brain drain. “Diets high in trans fats increase beta-amyloid, peptide ‘plaque’ deposits in brain associated with Alzheimer’s disease. One study published in Neurology found that people who consumed high levels of trans fats had lower cognitive abilities and smaller brains later in life,” says Dr. Calapai. Common culprits include fried foods, baked goods, and processed foods. So bake or grill chicken instead of frying it, go for sweet potatoes instead of French fries and avoid anything wrapped in plastic that sits on a shelf for months at a time.

**2. Added sugars:** The average American eats 79 pounds of added sweeteners per year which can cause constant insulin spikes and inflammation resulting in both vascular and neuronal damage. One study published in Brain, Behavior and Immunity found that large amounts of sugar cause the hippocampus, the brain’s memory control center, to become inflamed, meaning it can’t work at 100 percent. Meanwhile, one cross-cultural analysis found that high sugar intake is linked to depression. “Sugar is a big trap because when you eat something sweet there’s a high initially. It feels good at first taste but then once it starts to be processed in the body there’s a heaviness that follows, says Dr. Calapai.

**3. Saturated fat:** A diet high in saturated fat can decrease the brain’s ability to fight the formation of Alzheimer’s-linked brain plaque. An onslaught of saturated fat also hurts your brain in the short-term. Saturated fat impairs your brain’s ability to learn and form new memories within as little as 10 minutes after chowing down. Processed meats such as bacon, pepperoni, pork sausage, or chorizo are examples of very tasty foods that are high in saturated fat. “Look we all like to indulge from time to time and that is fine, but when

saturated fats are staples in your diet, then that's going to take a toll," advises Dr. Calapai.

Clearly what you put in your body can have a massive effect not only on how you look, but also how you feel. Will you be adding any of these fitness trend foods to your list during your next celebrity diet? Let us know in the comments!

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## **Famous Restaurants: Best Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives in Rhode Island**





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If you're looking into booking a [romantic getaway](#) with your love this coming summer, we suggest looking into Rhode Island. Not only is this historic state surrounded by sandy beaches, scenic bike trails, and weekly outdoor concerts, but Rhode Island has some of the best diners, drive-ins, and dives. Just ask celebrity chef Guy Fieri! The creator of the ever popular Food Network show [Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives](#) continues to go back to Rhode Island time and time again to devour the absolute best food that the ocean state has to offer. If you and your boo are foodies that love romantic walks along the coastline, Rhode Island is the place for you!

**Enjoy [date nights](#) at four of the best diners, drive-ins, and dives in Rhode Island featured on The Food Network by one of America's**

# favorite [celebrity chefs](#) – Guy Fieri:

**1. Evelyn's Drive-In (Tiverton, RI):** Nothing is better than seafood with a view, which is why Evelyn's Drive-In landed the top spot on Guy Fieri's list of must-haves in Rhode Island. Located at 2335 Main Road in Tiverton, Rhode Island, Evelyn's is *the* place to be as summer comes into full swing. Their quirky menu and breathtaking view of the ocean continues to attract foodies from all over, especially after their debut on *Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives!* Evelyn's is known for their fresh seafood including dishes such as Rhode Island chowder, clam cakes, lobster chow mein, and fried clams. Customers love soaking up the sun in their outdoor patio while sipping on cold refreshments and munching on delicious seafood. They truly have the taste and feel of summertime in New England – what could be better than that?

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**2. Louie's Restaurant (Providence, RI):** If you're looking for a reliable diner with delicious, affordable meals, Louie's Restaurant is the place for you. This famous family-owned diner has been open for more than 62 years and resides in the heart of Rhode Island at 286 Brook Street in Providence. Louie's is known as the place where you can get literally anything at any time. You want homemade lasagna at 5AM? Done. You want their famous granola pancakes at 2PM? Done and done. Guy Fieri dubbed Louie's BBQ chicken ravioli "off the hook" during one of his many visits to Providence – definitely intriguing! Although Louie's is known to be "the place to be" for college students around the area, they're welcoming people from far and wide to sit down and enjoy great food with reasonable prices.

**3. Angelo's Civita Farnese (Providence, RI):** Coming up on 100 years of service, Angelo's Civita Farnese continues to serve authentic Italian-American cuisine resembling that homemade taste you'd get in moms kitchen. Angelo's is located in the "Little Italy" of Rhode Island at 141 Atwells Avenue in Providence and their customers can't seem to get enough. While filming Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives at Angelo's, customers explained that they can't help but come back time and time again for their fresh Italian food. Their signature dish, Braciola, continues to be a fan favorite served over homemade, authentic Italian noodles. This family restaurant does it right when it comes to genuine Italian food.

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**4. Aunt Carrie's Restaurant (Narragansett, RI):** Last but absolutely not least, you and your boo cannot go to Rhode Island without checking out Aunt Carrie's Restaurant. The eatery known for their clam cakes is located at 1240 Ocean Road in Narragansett, Rhode Island and you'll be missing out if you don't stop by! Their star attraction, the clam cakes, are made with the freshest clams. The fan favorite for the past 90 years is made in a heavy duty cement mixer which is then fried to the customers fancy. Enjoy the cakes to the fullest by dipping them in Carrie's homemade clam chowder and – voila! A perfect combination of seafood to enjoy April through September.

**Are you a Rhode Island foodie? Comment below with your favorite diners, drive-ins, and dives in the area!**

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# Romantic Getaway: Philadelphia Food and Wine Festivals 2017



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With warmer weather just around the corner, you and your boo may be itching to get out of the house and adventure to somewhere new. If that's the case, how does a [romantic getaway](#) to Philadelphia sound? Romance and Philly aren't really known to go hand-in-hand unless someone's referencing their understandable obsession with Philly's famous cheesesteaks – we totally get that. However, over the past couple years Philadelphia has been making its mark as the newest, hottest place for food, beer, and wine festivals. What's more romantic than you and your love sipping on wine and nibbling on goodies

on a sunny day? Thanks to [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com), Cupid's here to tell you all about the very best food and wine festivals happening this year in the Philly area.

**Be pampered like [celebrity couples](#) and buy tickets to one of the following Philadelphia Food and Wine Festivals in 2017 – you can't go wrong!**

**1. Phoenixville Beer & Wine Festival 2017 (Saturday, May 13):**

Take our [relationship advice](#) and attend Phoenixville's first annual Beer & Wine Festival with your honey! Located at Kimberton Fairgrounds in Phoenixville, PA, you and your boo will be able to enjoy unlimited sampling of beer and wine from 12:00 PM-4:30 PM for the fair price of \$10-\$65 a ticket. The sampling includes 80+ craft beers and 36+ wines with a free tasting glass souvenir for each ticket holder. If you so choose to spend the extra money to indulge in everything VIP, you and your boo will be able to enjoy chocolate and cheese pairing with your wine and beer throughout the afternoon. The event includes live music and rockin' food including Dump-N-Roll, the Surf & Turf Truck, and Uncle B's BBQ. It's the perfect way to jump right into Summer!

