

## **OpenTable Restaurant Reviews Reveal Top 100 Best Restaurants in America**

# Awards highlight restaurants in 32 states and Washington, D.C.; New York, California, Florida boast most honorees, followed by North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Oregon, and Texas

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- As we cheer the end of another year of delicious dining, <u>OpenTable</u>, the world's leading provider of online restaurant reservations and part of The Priceline Group (NASDAQ: PCLN), is pleased to celebrate the 2014 Diners' Choice Award winners for the <u>Top 100 Best Restaurants in America</u> and highlight the Top 10 honorees. 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.



The Top 10 Best Restaurants in America, in rank order, include:

- 1. SeaBlue Restaurant & Wine Bar North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
- 2. Sushi Nakazawa-Sushi Bar New York, New York
- 3. Fearrington House Restaurant Pittsboro, North Carolina
- 4. <u>n/naka</u> Los Angeles, California
- 5. St. Francis Winery & Vineyards Santa Rosa, California
- 6. Ski Tip Lodge Keystone, Colorado
- 7. Twenty Eight Atlantic at Wequassett Resort East Harwich, Massachusetts
- 8. Kai Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort Chandler, Arizona
- 9. The French Room Dallas, Texas
- 10. Highlands Bar and Grill Birmingham, Alabama

The Top 10 Best Restaurants in America are as diverse as our appetites, from intimate and sleek newcomer <u>Sushi Nakazawa</u> with just 25 seats to the lively, perennially revered 124-seat <u>Highlands Bar and Grill</u>. What they all share is an unmatched level of consistency and attention to detail, which can be found in their superior service, careful sourcing of local ingredients, and commitment to excellence and hospitality.

Lauding both recently opened as well as longstanding restaurants that feature everything from à la carte to intricate tasting menus, the complete list includes award winners in 32 states and Washington, D.C., such as <u>Eleven Madison Park</u> in New York, <u>Laurel</u> in Philadelphia, and <u>Saison</u> in San Francisco. There are 35 repeat winners from 2013, eight of which again cracked the top 10, and 65 new honorees.

New York has the greatest number of winners with 12, followed by California and Florida with eight each; North Carolina and Pennsylvania with six apiece; and Oregon and Texas earning five each. Illinois has four, and Arizona, Georgia, Hawaii, Nebraska, New Jersey, South Carolina, and Virginia all have three winners. Colorado, Massachusetts, Maine, Michigan, Nevada, Tennessee, and Washington have two award winners apiece. Alaska, Alabama, Connecticut, Kansas, Maryland, Ohio, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Utah, Washington, D.C. and Wisconsin are also represented.

Dinner-only restaurants dominate the list, with 59 winners. While American fare restaurants are most popular, the eclectic array of cuisines on the list includes global, Hawaiian, Italian, Japanese, seafood, Thai, and vegan. More than 25 percent of honorees indicate they offer gluten-free options.

"The whole is greater than the sum of the carefully designed parts at these acclaimed restaurants," says Caroline Potter, OpenTable Chief Dining Officer. "At every meal, the honorees strive to master perfection through a uniquely thoughtful approach to hospitality that includes flawless service, exceptional food and dazzling cocktails."

<u>The Diners' Choice Awards for the Top 100 Best Restaurants in America</u> are generated from more than 5 million restaurant reviews collected from verified OpenTable diners between December 1, 2013, and November 30, 2014. All restaurants with a minimum "overall" score and 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 "overall" category.

Based on this methodology, the following restaurants, listed in alphabetical order, comprise the Top 100 Best Restaurants in America according to OpenTable diners. The complete list may also be viewed at <a href="http://www.opentable.com/m/best-restaurants-in-america/">http://www.opentable.com/m/best-restaurants-in-america/</a>.

