

OpenTable Restaurant Reviews Reveal Top 100 Hot Spots in America

Winning Restaurants Span 25 States and Washington, D.C.; California, Florida, New York, and Illinois Claim Greatest Number of Hot Spots; New Restaurants Make a Strong Showing

SAN FRANCISCO, March 31, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- After another long winter, <u>OpenTable</u>, the world's leading provider of online restaurant reservations and part of The Priceline Group (NASDAQ: PCLN), today unveiled the <u>2015 Top 100 Hot Spot</u> <u>Restaurants in America</u>. These awards reflect the combined opinions of more than 5 million restaurant reviews submitted by verified OpenTable diners for more than 20,000 restaurants in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.



New restaurants made a strong showing in this year's awards, including 42 that opened in 2014 and one as recently as 2015. The complete list features award-winners in 25 states and Washington, D.C., and includes <u>Gato</u> in New York, <u>RPM Steak</u> in Chicago, and <u>Spoon and Stable</u> in Minneapolis. California boasts the greatest number of winning restaurants with 22, followed by Florida and New York with 13 each. Illinois and Texas have 11 and seven, respectively. Nevada has five winning restaurants, and Tennessee and Georgia have four. Louisiana, Minnesota, and South Carolina claim two winners apiece. Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Iowa, Indiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, North Carolina, Nebraska, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia , and Washington, D.C. are represented as well.

Global fare menus are fashionable, with standout restaurants serving Asian, Basque, Korean, Latin, Mediterranean, Mexican, and Polynesian dishes, among others. American cuisine, sushi, and steak are also popular.

"Whether they're new or well established, there's an intoxicating buzz in and around each of these restaurants," said Caroline Potter, OpenTable Chief Dining Officer. "With inspired concepts, energetic atmospheres, and incredible food and drink, these hot spots are where diners will experience delight and excitement in the year ahead."

<u>The Top 100 Hot Spot Restaurants in America</u> are generated from more than 5 million restaurant reviews collected from verified OpenTable diners between March 1, 2014, and February 28, 2015. All restaurants with a minimum number of qualifying reviews were included for consideration. Qualifying restaurants were then sorted according to a score calculated from each restaurant's average rating in the "hot spot" category along with a minimum "overall" rating.

Based on this methodology, the following restaurants, listed in alphabetical order, comprise the Top 100 Hot Spot Restaurants in America according to OpenTable diners. The complete list may also be viewed at http://www.opentable.com/m/hottest-restaurants-in-america.

2015 Top 100 Hot Spot Restaurants in America

*Opened in 2014 **Opened in 2015

Adega Modern Mediterranean* - Cleveland, Ohio Andrea's - Las Vegas, Nevada B.B. King's Blues Club - Memphis, Tennessee Ballast Point Brewing & Spirits* - San Diego, California Bâoli Miami - Miami Beach, Florida Barton G. The Restaurant* - Los Angeles, California Bathub Gin - New York, New York The Bazaar by José Andrés at SLS Hotel South Beach - Miami Beach, Florida Beauty and Essex - New York, New York Bestia - Los Angeles, California BO-beau kitchen + roof tap* - Long Beach, California Buccan - Palm Beach, Florida