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**2. 2017 Taste of Kutztown Wine and Beer Tasting (Saturday, June 10):**

Get a true taste of Pennsylvania by attending the 8th annual Taste of Kutztown Wine and Beer Tasting at the Kutztown Community Park in Kutztown, PA. From 12:00 PM-5:00 PM you'll be able to sample 16 local wineries from their hometown of Pennsylvania along with 10+ breweries. This widely



anticipated event also includes an array of food trucks, artisan vendors, and soulful music you'll be dancing along with into the night. You have the choice to buy tickets ranging from \$20-\$225 depending on the amount of people that will be joining you and/or your decision on obtaining general admission or VIP tickets. VIP ticket holders are allowed an additional 30 minutes of sampling prior to the opening of the event.

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**3. 2017 Run Now Wine Later 5K and Festival (Sunday, September 10):** This is the perfect [date idea](#) if you and your boo are into running off your booze! The 5th annual Run Now Wine Later 5K and Festival starts at 9:00 AM with the beginning of the race and ends at 12:00 PM as runners finish up their fill of wine. With ticket ranging from \$20-\$55, contestants run throughout the picturesque town of New Hope, PA straight to Bucks County Play House to mark the start of food and wine tasting. Not into running? No problem, you have the option of buying a ticket that does not include participating in the 5K. Instead, you'll be able to relax with your choice of wine while enjoying a beautiful waterfront view.

**4. Philadelphia Food, Wine and Spirits TASTE Festival 2017 (Friday, October 13 – Sunday, October 15):** As Summer comes to a close enjoy what's left of it by attending the 18th annual Philadelphia Food, Wine and Spirits TASTE Festival in King of Prussia, PA. This three day event takes place at the Valley Forge Casino Resort and starts at 6:00 PM Friday and ends at 4:00 PM Sunday. Tickets range from \$50-\$65 as ticket holders will enjoy 150+ local and national vendors selling and sampling food and wine, 50+ wine and spirit sampling stations, 20+ food demos *and* book signings with celebrity chefs. The food is known to be as gourmet as it gets; the chefs range from locals to celebrities every year. This event includes tremendous food with great wine, what could be better?

*All ticket holders must be 21+ to attend these events.*

**Do you know of any other Wine and Food Festivals in the Philly area? Comment below!**

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What better way to celebrate the coming of Spring than planning warm, idyllic [date nights](#) at NYC's hottest food

trucks? Even if you're planning on visiting the big apple for just the afternoon, food trucks are the best way to see all that New York has to offer in regards to its extensive taste in cuisine. Thanks to [RoamingHunger.com](http://RoamingHunger.com), we're here to tell you all about the tastiest food trucks in NYC that foodies are going crazy about. You don't have to hit pricey restaurants like [celebrity couples](#) in order to have a memorable night with great food!

## **Look no further for the tastiest food and most famous cooks in town! Cupid's here to tell you all about the top five food trucks in New York City:**

**1. Waffles & Dinges:** Do you and your boo have a thing for dessert? Take our [dating advice](#) and hit Waffles & Dinges ASAP! Open everyday from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., you and your significant other can indulge in their delicious desserts for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The "King of Belgians", Albert II, opened Waffles & Dinges in 2007 after catching wind that the typical Belgian waffle sold in NYC was soggy and never up to par. In order to put an end to the soggy-waffle pandemic, Albert has been serving up fluffy, decadent liege, brussels, and even hashbrown waffles ever since. The dinges (and/or toppings to the waffles) range from Belgian chocolate fudge, to strawberries, to spekuloos spread. His dishes beat renowned chef Bobby Flay on his show *Throwdown! with Bobby Flay* and were also added to Tina Fey's list of her favorite things in New York.

**2. Korilla BBQ:** Check out NYC's hottest twist on Korean and Mexican cuisine at the ever-popular Korilla BBQ. Featured on The Food Network's *The Great Food Truck Race*, Korilla BBQ

serves up classic Korean recipes within Mexican dishes such as burritos and rice bowls. It's founder, Edward "3D" Song, has won multiple awards for his contribution to the food truck industry including winning Rookie of the Year at the Vendy Awards in 2011 and 2014's #1 Food Truck by Village Voice. For your tacos, burritos and rice bowls you have the choice between choice meats and organic veggies including thinly sliced ribeye marinated 24 hours in sweet fruit and savory soy blend, organic tofu braised with a ginger scallion glaze, and so much more.

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**3. Gorilla Cheese NYC:** If your perfect [date idea](#) includes indulging in cheesy comfort food, Gorilla Cheese NYC is the place for you and your boo. Not only does this quirky eatery allow you to dive back into your childhood with their classic grilled cheese, Gorilla Cheese NYC has *also* revolutionized the classics by bringing home cooking to a whole new level. Every day the owners use natural, local, and imported bread, cheeses, and quality meats. It's *all* good food *all* the time. You can either make your own or satisfy your cravings by chowing down on their signature sandwiches such as their mixed vegetable melt with munster cheese, caramelized onions and herb aioli on whole wheat. If grilled cheese isn't your style, don't fret. They also serve tater tots, mac and cheese bites, tomato soup, and even dessert melts!

**4. Phil's Steaks:** Look no further for a classic Philly cheesesteak in New York! Phil's Steaks has been rated NYC's #1 Authentic Philly Cheesesteak Truck Jawn all thanks to Philly native, Jim Drew. Launched in 2012, Drew has made himself a huge success in the New York area serving up the classic Philly cheese steak with 100% premium loin-tail beef on Amoroso rolls directly from Philly. Drew keeps his dishes simple which is most likely why people from all over New York are flocking to his food truck. Enjoy a 6" or 10" sub just the

way you like it with options such as fried onions, sweet peppers, mushrooms, and even cheese wiz.

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**5. Luke's Lobster:** Last, but certainly not least, we have a taste of Maine in NYC with Luke's Lobster. It's well-known that Luke's Lobster serves the freshest, most affordable lobster roll in NYC – there's no beating it! It's founder, Luke Holden, is a Maine native and couldn't imagine his seafood being from anywhere else. Which is why even though his truck is located in New York, every single day fresh lobsters are picked, steamed, and individually wrapped from the shores of Maine to the streets of New York. It's the absolute freshest you can get in the area! Luke's lobster, crab, and shrimp rolls are an absolute must-have at anytime of the year. The food truck also includes chowder, bisques, soups, and even their famous grilled cheeses. However, the grilled cheese is only offered in the winter so get them while they last!

**Are you a New York food truck foodie? Let us know your favorites by commenting below!**

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Have you been thinking about going on a [romantic getaway](#) to the concrete jungle anytime soon? If so, don't waste your time by going to the same restaurant you've been to time and time again. Thanks to [NyPost.com](#), you don't have to look any further for new and exciting [date nights](#). The newest trend in the NYC area has restaurateurs opening up hidden eateries within large restaurants, bars, and even coffee shops!

**If you and your boo want to eat like [celebrity couples](#) without breaking the bank, check out four of NYC's hottest hidden restaurants:**

**1. Dinnertable in the Garret East (106 Ave. A):** At the very back of an East Village tiki bar named The Garret resides a quaint eatery entitled Dinnertable. The two are separated by

an arched wooden door that leads you to another dimension. While bar-hoppers are enjoying The Garret's number of exotic cocktails, others will be slipping away for a dinner for two under decadent glowing lamps. At Dinnertable, renowned chef Ricardo Arias combines his Puerto Rican background with Asian cuisine to ensure his customers come back for more. With meals such as mouthwatering baby shrimp wasabi (\$13) and beef tartare & onion 4 ways (\$15), you and your wallet can't go wrong!

