



Recommended New York City Restaurants

Welcome to New York City. The city that never sleeps or stops eating.

Zagat, Yelp, and others direct you to restaurants and rate them. This is a personal list of restaurants that I've been to and heartily recommend for their reliably good food and accessibility. Not that you can't rely on Zagat, but these are restaurants I'd recommend to out-of-town friends visiting New York. Out-of-town friends just like you. Not being listed is no insult; most of NYC's restaurants are omitted. These are easy to find; a reservation at most NYC eateries at this late date, not so easy. Try 'em for a piece of New York City.

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AMERICAN

Toqueville

1 E 15th Street

212.647.1515

Formal dining with exceptional food. Beautiful room.

Gotham

12 E 12th Street

212.620.4020

A New York classic. There's a good culinary reason it's been around this long.

BAR-B-Q - NYC'S

COUNTRYSIDE

Mighty Quinn

103 2nd Avenue

212.677.3733

They're now all over Manhattan. Like eating in a commissary. But you're not there to eat wallpaper.

Hill Country

30 W26th Street

212.255.4544

Texas roadhouse. Brisket, ribs, and chicken by the pound. Live music Wed-Sat.

BURGERS

Five Napkin Burgers

Now at several locations around Manhattan

Jackson Hole

232 E 64th Street

212.371.7187

This is the original location. There are now others.

CHINESE

Hard to go wrong at most Chinatown venues. We hit:

Peking Duck House

28 Mott Street

Wo Hop

17 Mott Street

CIGAR CLUB DINING

Club Macanudo

26 E 63rd Street

212.752.8200

Even if you don't smoke cigars, the food's worth the experience.

DELI (PLEASE NO WHITE BREAD)

Katz's

205 E Houston Street

212.254.2246

Pastrami is the main event.

2nd Ave Deli (Kosher)

162 E 33rd Street

212.689.9000

So good, it's now on 33rd Street.

Sarge's Deli

548 3rd Avenue

212.679.0442

FISH AND SEAFOOD

Docks

633 3rd Avenue

212.986.8080

FRENCH

Le Parisien

163 E 33rd Street

212.889.5489

Authentic French bistro food and atmosphere.

La Perigord

405 E 52nd Street

212.755.6244

Classic French food in a comfortable setting.

GERMAN

Rolfs

281 3rd Avenue

212.477.4750

Classic German food.

INDIAN

6th Street

6th Street between 1st and 2nd Avenues and Lexington Avenue in the 20s (a.k.a., "Curry Hill") are home to many fun, interesting, and good restaurants.

Sahib

104 Lexington Avenue

646.590.0994

Hemant Mathur's two prior restaurants received Michelin Stars. This is his latest venture.

ITALIAN

Il Cortile

125 Mulberry Street

212.226.6060

NYC has many wonderful Italian restaurants. When I want an exceptional Italian meal, here's where I go. Has a hidden garden.

JAPANESE

Ichi Umi

6 E 32nd Street

212.725.1333

There's lots of good to great Japanese food around NYC, but Ichi Umi is an experience. A block-long smorgasbord of all-you-can-eat sushi and other Japanese food at a very appetizing price.

MEDITERRANEAN

Timna

109 St. Marks Place

646.964.5181

PERSIAN

Persopolis

1407 2nd Avenue

212.535.1100

A worthwhile adventure in flavors.

RUSSIAN

Mari Vanna

41 E 20th Street

917.722.3815

Looks like a Moscow apartment. Tastes like home cooking, too.

STEAK

Ben & Jacks

219 E 44th Street

212.682.5678

You needn't go to Brooklyn for a Peter Luger-like steak

Wolfgang's

4 Park Avenue

212.889.3369

These guys do it in Manhattan.

Sammy's Roumanian

157 Chrystie Street

212.673.0330

This ain't fine dining, but the food is great and the experience is unforgettable.

VEGETARIAN

Dirt Candy

86 Allen Street

212.228.7732

They say anyone can grill a steak. It takes a real chef to cook vegetables.

