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100 Best Restaurants in America for a Big Night Out, According to OpenTable Diners

California and Florida Claim Highest Number of Restaurants with "It" Factor, From Vibrant Settings to **Lively Bar Scenes**

SAN FRANCISCO, March 21, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Spring has sprung! For weary patrons eager to get back on the scene following a long winter, OpenTable, the world's leading provider of online restaurant reservations and part of Bookings Holdings, Inc. (NASDAQ: BKNG), has released its list of 100 Best Restaurants in America for a Big Night Out. Whether searching for an upbeat locale for drinks with the girls, show stopping views for an anniversary celebration, or lively ambience for a birthday surprise, the top 100 list delivers on delicious fare with flair - the perfect backdrop for a fun night out.

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"The list features an array of buzzworthy restaurants, from up-and-coming to established, trendy to tried-and-true, across 24 states and Washington D.C." said Caroline Potter, Chief Dining Officer at OpenTable. "Whatever your notion of a big night out entails, whether it's a bustling bar scene or a spot to see-and-be-seen, fun is on the menu at any of these honorees."

With 18 restaurants on the list, California claimed the highest number of restaurants for a night on the town, with Florida in hot pursuit with 17. Fifty cities, from coast to coast, are also featured. New York and Las Vegas appear more than any other destination on the list; though trailing closely behind is Chicago with seven restaurants, including Girl & the Goat and RPM Italian & RPM Steak.

The list of the 100 Best Restaurants for a Big Night Out is generated solely from more than 12 million verified OpenTable diner reviews collected between February 1, 2017, and January 31, 2018. All restaurants with a minimum "overall" score and number of qualifying reviews were included for consideration. Qualifying restaurants were then scored and sorted according to the percentage of reviews for which "hot spot" was selected as a special feature.

Based on this methodology, the following restaurants, listed in alphabetical order, comprise the 100 Best Restaurants for a Big Night Out in America for 2018, according to OpenTable diners. The complete list may also be viewed at: https://www.opentable.com/m/100-best-restaurants-for-a-big-night-out-2018/.

- Al Biernat's Oak Lawn Dallas, Texas
- Andina Portland, Oregon
- Battalion San Antonio, Texas
- Beauty & Essex Multiple Locations
- Bestia Los Angeles, California
- Blend on the Water Long Island City, New York
- The Boathouse Lake Buena Vista, Florida
- Brewery Bhavana Raleigh, North Carolina
- **Buddakan Multiple Locations**
- Campfire Carlsbad, California
- Campiello- Naples, Florida
- Carmine's 44th Street New York, New York
- Carnivale Chicago, Illinois
- Carson's Food & Drink Lexington, Kentucky
- **Catch** Multiple Locations
- Charlie's of Bay Head Bay Head, New Jersey
- Coasterra San Diego, California
- Compère Lapin New Orleans, Louisiana
- Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant Multiple Locations
- Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steak House Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Departure Restaurant and Lounge Portland, Oregon
- Double Knot Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

- Duck Duck Goat Chicago, Illinois
- El Five Denver, Colorado
- El Vez Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Flight Restaurant & Wine Bar- Memphis, Tennessee
- Gato New York, New York
- Giada The Cromwell Las Vegas, Nevada
- Gibsons Bar & Steakhouse- Chicago, Illinois
- Girl & the Goat Chicago, Illinois
- Gordon Ramsay Steak Paris Las Vegas Las Vegas, Nevada
- Gracias Madre West Hollywood, California
- GW Fins- New Orleans, Louisiana
- Halls Chophouse- Charleston, South Carolina
- Harp & Crown Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Hell's Kitchen Minneapolis Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Herb & Wood- San Diego, California
- Husk Charleston- Charleston, South Carolina
- ı Ironside Fish & Oyster-San Diego, California
- Ivan Ramen- New York, New York
- ı Ivy- West Hollywood, California
- Juniper & Ivy- San Diego, California
- Juvia- Miami, Florida
- Kaluz Restaurant- Fort Lauderdale, Florida
- Komodo- Miami, Florida
- ı KYU- Miami, Florida
- The Lark- Santa Barbara, California
- Le Diplomate- Washington, DC
- Linger- Denver, Colorado
- Louie Bossi's Ristorante Bar Pizzeria- Fort Lauderdale, Florida
- LUCA- Lancaster, Pennsylvania
- Maple & Ash- Chicago, Illinois
- Mariposa- Sedona, Arizona
- Mastro's Ocean Club- Newport Beach, California
- Meril- New Orleans, Louisiana
- Moku Kitchen- Honolulu, Hawaii
- ı Momofuku Las Vegas, Nevada
- Mora Italian- Phoenix, Arizona
- Morimoto Asia- Lake Buena Vista, Florida
- Myers + Chang- Boston, Massachusetts
- Nobu Caesars Palace Las Vegas- Las Vegas, Nevada
- North Italia BLVD- Houston, Texas
- Ocean Prime Naples, Florida
- Old Ebbitt Grill- Washington, DC
- The Optimist- Atlanta, Georgia
- Otium- Los Angeles, California
- Oxford Exchange- Tampa, Florida
- Parc- Detroit, Michigan
- The Pearl- Columbus, Ohio
- Perch LA- Los Angeles, California
- Pump- West Hollywood, California
- Red Ash Italia- Austin, Texas
- Red Rooster Harlem- New York, New York
- Republique Los Angeles, California
- RPM Italian & Steak Multiple Locations
- Sacred Pepper Tampa, Florida
- Sampan- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Sixty Vines- Plano, Texas
- Sotto- Cincinnati, Ohio
- Southern Social- Germantown, Tennessee
- St. Elmo Steak House Indianapolis, Indiana
- Steak 44- Phoenix, Arizona
- Steak 48- Houston, Texas
- Steve & Cookie's By the Bay- Margate, New Jersey
- STK- Multiple locations
- SumoMaya Mexican Asian Kitchen- Scottsdale, Arizona
- Tao- Multiple locations

- The Tropicale- Palm Springs, California
- Town- San Carlos, California
- TWO urban licks- Atlanta, Georgia
- Uchi- Austin, Texas
- <u>Ulele</u>-Tampa, Florida
- Uncle Julio's Brentwood- Brentwood, Tennessee
- Urban Grub- Nashville, Tennessee
- Vandal- New York, New York
- Water Grill South Coast Plaza Costa Mesa, California
- Woodberry Kitchen Baltimore, Maryland
- Yardbird Southern Table & Bar Miami Beach, Florida
- Yvonne's- Boston, Massachusetts
- Zahav- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

About OpenTable:

OpenTable, part of Bookings Holdings, Inc. (NASDAQ: BKNG), is the world's leading provider of online restaurant reservations, seating more than 25 million diners per month via online reservations across more than 45,000 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 over 1.5 billion diners via online reservations around the world. OpenTable is headquartered in San Francisco and has bookable restaurants in more than 20 countries, including Australia, Canada, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, Spain, United Kingdom and the United States. Restaurants are available for reservations in Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, and Spanish languages.

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