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**2. Karasu in Walter's (166 Dekalb Ave., Fort Greene):** Through a black backdoor at Brooklyn's go-to for American comfort food, Walter's, rests a diverse Japanese tapas bar named Karasu. Previously a chiropractors office, Karasu is now a hot place for singles to come mingle with their windowless walls covered in art from head to toe and 30's jazz on repeat. Although Walter's and Karasu have drastically different food, the two share just one kitchen. While you can stop at Walter's during the day for bar food and some drinks, Karasu serves authentic Japanese tapas such as fresh sashimi (\$18) and their famous sushi deluxe dinner for two (\$52). Trust me, with all of the fresh fish provided in the sushi deluxe, it's definitely worth the price!

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**3. Trademark Taste in Trademark Grind (38 W. 36th):** Little do most know that there's more to Midtown's Hotel Le Soleil than meets the eye. Within the hotel lies Trademark Grind, a coffee shop occupied by tech-savvy New Yorkers throughout a good part of the day. What most people don't know is that just through an open archway in the back of the coffee shop resides Trademark Grind, a modern cocktail bar and restaurant. While individuals are sipping on coffee and tapping away on their

laptops, you could be sipping on cocktails in elevated booths jamming to classic rock all night; a great [date idea](#)! You can choose from meals such as Octopus Carpaccio (\$18) to Flatbreads (\$15) to 8 oz Hanger Steak (\$23) – the variety is endless!

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**4. Tapas Bar in La Sirena (88 Ninth Ave.):** Did you know that in January, world renowned chef Mario Batali converted a barroom from his restaurant La Sirena in the Maritime Hotel into a quaint eatery with an extensive menu by chef Anthony Sasso? No? Us neither. La Sirena embodies your typical Italian restaurant with white table cloths lit by candles while the Tapas Bar calls for a younger crowd to socialize over yummy Italian tapas. The unique menu includes all of your hearts desires: Raw Yellowfin Tuna Marmitako (\$16), Pork Chicharrones (\$10), Lamb Chops (\$8), and so much more!

**Do you know of any hidden eateries in the New York area? Comment below with some of your favorites!**

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Valentine's Day is right around the corner, and deciding what to get the people closest to you can be difficult. Whether it is your significant other, your friend, family member or coworker, finding something they will really appreciate, but that won't break the bank isn't out of reach. You may be sick of giving the same gifts for Valentine's Day year after year – the flowers, chocolates, teddy bears and jewelry can seem repetitive and unoriginal. This year, you may be celebrating the holiday the night before, on Valentine's Day or over the weekend, which can make it challenging to decide on a gift that works for everyone's timing and plans. Well, look no further! We have the perfect gift to accommodate everyone's schedules and that can make anyone feel special this Valentine's Day.

**Don't let Valentine's Day shopping**

# scare you. This year, gift your loved ones with a customized [Edible Arrangement!](#)

## **Significant Other**

The number one person you want to impress on Valentine's Day is your significant other. Every year, this day comes around and expectations of the perfect romantic day are set high. Gifting your significant other with an [Edible Arrangement](#) is not only unique, but is something that will make your partner realize how special they are to you. The bouquets are overflowing with vibrantly colored delicious fruits, and every time your partner goes to bite into another piece, it is you that they will be thinking about. Especially if you are shopping for your boyfriend, it can be extremely hard to find Valentine's gifts for a guy. Edible Arrangements are the perfect romantic [Valentine's Day gift](#) idea for both boyfriends and girlfriends!

## **Parents**

With every holiday, gifting something to your parents can be challenging. However, on such a romantic day, it can be hard to decide what to get your parents. A simple card normally works, but to really thank them for all they have done for you, an edible arrangement is a perfect way of showing your appreciation. Parents love the healthier option, and you can handcraft the note that comes with the arrangement to shower them with gratitude and appreciation. Who wouldn't want chocolate covered strawberries and a bouquet full of delicious fruit?

## **Friends**

Your friends are the people who stand by you no matter what and support you through the good and the bad times. To thank

them or to support some of your single friends out there, gift them with an Edible Arrangement with an added bonus. This year, you can add extra indulgence to your gift with the New [Edible® Signature Chocolate Box](#). Featuring recipes designed by master chocolatier Jacques Torres, these premium melt-in-your-mouth chocolates are available in six incredible flavors: hazelnut crunch, caramel, raspberry, orange, pineapple and passion fruit. These chocolates truly melt in your mouth and have such a rich flavor that will make anyone thankful to call you a friend!

### **Co-Workers**

Sometimes, it can be easy to forget about gifting your co-workers, especially on a holiday like Valentine's Day that is centered around love. But, these are the people you spend a large portion of your time with and who can make your life a real joy or a real struggle. If you have one particular co-worker who really makes your life better, send them an Edible Arrangement and make their holiday that much better. Or, if you work in an office, you can always get an Edible Arrangement to put in the break room to let those people you are around every day know you appreciate them and the work they do. Nothing can get you through a work day better than a sugar rush, especially when the sugar is from fresh fruits that are so juicy and full of flavor you can't resist, but go back for more!

Not only are Edible Arrangements the perfect Valentines Day gift, but they are also the perfect treat for you and your girlfriends to sit on the couch together for a *Bachelor* viewing party! Don't wait until the last minute to buy your Edible Arrangement! Visit [ediblearrangements.com](http://ediblearrangements.com) and order yours today! But, if you happen to forget and are scrambling to get your loved ones a gift, they do offer same day delivery!

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# Top 10 Essential NYC Restaurants for 2017



By

[Cortney Moore](#)

New York City is known for its restaurants, but with over 24,000 to choose from, it can be overwhelming to decide on where to dine. This is especially true if you're looking for a unique [date idea](#). However, with the new year upon us, it's a perfect time to try out some [popular restaurants](#). Take a look

at these ten essential restaurants in NYC for your next [date night](#).

## Excellent NYC restaurants that are sure to satisfy your tummy this year!

**1. Arabesque:** Enjoy a meal inside this lovely, ornamental restaurant. Arabesque features Moor-inspired architecture and decor, along with a delicious North African, Middle Eastern and Mediterranean menu. Visit on a weekend, and you might be treated to live music and belly dance performances.

**2. Aquavit:** A modern New York hotspot that brings Nordic food to the forefront. Inspired by Swedish culinary traditions, Aquavit will treat you to yummy seafood, meat, and wild fruits and vegetables. Since this restaurant is extremely popular, it might be worth it make a reservation ahead of time.

**3. Blue Smoke:** Jazzy music and southern cuisine, what else could you ask for? Blue Smoke is a New York staple that offers soulful barbecue classics and fine cocktails. Luckily there are two locations, so you have options while you're traveling through lower Manhattan. If you're a fan of music, then the Flatiron location is right for you with its basement jazz club!

**4. Churrascaria Plataforma:** Do you know someone who is a carnivore at heart? This all-you-can-eat Brazilian steakhouse is just what they need. If meat isn't your thing, Churrascaria Plataforma also features a gourmet salad bar and, delicious side dishes like fried bananas and polenta. Another perk... dessert is included!