#### 2014 Diners' Choice Award Winners for the Top 100 Best Restaurants in America

Abe Fisher - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Acanto - Chicago, Illinois All Purpose - Milwaukee, Wisconsin Altius - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Antebellum - Flowery Branch, Georgia Ariana - Bend, Oregon Atera - New York, New York Bacchanalia - Atlanta, Georgia Bazaar Meat by José Andrés - Las Vegas, Nevada Bida Manda Restaurant and Bar - Raleigh, North Carolina Blue Hill at Stone Barns - Pocantico Hills, New York Bodean Seafood - Tulsa, Oklahoma Bolete Restaurant - Bethlehem, Pennsylvania Bouchard Restaurant and Inn - Newport, Rhode Island Boulevard Bistro - Elk Grove, California Café 2825 - Atlantic City, New Jersey Café Monarch - Scottsdale, Arizona Camp Verde General Store and Restaurant - Camp Verde, Texas Carlos' Bistro - Colorado Springs, Colorado Carpe Vino - Auburn, California The Cellars - Virginia Beach, Virginia Charleston - Baltimore, Marvland Chef's Table at the Edgewater - Winter Garden, Florida The Chop House - Grand Rapids, Michigan Ciao Osteria - Centreville, Virginia Circle Brunch-The Breakers - Palm Beach, Florida Collage Restaurant - St. Augustine, Florida The Copper Door - Hayesville, North Carolina Dai Due - Austin, Texas Daniel - New York, New York Daniel-Lounge Seating - New York, New York Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steak House - Washington, D.C. Eleven Madison Park - New York, New York Enzo's on the Lake - Longwood, Florida Erling Jensen The Restaurant - Memphis, Tennessee Fearrington House Restaurant - Pittsboro, North Carolina The Flatiron Café - Omaha, Nebraska Forage - Salt Lake City, Utah Fortify Kitchen and Bar - Clayton, Georgia Franklinville Inn - Franklinville, New Jersey The French Room - Dallas, Texas goosefoot - Chicago, Illinois Halls Chophouse - Charleston, South Carolina Hamptons - Sumter, South Carolina Herons - Cary, North Carolina Highlands Bar and Grill - Birmingham, Alabama The Joel Palmer House - Dayton, Oregon Kai - Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort - Chandler, Arizona L'Auberge Chez François - Great Falls, Virginia

La Grenouille - New York. New York La Mer at Halekulani - Honolulu, Hawaii Laurel - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Le Bernardin - New York, New York Les Nomades - Chicago, Illinois Maison Blanche - Longboat Key, Florida Mama's Fish House - Paia, Hawaii Marx Bros. Café - Anchorage, Alaska May Kitchen + Bar - Vashon, Washington Meadowsweet - Brooklyn, New York Michael's - South Point Casino - Las Vegas, Nevada Modern Love - Omaha, Nebraska Montalcino Ristorante Italiano - Issaguah, Washington The Mulefoot Gastropub - Imlay City, Michigan n/naka - Los Angeles, California NAOE - Miami, Florida Natural Selection - Portland, Oregon o va - Boston, Massachusetts Ocean - Kennebunkport, Maine Orchids at Palm Court - Cincinnati, Ohio The Painted Lady - Newberg, Oregon Perry Street Brasserie - Galena, Illinois Rafain Brazilian Steakhouse - Fort Worth, Texas Red Hill Station - San Francisco, California Renaissance Café - Assaria, Kansas The Restaurant at Meadowood - Saint Helena, California Restaurant Iris - Memphis, Tennessee Restaurant Lorena's - Maplewood, New Jersey Roe - Portland, Oregon Rudy & Paco Restaurant & Bar - Galveston, Texas Russell's Steaks, Chops, and More - Williamsville, New York Saint Jacques French Cuisine - Raleigh, North Carolina Saison - San Francisco, California SeaBlue Restaurant & Wine Bar - North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina Seasons 52 - Sarasota, Florida Second Empire Restaurant and Tavern - Raleigh, North Carolina ShinBay - Scottsdale, Arizona Ski Tip Lodge - Keystone, Colorado St. Francis Winery & Vineyards - Santa Rosa, California Sushi Nakazawa-Sushi Bar - New York, New York The Tailor and the Cook - Utica, New York Talula's Daily-Secret Supper Club - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Thomas Henkelmann-Homestead Inn - Greenwich, Connecticut The Trattoria - Saint James, New York Twenty Eight Atlantic at Weguassett Resort - East Harwich, Massachusetts ULU Ocean Grill and Sushi Lounge - Kaupulehu, Hawaii Ulele - Tampa, Florida V.Mertz - Omaha, Nebraska Watertable - Huntington Beach, California White Barn Inn - Kennebunk, Maine Wyebrook Farm Market & Café - Honey Brook, Pennsylvania

Diners can also read more about the Diners' Choice Awards for the Top 100 Restaurants in America by visiting the OpenTable "Dining Check" 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 28 million restaurant reviews by verified diners, establishing OpenTable as one of the largest and most trusted sources for restaurant reviews.

#### About OpenTable

<u>OpenTable</u>, part of The Priceline Group (NASDAQ: PCLN), is the world's leading provider of online restaurant reservations, seating more than 15 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 700 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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