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OpenTable Diner Reviews Reveal Top 100 Hot Spot Restaurants in America

Lively Restaurants with Bustling Bar Scenes, Entertainment, and a Captivating Ambience Rise to the Top

Winning Restaurants Span 25 States; Florida, California, New York, and Ohio Restaurants Claim Most Winners

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- As we look forward to a spring filled with vibrant dining experiences, OpenTable, the world's leading provider of online restaurant reservations and part of The Priceline Group (NASDAQ: PCLN), today unveiled the Top 100 Hot Spot Restaurants in America for 2017. These awards reflect the combined opinions of more than 10 million restaurant reviews submitted by verified OpenTable diners for more than 25,000 restaurants in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.



The list includes restaurants with buzzy, engaging ambience, many of which feature interactive dining experiences, live entertainment, and appealing playlists. While American cuisine is quite popular, an international array of fares are present, especially Asian, Brazilian, Italian, Latin, Mexican, and Spanish.

Showcasing winners in major metropolitan areas as well as resort towns, the complete list features restaurants in 25 states, and includes <u>Barton G. The Restaurant</u> in Miami Beach, <u>.ink</u> in West Hollywood, and <u>Vandal</u> in New York. Sunny Florida boasts 17 winning restaurants, followed by California with 15, and New York and Ohio with nine apiece. Arizona and Pennsylvania have seven each, while Minnesota has five and Colorado and Tennessee have four. Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Nevada, and Texas all have three standout restaurants. Indiana, Michigan, and North Carolina earned two each. Alabama, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, Oregon, and South Carolina are also represented.

"This year's winning restaurants are pulsing with energy from both diners and the eateries' atmospheres, creating an infectiously energetic dining experience," said Caroline Potter, OpenTable Chief Dining Officer. "If you're looking for a spot where fun is always on the menu, look to one of these honorees."

The list of the <u>Top 100 Hot Spot Restaurants in America</u> is generated solely from more than 10 million verified OpenTable diner reviews collected between February 1, 2016 and January 31, 2017. 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 Top 100 Hot Spots Restaurants in America for 2017 according to OpenTable diners. The complete list may also be viewed at http://www.opentable.com/m/diners-picks-hot-spot-restaurants-in-america-for-2017/.

2017 Top 100 Hot Spot Restaurants in America

4 Bells - Minneapolis, Minnesota
Acorn - Denver, Colorado
The Avenue Steak Tavern - Columbus, Ohio
Barton G. The Restaurant - Multiple Locations
The Bayou - Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
The Bazaar by José Andrés South Beach - Miami Beach, Florida
Beat Brasserie (Beat Hotel) - Cambridge, Massachusetts
Beauty & Essex - New York, New York
Besito Mexican - Huntington, New York

Bida Manda Restaurant and Bar - Raleigh, North Carolina

Bistro 821 - Naples, Florida

Blend on the Water - Long Island City, New York

BRAVO Cucina Italiana - Naples, Florida

Broadway by Amar Santana - Laguna Beach, California

Buccan - Palm Beach, Florida

Buddakan NY - New York, New York

Butcher & the Boar - Minneapolis, Minnesota

Café Tu Tu Tango - Orlando, Florida

Campiello - Naples, Florida

Capo Restaurant - South Boston, Massachusetts

Carnivale - Chicago, Illinois

Centro Restaurant - Des Moines, Iowa

Chino Latino - Minneapolis, Minnesota

Continental Naples - Naples, Florida

Culinary Dropout - Multiple Locations

Departure Restaurant and Lounge - Portland, Oregon

Don & Charlie's - Scottsdale, Arizona

E+O Kitchen - Cincinnati, Ohio

Edmund's Oast - Charleston, South Carolina

Eight4Nine - Palm Springs, California

El Camino Mexican Soul Food & Tequila Bar - Delray Beach, Florida

Fixe - Austin, Texas

Flight Restaurant & Wine Bar - Memphis, Tennessee

Fogo de Chao Brazilian Steakhouse - Minneapolis, Minnesota

Forno Kitchen and Bar - Columbus, Ohio

Girl & the Goat - Chicago, Illinois

Grato - West Palm Beach, Florida

The Greenhouse Tavern - Cleveland, Ohio

The Grey - Savannah, Georgia

.ink - West Hollywood, California

Ironside Fish & Oyster - San Diego, California

Juniper & Ivy - San Diego, California

Kaluz Restaurant - Fort Lauderdale, Florida

La Cuchara - Baltimore, Maryland

Lola-A Michael Symon Restaurant - Cleveland, Ohio

Louie Bossi's Ristorante Bar Pizzeria - Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Mastro's Ocean Club - Scottsdale, Arizona

Mateo - Durham, North Carolina

Mercantile dining & provision - Denver, Colorado

The Millworks - Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

The Mission-Old Town - Scottsdale, Arizona

Mita's - Cincinnati, Ohio

Morcilla - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Nada - Cincinnati, Ohio

The Nest - Indian Wells, California

O-Ku - Atlanta, Georgia

Officine BRERA - Los Angeles, California

Ophelia's Electric Soapbox - Denver, Colorado

The Pearl - Columbus, Ohio

Perch LA - Los Angeles, California

Poros - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Prasino - St. Charles, Missouri

Puckett's 5th & Church - Nashville, Tennessee

Pump - West Hollywood, California

Raglan Road Irish Pub - Lake Buena Vista, Florida

Red Rooster Harlem - New York, New York

Republic - Detroit, Michigan

Root Down - Denver, Colorado

Rose. Rabbit. Lie. at The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas - Las Vegas, Nevada

Selva Grill - Sarasota, Florida

Shore Diner - Sarasota, Florida

The Southern - Nashville, Tennessee

Spoon and Stable - Minneapolis, Minnesota

Steak 44 - Phoenix, Arizona

STK - Multiple Locations

Stoney River Steakhouse and Grill - Germantown, Tennessee

Strip by Strega - Boston, Massachusetts

SumoMaya Mexican-Asian Kitchen - Scottsdale, Arizona

Tao - Multiple Locations

Texas de Brazil - Multiple Locations

Three Muses - New Orleans, Louisiana

Toca Madera - West Hollywood, California

Tony's of Lexington - Lexington, Kentucky

Toutant - Buffalo, New York

Trio Restaurant - Palm Springs, California

The Tropicale - Palm Springs, California

The Twisted Olive - Green, Ohio

TWO urban licks - Atlanta, Georgia

Uchi - Austin, Texas

Uchiko - Austin, Texas

Ulele - Tampa, Florida

Union 50 - Indianapolis, Indiana

VACA - Costa Mesa, California

Vandal - New York, New York

Vida - Indianapolis, Indiana

Warmdaddy's - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Whitfield - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

YOLO - Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Yoshi's - Oakland, California

Zahav - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Diners can also read more about the 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. Only diners who recently honored an OpenTable reservation are invited to submit restaurant reviews. Visitors to OpenTable can access reviews for thousands of OpenTable restaurant partners across the United States, Canada, Germany, Ireland, Japan and the UK. The OpenTable Reviews program has generated more than 40 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 21 million diners per month via online bookings across more than 40,000 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 billion diners 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, United Kingdom and the United States.

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