**5. Di Fara Pizza:** You can't have New York City without pizza. Di Fara Pizza is one of Brooklyn's best pizzerias. It's an old

school spot that has been making quality pizza pies since 1965. Pizza legend and owner Domenico De Marco has received acclaim from Zagat, *Serious Eats* and Anthony Bourdain! So you know you're in the right hands when you visit Di Fara.

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**6. Duane Park:** If you're a fan of burlesque, then Duane Park is the place for you. It's so much more than a burlesque club though, Duane Park features an impressive and luxurious menu, such as Nova Scotia Salmon and Pan-Roasted Organic Chicken. With so much to enjoy, Duane Park might be a great spot to have a fun date night or private party.

**7. Enoteca Maria:** Grandmas make the best food, right? Well Enoteca Maria agrees with that too. At this Staten Island restaurant, Italian grandmothers cook delicious homemade meals. Most recently, Enoteca has gained popularity for its "Nonnas of The World," which includes famous dishes made by grandmothers from all over the world!

**8. Gabriel Kreuther:** Started by a world-renowned chef, Gabriel Kreuther offers sophisticated French and Alsatian cuisine. Overlooking Bryant Park, you're sure to enjoy lovely sights along with culinary delights. It's a perfect spot for a variety of occasions: birthdays, anniversaries, dinner parties and more.

**9. Ninja New York:** Experience adventure while you dine at Ninja New York. Guests are treated to scrumptious Japanese dishes in this ninja-themed restaurant. It's like hibachi, but taken to another level. Don't forget to tip your ninja waiter though, you don't want them coming after you.

**10. Yaya Tea Garden:** Are you a fan of bubble tea, rice balls and Asian snacks? Yaya Tea Garden has got you covered! From noodles, to green tea KitKats, Yaya's has it all. You can also leave your mark at Yaya's by creating your own tea blend that can be added to their menu.

Are there any NYC restaurants we missed? Share your favorites in the comments below!

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# Famous NY Restaurant: Black Tap is the Latest Obsession in Burgers & Flashy Milkshakes



By

Justin Thomas

Calling all dessert and subsequent milkshake lovers! There are only a few imaginable reasons that you haven't heard of the

long running fad and one of New York's latest culinary breakout stars [Black Tap](#). If you're not an active participant on social media (particularly Instagram), live far outside of New York, or you've never seen their crazy long lines at one of their three Manhattan locations, you get a pass. But even then, Black Tap has created such a loud buzz, earning features on [The Today Show](#), [The Chew](#), and *The Wendy Williams Show*, so it's hard to escape it. This famous NY restaurant just may be your next date night spot!

## **Black Tap has officially etched its name in NYC's fabulously sugar-coated list of enjoyable restaurants and experiences!**

Black Tap Craft Burgers & Beer has only been around since the spring of 2015 with the opening of one quaint SoHo restaurant. With the help of social media and satisfied customers, Black Tap has parlayed that into a total of three successful Manhattan restaurants and over 230,000 followers on Instagram. The hashtag #BlackTap or #BlackTapNYC will get you nearly 30,000 Instagram posts, most of them sporting the sugary masterpieces.

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It's fair to say that these milkshakes are deserving of a warning label like, "Not for the Faint of Heart". With just a photo, you might find yourself catching the drool escaping your lips in amazement. These milkshakes aren't your run of the mill, drive thru milkshakes. These are a cross between the Betty Crocker and Picasso of desserts. They also offer some alcohol infusions for their 21 plus patrons. The restaurant's creativity has even spilled over to fashion, as they offer



some trendy Black Tap apparel on sale at their locations.

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Something of note is that the milkshake menu varies depending on the season. Depending on when you make the trip they might not have the cool foot-tall shake with the giant s'more or top, but you're guaranteed to find something equally delicious and aesthetically pleasing.

Although the restaurant is fairly young, the ambiance inside gives a very modernized version of a classic NYC burger spot. Where Black Tap is not a designated [celebrity](#) hotspot, many celebrities like Zendaya and Chef Gordon Ramsay have caught on to the trend. If you plan to visit anytime soon, definitely plan to wait in line.

All in all, Black Tap is a great spot to grab lunch, eat dinner with friends, or host a [date night](#). This restaurant offers a fun and friendly environment for all ages.

**Have you tried Black Tap or anything like it? Share your thoughts below!**

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## Top Restaurants in NYC for Holiday Decor





By

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Going to New York during the holiday season is something that you will never forget. The entire city is filled with lights and holiday decorations that are to die for. But it isn't just the city that gets in the holiday spirit, the restaurants are all in full swing too! So while you are in New York seeing the Broadway plays, shopping and sightseeing, you don't want to miss out on these [popular restaurants](#) known for their holiday spirit!

**Rosemary's, Rolfs & Blue Water Grill are the perfect places to enjoy a delicious meal under twinkling Christmas lights & ornate decorations!**

[Rosemary's](#)

Rosemary's is an Italian restaurant located in Greenwich

Village. The restaurant serves all three meals, breakfast, lunch and dinner and is known to be one of the best spots in NYC for [date night](#). You and your partner this holiday season can enjoy a nice romantic dinner and feel the holiday magic come alive. You can see the massive Christmas tree that sits atop Rosemary's from three blocks away. The dining room also has some tasteful holiday lighting, and another, smaller tree. Their menu is all under thirty dollars and is perfect for sharing a meal!



## [Rolfs](#)

Located in the center of Manhattan, Rolfs features German and French cuisine and is especially known to be popular during the month of December. While the food is talked about year round, the decorations during Christmas time are over the top and are known nationwide. Their Christmas decorations are extreme, large and overwhelmingly beautiful. While their entrees are in the high twenties to mid-thirties, you are paying for not only their high-quality food but the atmosphere and ambiance as well!



Rolfs ornate Christmas Decorations fill the entire dining area!

### [Blue Water Grill](#)

If you are looking for seafood during the holiday season, Blue Water Grill located on 31 Union Square West is the place for you. With a unique seafood menu, Blue Water Grill attracts all kinds of people and they are open from brunch to dinner. With their meals are higher in price normally in the thirties, the reviews and critiques say it is well worth it! While their decor is subtle, during the winter months they cover their dining areas with twinkling lights that make the place sparkle!



Main Dining Area at Blue Water Grill

**Before the holiday season is over, be sure to check out these restaurants in NYC that are not only festive but delicious!**

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# Serendipity 3: Perfect for Date Night & a Sweet NYC Celebrity Hotspot



By

Kayla Garritano

If you've been looking to satisfy your sweet tooth craving, and want to try a legendary, trendy restaurant in New York City, then Cupid has a place for you! Serendipity 3, in the heart of Little Italy, could be your next date spot with your "sweetheart," and you may even be able to indulge in a few [celebrity sightings!](#)

# Serendipity 3, one of NYC's sweetest spots, is a delicious restaurant with a high profile clientele and some serious food!

NYC is great for [date ideas](#). Not only is there culture within the art museums, Broadway shows, and sightseeing, but there's also a great time in the city's [popular restaurants](#). Before we get to Serendipity 3's appetizing meals and desserts, let's start with the celebrities who've made their mark inside the restaurant.