Buffalo Proper Plate & Pour* - Buffalo, New York Cantina La Veinte* - Miami, Florida Catch - New York, New York Chino Latino - Minneapolis, Minnesota The Church Key - West Hollywood, California Ciccio's / Water - Tampa, Florida Cleo-SLS* - Las Vegas, Nevada Commissary at The Line Hotel* - Los Angeles, California Cooks & Soldiers* - Atlanta, Georgia Cork & Pig Tavern #2 - Odessa, Texas Dirty French* - New York, New York do Restaurant at the View - Atlanta, Georgia Drunken Dragon* - Miami Beach, Florida Edmund's Oast* - Charleston, South Carolina El Camino Mexican Soul Food & Tequila Bar* - Delray Beach, Florida El Vez - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Fat Rice - Chicago, Illinois Fig & Olive* - Chicago, Illinois Fixe Austin* - Austin, Texas Gato* - New York, New York Geronimo - New Haven, Connecticut Girl & the Goat - Chicago, Illinois Gjelina - Venice, California Graffiato* - Richmond, Virginia The Grey* - Savannah, Georgia Grille 401 - Fort Lauderdale, Florida HG SPLY CO - Dallas, Texas The Hudson Room* - Peekskill, New York Hydraulic Hearth* - Buffalo, New York Ironside Fish & Oyster* - San Diego, California Juju Asian Tapas + Bar** - Durham, North Carolina Juniper & Ivy* - San Diego, California Katana - West Hollywood, California Kettner Exchange* - San Diego, California Koi - West Hollywood, California Kona Grill* - El Paso, Texas La Esquina - New York, New York The Lark - Santa Barbara, California Lolita Cocina & Tequila Bar - Boston, Massachusetts Matador Room-The Miami Beach EDITION* - Miami Beach, Florida Mercantile Dining and Provision* - Denver, Colorado Momotaro* - Chicago, Illinois MUA - Oakland, California The Nest - Indian Wells, California O-Ku - Charleston, South Carolina Odd Duck - Austin, Texas OSO* - Sonoma, California Parachute* - Chicago, Illinois Pitch Coal-Fire Pizzeria - Omaha, Nebraska Prohibition Restaurant & Speakeasy* - Miami, Florida Pump* - West Hollywood, California The Purple Room - Palm Springs, California Red Ginger - Traverse City, Michigan Republique - Los Angeles, California RoCA* - Des Moines, Iowa Rocco's Tacos & Tequila Bar - Orlando, Florida Rose. Rabbit. Lie. at The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas* - Las Vegas, Nevada **RPM Italian** - Chicago, Illinois RPM Steak* - Chicago, Illinois Shakou Sushi - Libertyville, Illinois Sinema* - Nashville, Tennessee Social Southern Table and Bar - Lafayette, Louisiana Spoon and Stable* - Minneapolis, Minnesota STK-NYC-Meatpacking - New York, New York STK-The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas - Las Vegas, Nevada

STK-Washington, D.C.* - Washington, D.C. Sub Zero Vodka Bar - St. Louis, Missouri SumoMaya Mexican-Asian Kitchen - Scottsdale, Arizona Sunda - Chicago, Illinois Sur Restaurant - West Hollywood, California Sushi POP - Oviedo, Florida The Sutler* - Nashville, Tennessee Tao Downtown - New York, New York Tao Restaurant and Nightclub - Las Vegas, Nevada Teak on the Hudson* - Hoboken, New Jersey Three Dots and a Dash - Chicago, Illinois Three Muses - New Orleans, Louisiana Toku Modern Asian - Manhasset, New York TORO - New York, New York The Tropicale - Palm Springs, California Uchi - Houston, Texas Ulele* - Tampa, Florida UMI - Atlanta, Georgia Union 50* - Indianapolis, Indiana Untitled - Chicago, Illinois Virago - Nashville, Tennessee Vitello's - Studio City, California Whiskey Cake* - San Antonio, Texas

Diners can also read more about the Top 100 Hot Spot Restaurants in America by visiting the OpenTable blog.

About OpenTable Restaurant Reviews

Originally launched in November 2008, the OpenTable Reviews program helps diners find restaurants that best fit their dining occasions. Diners who recently honored an OpenTable reservation are invited via email to submit restaurant feedback using an online form. Visitors to OpenTable can access reviews for thousands of OpenTable restaurant partners across the United States, Canada, Germany and the UK. The OpenTable Reviews program has generated more than 30 million restaurant reviews by verified diners, establishing OpenTable as one of the largest and most trusted sources for restaurant reviews.

About OpenTable

OpenTable, part of The Priceline Group (NASDAQ: PCLN), is the world's leading provider of online restaurant reservations, seating more than 16 million diners per month via online bookings across more than 32,000 restaurants. The OpenTable network connects restaurants and diners, helping diners discover and book the perfect table and helping restaurants deliver personalized hospitality to keep guests coming back. The OpenTable service enables diners to see which restaurants have available tables, select a restaurant based on verified diner reviews, menus, and other helpful information, and easily book a reservation. In addition to the company's website and mobile apps, OpenTable powers online reservations for nearly 600 partners, including many of the Internet's most popular global and local brands. For restaurants, the OpenTable hospitality solutions enable them to manage their reservation book, streamline their operations, and enhance their service levels. Since its inception in 1998, OpenTable has seated more than 760 million diners around the world. The Company is headquartered in San Francisco, California, and the OpenTable service is available throughout the United States, as well as in Canada, Germany, Japan, Mexico, and the UK.

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