Since 1954, Serendipity 3 has brought great food and celebrities that come along with it. This New York restaurant's walls are decorated with celebrities who have come into the warming abode. Celebrities such as Wendy Williams, Bill Clinton, Sarah Palin and the *High School Musical* cast have been pictured.

It's safe to say this restaurant and its food gave these celebs "serendipity" when walking in to the little restaurant. And what is to thank? The food, the dessert, and the sweet drinks.

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Let's start with the food. There are many unique options to choose from, such as "De la Maison," or house specials, casseroles, pastas, sandwiches, crepes, omelets, fish and vegetarian options. There is something for everyone here.

Next on the menu come these unique desserts. There's a whole section dedicated to just sweets, where you can get different flavors of pie to something whacky called "cheesecake vesuvius."

There's also an entirely different section called "drugstore sundaes," where you can either create your own or choose from one of the many on the menu. You can go healthy with fresh fruit, or splurge a little with a cinnamon fudge one. What's unique about this place is that there is a sundae that's just as famous as its clientele. The Golden Opulence Sundae requires a 48 hour in-advance reservation. Why? Because this sundae prices at \$1,000 and is covered in a 23-carat gold leaf. It holds the Guinness World Record for most expensive sundae!

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And let's not forget the teas, coffees and frozen drinks to top off your taste buds. Get a classic twist with a frozen hot chocolate, or venture out with a mochaccino. Whether it's frozen or hot, it's going to warm your stomach and your heart.

Serendipity 3 brings class and comfort to fine dining. If you want some [dating advice](#), take your partner here. Splurge a little with these dinners and treats, and you'll be sure to have a magical night. No reservations are taken if you're ordering just desserts. You may even get a nice view of a [celebrity couple](#) while snacking on a sundae. How sweet!

**Have you been to Serendipity 3? Let us know what treat you tried in the comments below!**

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## **Tree Infused Water Is Making**

# Celebrity News As A Diet Staple For Fit Stars



By

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Do you drink your recommended daily dose of water? Studies are released every year, often stating that people aren't hydrated enough. If you find yourself not drinking water because you don't enjoy the plain taste, well there's a healthy alternative for you, and it comes in the form of infused H<sub>2</sub>O! You may have heard of coconut water as a staple for many fitness fanatics, however other plant-based waters, such as maple and birch, are becoming more popular, especially within fit celebrity crowds. Find out why these specialized waters are making [celebrity news](#) and the benefits they can provide.



# Flavored water is trending once more and making celebrity news. Learn why fit stars love them!

Before you think this is just another deceiving diet craze, just look at the benefits that tree-infused water guarantees. The first plus is that they're all slightly sweet in flavor since they're derived from tree sap, so your sweet tooth will be satisfied without packing on the calories. Aside from tasting delicious, they also contain a number of nutrients, such as magnesium, calcium, zinc, malic and amino acids, vitamins, antioxidants and countless other minerals that are all good for you. Additionally, nutritionists have been known to say these infused waters help contribute to lowered cholesterol, weight loss, overall liver health, clearer skin, fast healing, joint pain relief and improved dental health, including cavity reduction.

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Flavors that are most popular include maple, birch, bamboo, pine and cactus. The list goes on; and there's sure to be more bottled up for our consumption. These infused waters can be found in Whole Foods Market, Trader Joe's, Fairway and many other health food shops throughout the country. Wherever you're located, you're likely to find these odd, but nicely designed packaged waters. Brands that have gotten down with this flavored water trend include Vertical, Sapp, Sibberi, Sealand Birk, Wahta and Happy Tree, just to name a few. So, keep a lookout for these if you're interested in spicing up your everyday water drinking. You can make things even more interesting by adding a dash of lemon juice and creating a low-calorie lemonade! Or, get creative and put together your own recipes.

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Celebrities who are fans of these infused waters include [Beyoncé](#), Naomi Campbell and Dr. Oz. Beyoncé and Campbell have been said to use maple water as a diet tool with their cayenne pepper and lemon detox blends. Dr. Oz, on the other hand, featured a glowing review on the tree flavored waters in his blog *The Good Life*. Though the blog does warn that specialized water can be costly in the long run compared to standard H<sub>2</sub>O, it goes on to say that infused water is a great option if can't bring yourself to join the "plain water bandwagon."

Though summer is over now, there's no reason why you should stop drinking water. If you're falling short on drinking healthy fluids, then these flavorful waters might be worth a try. Be kind to your waistline by taking water infusion to the next level and achieving your fitness goals! And, stay hydrated while you do it.

**How do you feel about infused water? Would you give tree infused water a try? Share your thoughts in the comments below!**

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**Indulge In a Romantic NYC Date Night at One if by Land, Two if by Sea**



By

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If you want to wow your partner with one of the most romantic restaurants in New York City, visit One if by Land, Two if by Sea, an upscale American restaurant located at Aaron Burr's former carriage house. This unique dining experience is perfect for a [date night](#), or maybe even a special [date idea](#) like a proposal or wedding venue.

**One if by Land, Two if by Sea is an amazing find with its romantic dining rooms, delicious menu, and elegant atmosphere.**

It's all about the ambiance at One if by Land, Two if by Sea. With three separate rooms to choose from (The Constitution

Room, The Mezzanine, and the main dining area), capacity to sit up to one hundred people and multiple menu choices, it could very well be a one of a kind place to eat. Executive chef Gary Volkov and pastry chef Vera make a great team providing the perfect mix of fresh ingredients and decadent sweets.

The menu offers three course meals, as well as six course and nine course tasting menus. Say “goodbye” to grabbing a quick bite with your date and “hello” to the experience of a lifetime. With entrees like Beef Wellington and desserts such as Crème Brûlée and Chocolate Mousse, you won’t want to miss out.

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Some of the most romantic date nights are spent here, including Saturday jazz brunches or holiday reservations for New Year’s Eve and Mother’s Day. One if by Land, Two if by Sea is a great spot for wedding anniversary dinners, and private parties can be arranged where the whole place is at your disposal. Imagine the beautiful events you can celebrate here!

The romantic atmosphere features brick fireplaces, a piano, chandeliers, and great views. The classy vibe provides an amazing backdrop to your special evening. You’ll never have a candlelit dinner like this again, so try this dating advice: take advantage of your time at this restaurant and soak it all in, because you might only get one chance.

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One if by Land, Two if by Sea is not for every night, but for that one special occasion, it’s magical. When you’re in need of a fantastic meal with the most romantic of dining experiences, give this famous restaurant a taste.

Have you been to One if by Land, Two if by Sea? What was your favorite course? Comment below!

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## Have a Sweetened Date Night with Your Sweetheart at Sugar Factory



By

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New York City is truly full of unique restaurants and different ways to enjoy a meal. Some add a cultural experience, and others add an unusual twist. That is what

perhaps makes Sugar Factory such a special and delicious place to eat. Whether you are in the City with your loved one for a [date night](#), or are looking for a different place to go for your next birthday celebration, Sugar Factory has everything you'll need to have a sweet time!

**Sugar Factory, one of New York City's popular restaurants, is a great place for a date night that will force you to not skip dessert!**

Sugar Factory could also be called *Celebrity Factory* for all the celebrity sightings that have happened at this popular restaurant! From Drake to Kylie Jenner, who knows who you might dine next to? While celebrity sightings may not be the only reason to dine at this restaurant, the menu adds another reason to get there as soon as you can!

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Before we talk about the signature goblets, the menu has plenty to offer! From breakfast options like crepes and french toast to burgers and pasta, Sugar Factory covers it all. If you want the date night to be extra sweet, go for a breakfast option! If you want a sugary drink, but a traditional meal, Sugar Factory has that, too! Perhaps one of the best parts of this unique restaurant is that while it may have its funky flavors, it also has those traditional options for those who don't want to be adventurous!

But, here's our [dating advice](#): be adventurous and try something new! That's where Sugar Factory's huge drink menu comes in! The goblet drinks are huge sugary treats, served freezing cold, yet amazing. From "Lollipop Passion" to "Ocean

Blue,” each of these specially designed treats will hit your sweet tooth and make you feel like a kid in a candy store again! There are also martinis and cocktails, and the best part about all of these drinks are that they can be made non-alcoholic so you can enjoy them at any age!

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One of Sugar Factory's locations is in the Meatpacking District, and that area is full of fun date ideas, like the Highline and other romantic places. It is definitely worth checking out, especially for the price! You won't be disappointed, and you'll have a great night at one of New York's most popular restaurants. It will be a sugar rush for sure!

**Have you visited the Sugar Factory? Let us know what drink you had in the comments below!**

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## Let's Talk, Quietly, About NYC's Speakeasies





By

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Speakeasies, the basic concept of hidden bars, are making a major comeback. Originally created during the Prohibition Era to hide alcoholic beverages from authorities, a speakeasy was a great locale for conversation, a date, and the *only* place to have alcohol at the time, making them super popular restaurants! It seems like 'vintage' is an obsession of the modern times and while that seems ironic, it is true. Vinyl is back on the shelves, among other vintage-esque things, with modern touches. That leaves a perfect opportunity for some smart business people to reintroduce speakeasies to our lives! Thankfully, if you're 21 and up, you can visit these speakeasies, and you don't even have to hide it from the cops! Taking into account all the different aspects of what makes dining at a speakeasy so unique, below is a list of some of the city's top speakeasies, for a [date night](#), or just a night on the town!

**New York's restaurant scene is**



**always changing, but speakeasies are quietly moving to the top! You need to check these out.**

**Find a Broadway Star at this hidden bar @ Bar Centrale:** After seeing a show on Broadway, don't waste your time waiting for a celebrity sighting. Head right to 46th, between 8th Ave and 9th Ave, to the unmarked wooden doors that lead to Bar Centrale. Inside, amidst the other speakeasy-goers, you'll find some of Broadway's best along with great food and beverages. Make a reservation as seating is limited, but it is worth the wait!

**Fall in Love, Not Overboard @ The Ship:** If there were awards for 'Best Modern Theme for a Speakeasy' then the choice would be easy. The Ship submerges you into a nautical theme from the second you walk in. Walk through a hallway to a dark stairwell, scoot down the stairs, and you're inside The Ship! Dim lighting sets the mood for a romantic date night, and for those looking for the full alcohol treatment, head towards the upper level of "the cruise" where a full bar awaits! Ahoy!

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**Customized Alterations @ Attaboy:** Stop mixing your favorite drinking at home, even it is perfectly altered to your tastes. Attaboy will alter their drinks to suit you; in fact, they even customize them just for you! Why so many alteration puns? The bar is hidden behind a sign that reads *Tailors M&H Alterations*, and that is how you enter this awesome speakeasy located right off Delancey St. in Lower Manhattan. Ring the bell for entry!

**Smart Calories @ Apotheke:** Adding a mason jar to any alcoholic beverage may have been the best type of drinking companion,

that is until Apotheke came along. Located on Doyers Street, this hidden gem of a New York restaurant is full of vintage style and a scientific style. Lab-coat-wearing bartenders serve you a high-quality drink in a chemistry beaker! Yes, those things you broke in high school actually have some purpose in life. They even have a Prohibition menu!

**I'm Telling @ PDT:** Also known as Please Don't Tell, this speakeasy is truly unique for its entrance. In the middle of a typical hot dog restaurant is a phone, and that phone serves as your entrance into this bar. Located in the East Village, PDT is very elegant looking, and could really add some scenery to a romantic date night. The dim lighting, decor, and drinks would make for a perfect first date!

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**Kinda Like a High School Party @ Fat Cat:** High school parties, from what you can remember, made a lot of use out of pool tables, ping pong tables, and they almost always involved a basement. Fat Cat does a great job of reintroducing your high school nights when you enter this bar. Located in the West Village, this bar's atmosphere, with ping pong tables, pool tables, and more, is a great place for you to take your high school sweetheart, or any other partner. This bar will certainly make for a competitive game-date-night!

**Secretly Historic @ Backroom:** One cannot talk about speakeasies in the city without mentioning the truly authentic, historic Backroom. This speakeasy has been around since the actual Prohibition Era and serves alcohol like they did back then: cocktails in teacups! In order to enter, you have to get the password from their Facebook page (that's the modern touch) and then enter through a bookcase! If you have visited all the other popular restaurants on the list, this is the one you need to go to. It is perfect for a date night, or for an unique experience you can't get anywhere else!

Secretly pass along a speakeasy suggestion in the comments below!

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# Enjoy Cultural Infusion and Delicious Food on a Date Night to Oiji in NYC



By

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It is not every day that a [famous restaurant](#) gives you a unique cultural experience. However, not every restaurant is like Oiji, a new restaurant in Manhattan. A great piece

of [dating advice](#) is to go on a lot of date nights, and a great date idea is definitely this cultural cuisine masterpiece in NYC's East Village.

## **Oiji should be on your list for future date nights, a cultural experience with unique, but yummy food!**

Oiji was originally a collective thought in the minds of Brian Kim and Tae Kyung Ku, the co-chefs and co-owners of this popular restaurant. Their goal was to bring the food of Korea, where they both grew up, in a modernized fashion to new tasters. They both attended the Culinary Institute of America, and were roommates. Oiji was their dream, and now you can enjoy that with your dream partner!

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Located in the East Village, this popular restaurant will excite your date night. The website for Oiji describes the seating area as intimate, but stylish and is full of unique features. An open kitchen, reclaimed wood, and large windows set the scene for your delicious trip.

The menu at Oiji is meant to be shared, a perfect place for a date night! The menu offers many traditional Korean dishes like handmade dumplings, Jang-jo-rim, and more. The dishes are priced between \$8 and \$29, but a ssam platter for two is only \$38.

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A flight to Korea will certainly cost you more than \$20 a person, so Cupid definitely recommends trying this Korean

masterpiece. It is not every day that you can try authentically traditional Korean food, but that is one of the many great things Manhattan has to offer. Your stomach won't be disappointed, and a good meal will make the two of you happy! Try the honey butter chips for dessert to end the night on a sweet note.

Have you tried Oiji or a similar authentic cultural experience? Let us know in the comments below!

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## Fill Your Tastebuds on a Romantic Date Night at Dovetail NYC





By

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New York City is full of date ideas, whether it be the brilliance that is Broadway or the scenes of Central Park. The city also offers delicious [famous restaurants](#) that will leave you with a smile on your face. A great piece of [dating advice](#) is to go on romantic dates with your loved one, and to try and change up where you go instead of getting into a rut and going to the same places over and over. Without further ado, Cupid recommends your next date night be at Dovetail NYC.

**Dovetail is a great NYC restaurant for a romantic date with delicious food!**

Located on 77th Street, Dovetail's menu is full of culinary marvels that will certainly excite the tongue. The main chef is John Fraser, who opened the restaurant back in 2007. The beautiful interior of the restaurant only seats 82 people, so reservations are definitely a good idea!

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Rustic artwork and white walls meet large wooden columns in a romantic setting, surrounded by perfect two-person tables that are just calling your name! With the pre-theatre menu, a quick über or taxi ride up to West 77th St. will certainly be worth the trip and will make your [date night](#) more amazing. That menu offers three courses for \$58 and includes an appetizer, entree, and dessert.

For vegetarians, Monday should be date night as there is a special menu that is served for vegetarians! However, Dovetail offers vegetarian options every night.

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The regular menu includes a tasting option for \$120 and then a three or four course option, \$85 and \$95 respectively. While the prices are a little high, the food is definitely worth it! You will not go home disappointed! For those looking for a more affordable option, the Sunday Suppa will excite your tastebuds for the same price and has a relatively similar menu as the pre-theatre option. Get the tasting if you are into trying different things, and do not skip out on dessert. You won't want to miss it!

**Have you visited Dovetail NYC recently? Let us know about your experience below!**

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# Celebrity Chef Richard Blais

# Makes a Five Star Team with BLACK+DECKER and George Foreman



By

[Josh Ringle](#)

Celebrity chef and TV personality, Richard Blais has teamed up with BLACK+DECKER and George Foreman to add three new products to the food-making industry, including the BLACK+DECKER Performance Convection Countertop Oven, George Foreman Grill & Broil and the BLACK+DECKER 11 Cup Dicing Digital Food Processor!



# Celebrity Chef Richard Blais is here to enhance your kitchen!



NEW YORK, NY – JULY 13: Chef and TV Personality, Richard Blais, teams up with BLACK+DECKER and George Foreman to debut three new products @ the BLACK+DECKER Performance Convection Countertop Oven, George Foreman Grill & Broil and the BLACK+DECKER 11 Cup Dicing Digital Food Processor on July 13, 2016 in New York City. (Photo by Cindy Ord/Getty Images for Spectrum Brands)

At a special event, the Blais crafted some five star dishes for those in the audience! Using the brand new appliances from BLACK+DECKER and George Foreman, the celebrity chef made Pineapple & Jicama Salsa, Onion & Goat Cheese Tarts and Turkey Steak with Cranberry Mole. The reviews were two thumbs up!

We highly recommend that you try out these new appliances at home, and we are sure you can find a great dish to make. Who

knows, maybe you could even become the next celebrity chef with the dishes you create using the BLACK+DECKER Performance Convection Countertop Oven, George Foreman Grill & Broil or the BLACK+DECKER 11 Cup Dicing Digital Food Processor! These products will certainly add some versatility to your kitchen.

For the latest on famous restaurants, check out one of Cupid's newest sections, [Food](#).

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## **Eat a Cultured Meal by a Famous Chef at One of NYC's Future Famous Restaurants, Tapestry**





By

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The City That Never Sleeps is one of the most diverse places in the USA, let alone the world. While that means you can try many different types of cultured food, it is often hard to find the perfect restaurant to really have that authentic meal. If you are in need of a city [date night](#) and are looking for a restaurant as one of your [date ideas](#), Tapestry could be the perfect place for you.

**Tapestry will be on NYC's list of famous restaurants soon, and the food, famous chef, and setting are easily the reasons why.**

Destined to become one of NYC's newest famous restaurants, Tapestry is located in the heart of the Meatpacking District and is run by famous chef Suvir Saran, who is also the joint's owner.

Saran adds global flavors to his Indian cuisine. The famous chef's menu is rather short, but what it lacks in many options, it adds in multiple flavors. Each dish is unique and will excite your taste buds!

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From appetizers, called Naashta, or noshing, to vegetables and many dishes, the restaurant has options for everyone. You and your date can share a yummy meal or get a few meals and taste test! Keeping things fun and new always keeps the relationship exciting!

The restaurant itself is also almost as good looking as the food. Many of New York's famous restaurants have an awesome interior and Tapestry does not disappoint. From the light bulb covered ceiling to modern interior design, the restaurant is eye popping and exciting.

One of the coolest parts about a meal at Tapestry, though, are the dishes and glasses. Instead of your traditional cups and plates, Saran uses fancy bronze colored tumblers and black slates for plates. The way the food is served is complimented by the silverware and that is truly unique!

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Tapestry has something for everyone. Whether you want to try something new or want a little global flare in your stomach, this restaurant has it all, and you would make a mistake in not giving it a try!

**Have you tried Tapestry? What was your favorite dish? Let us know in the comments below!**

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# Enjoy a Date Night High in New York's Skyline at La Birreria



By

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While New York City is full of romantic [date ideas](#) and famous restaurants, there are just some that stand out above the rest, pun intended. La Birreria, the rooftop restaurant of Eataly, is a perfect location for a date night. High above 23rd Street and 5th Avenue, this eatery is located in a hotspot for [celebrity couples](#).

# La Birreria is a delicious restaurant that is perfect for a date night!

New York City offers so many seasonal options, like ice skating in the winter and scenic walks in the summer. It is no wonder then that the owners behind La Birreria make the restaurant change with the seasons as well. This summer, the theme is Sabbia, which in English means 'sand.' Featuring 'cabana' seating, this pop-up restaurant will not disappoint.

To top off the brand new scenery, the menu changes alongside the seasons as well. Brand new drinks and meals accompany the changing seasons, and this summer is no exception. The Italian food dishes will surely make your mouth water for more.

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Pastas, antipasti, oysters, and much more brace their menu. The menu is full of Italian favorites with delicious taste that are sure to make you and your date happy. To top off your date night, the dessert menu includes cannolis, coffee, and tiramisu.

Perhaps one of the best parts of this restaurant is the fact that it is a microbrewery as well. The adult beverage offerings include wine, cocktails, and beer. The two-page menu is full of flavors and options for everyone. You may want to have Uber up on your phone and ready to go!

Sabbia, which is in La Birreria, is seasonal only so you want to check it out soon. But, do not fear! La Birreria remains open year round, using retractable roofs to protect you from spring showers and heaters to keep you warm in the winter.

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The view at La Birreria doesn't change from season to season. Offering beautiful views of the New York skyline, the restaurant's 'natural' artwork is nearly unrivaled, especially for such an affordable price. Cupid definitely recommends making a reservation for this date night!

After your first or second trip to Birreria, it would not be a surprise that you'll become a seasonal guest. Every season, the theme of the restaurant changes, and who knows what the fall will bring! Perhaps the best feature of this restaurant is the imported culture directly from Italy. Each season will feature distinctly different menus that will have you coming back at least four times a year!

**Have you visited La Birreria? What was your favorite seasonal theme and dish? Let us know in the comments below!**

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# **Have a Front Row Date Night to the Fireworks on a Circle-Line Cruise**





By

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The 4th of July is a perfect time for you and your loved one to do something exciting and new! Take your partner to the city, but instead of walking the streets, dining out, or taking advantage of the city's many [date ideas](#), go right to the piers! This date night is a little different than most July 4th dates! While [celebrity couples](#) always take advantage of yachts, most of us can't afford them. But this Independence Day [date night](#) will make you cruise in celebrity-like style!

**Circle-Line Cruises offers a great date night Independence Day voyage, and you would be crazy to miss it!**

One of the best views you can get for the Macy's fireworks show is on the water. Thankfully, companies like Circle-Line offer cruises that sail to the East River so you can watch the show unfold in front of your eyes.

No buildings, crowds of people, or any of that craziness will



be in your way on this ship! There are two options for these cruises, VIP or regular, but regardless of which you choose, you will be in love with this trip. The only difference is an on-board DJ and a slightly better food menu. Sailing out of Pier 83 in the city, your love boat will sail past many of NYC's famous landmarks.

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One of the coolest pre-fireworks parts of this trip is the stop at the Statue of Liberty. What is more American than the Statue of Liberty and then going to see fireworks? Maybe BBQ-esque food... But wait! That's what is on the menu!

The best part of this cruise is the view for the fireworks. Snuggle with your love on the waters of the East River, right in front of the beautiful display of colors in the sky! Nothing could be better! These cruises are perfect for romantic nights, and an important piece of [dating advice](#) is to have as many date nights as possible to keep the relationship fresh, hot, and feeling new.

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Circle-Line's Independence Day trips will surely excite you and your lover and make the 4th of July full of happiness for the two of you. While not everyone can enjoy a world-class fireworks display over the water with a magnificent skyline in the background, you can if you take advantage of a Circle-Line cruise on the Fourth of July!

**Have you ever been on a Circle-Line cruise or enjoyed fireworks over the water with your love? Let us know in the comments below!**

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# Hunt & Fish Club: A Romantic Date Night in the Heart of Manhattan



By

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Whether you are single and looking for a great place for a date night, or a couple looking to ignite some romance in the city, Hunt & Fish Club, located in Manhattan, is a great spot for all lovers. While New York City offers many [date ideas](#), the location of Hunt & Fish Club offers plenty of options for you, pre or post-meal! New York, New York's most exclusive [celebrity couples](#) enjoy dining at famous restaurants, and

you'll feel like stars dining at H&FC on your date night.

## **Hunt & Fish Club offers delicious meals that will satisfy your appetite on a romantic date night!**

Location, Location, Location. Hunt & Fish Club is fortunate to be in one of the best spots in the city, minutes away from Broadway. Located on 44th, between 6th and 7th Ave, H&FC is a great place to go to before a Broadway show, a trip to Central Park, or a walk around Bryant Park. There are also plenty of great shopping opportunities for you and your love to go on a mini-shopping spree before a great meal!

On the inside, the restaurant is beautiful and modern. With a "Black Room" lobby and a "White Room" main dining area, the restaurant is full of museum-quality artwork. Renowned artist, Nachum, has original works on display, and believes that patrons should touch the work to keep them alive and growing. The lighting fixtures are reasons to go to H&FC themselves, because of their immaculate beauty.

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While the location and design are great, it is the food and menu that really bring out the best parts of the dining experience. Along with specialty cocktails, the food options are immense. You can create your own seafood tower, but you can also choose fixed options like delicious salads, pastas, and steaks. The food is sure to fill your stomach!

The menu has so many options, it is hard to highlight them all. Along with traditional sides, there are also four sauces that you can add on to the meal of your choice. These will add a little extra flavor to your meal, not that you will need it!

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For singles, the bar offers great drink options and beautiful scenery to find that special someone. For couples, Hunt & Fish Club is a perfect romantic date night and a great addition to any city date you might have planned. While the prices are rather high, the quality of food and atmosphere of the restaurant will definitely make every penny worth it.

**Have any restaurant suggestions? Comment below and let us know your favorites!**

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## **Hamptons Date Night Dining: Food, Scenery, and Celebrities**





By

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Countless single celebrities and [celebrity couples](#) alike flock to the Hamptons during the summer, and there is no reason to miss out on the action. The waterfront properties, beautiful beaches, and delicious food don't have to be confined to Instagram posts of the rich and famous. Get a taste of the celebrity lifestyle by dinning out at some of the great restaurants on Long Island's east end.

**The food served at these Hamptons restaurants draws a date night crowd, and celebrities are no strangers to that group.**

### **Eating Italian**

If you are traveling to the east end in search of authentic Italian cuisine, you're in luck. Several restaurants in the Hamptons offer authentic Italian menus that incorporate fresh

fish from surrounding waters. Serafina in East Hampton offers authentic Italian cuisine at prices that won't break the bank, and the atmosphere still has that signature laid back, beach vibe signature to the area. Also offering authentic Italian food in East Hampton is Nick & Toni's. In addition to a full dinner and dessert menu, Nick & Toni's features a long, diverse brunch menu.

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From oven baked french toast to a Montauk fish burger, there is no more classic Hamptons experience than brunch at a local restaurant. The theme of Italian cuisine continues at Osteria Salina in Wainscott. The restaurant buys local from farmers and fisherman to create their Sicilian-inspired dishes.

### **Eating American**

If you're looking for more of a classic American dish, or go-to summer foods, 75 Main in South Hampton offers a menu filled with burgers, variations on a BLT, lobster rolls, and seafood dishes. Also serving up an American style menu is the East Hampton Grill in East Hampton. Their menu features a fresh fish of the day, along with crab cakes, barbecued burgers and ribs, and some salads—including a scallop salad, a blue cheese wedge salad, and the tried and true caesar.

A true dining delight can be had at Red Bar Brasserie in South Hampton. A brasserie is characterized as an unpretentious restaurant or gathering place that serves simple and hearty food—and Red Bar seems to be just that. Like most other Hamptons eateries, they feature a menu largely based on local ingredients and freshly caught fish and seafood. Their interior differs from other hot spots in that they traded in the big windows and natural light for a more low lit dining room, but outdoor seating is also available.

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These restaurants are only the tip of the iceberg for the long list of spots to choose from. After looking through these menus and restaurant picture galleries, it's clear why celebs put the Hamptons on their list of travel destinations. While the dining experience at any of these eateries is sure to be worth remembering on its own, the chance of a celebrity sitting during your [date night](#) is definitely a bonus.

In fact, *Watch What Happens Live* host Andy Cohen owns a house in Noyac Bay and can be caught out and about in the Hamptons every summer. Sarah Jessica Parker and hubby Matthew Broderick own a place in Amagansett and spend their time in areas between the Hamptons and Montauk. Kelly Ripa and Jerry Seinfeld, two stars essential to NYC, often migrate out east during summer months as well. [Scott Disick](#), former Long Island resident, helped bring the Kardashian family out to the east end during summer 2014 to film *Kourtney and Khloe Take the Hamptons*. Although Disick no longer resides in the Hamptons, his Long Island roots keep him and his family coming back for [celebrity vacations](#).

Eating out in the Hamptons will either make you feel like a celebrity, or bring you face to face with one. For those who are looking for great [date night](#) food and the chance to rub elbows with the rich and famous, the Hamptons is the destination for both.

**Have you ever spotted a celebrity while out to dinner? Comment below!**