

OpenTable Announces 100 Best Restaurants in America Based on Diner Reviews

Winning Restaurants Span 30 States and the District of Columbia; California, New York, and Virginia Restaurants Earn Most Honors. Notable Cities include Chicago, New York City, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec.1, 2016 /PRNewswire/ --As we reflect back another year of sublime dining, <u>OpenTable</u>, the world's leading provider of online restaurant reservations and part of The Priceline Group (NASDAQ: PCLN), today unveiled the <u>100 Best Restaurants in America</u> for 2016. These awards reflect the combined opinions of more than 10 million restaurant reviews submitted by verified OpenTable diners for more than 24,000 restaurants in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.



Showcasing long-running and new eateries, the complete list features restaurants in 30 states and the District of Columbia, and includes <u>Oriole</u> in Chicago, <u>Le Coucou</u> in New York, and <u>Zahav</u> in Philadelphia. New York has 13 winning restaurants, followed by California with 12 and Virginia with seven. Florida and Texas each have six winners. New Jersey and North Carolina have five honorees, and Oregon and Pennsylvania boast four apiece. Arizona, Colorado, Illinois, Ohio, Washington state, and Washington, D.C., each have three winners. Connecticut Georgia, Minnesota, and Tennessee all have two standout restaurants. Alabama, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Mexico, Nevada, Oklahoma, and South Carolina are also represented.

Similar to last year's list, established restaurants account for the majority of winners; however, several restaurants that opened in 2016, such as Oriole, earned spots. Fine dining and casual elegant dining establishments make up the majority of the list. Most eateries in the top 100 embrace sustainability, seasonality, and house-made ingredients, including cheese and charcuterie. While American and French cuisines are the most popular, global flavors are present on many of the menus, from regional Italian dishes to Middle Eastern specialties.

"The common thread running through this list of winning restaurants is excellence in hospitality," says Caroline Potter, OpenTable Chief Dining Officer. "Whether creating one-of-a-kind fine-dining experiences or serving up incredible fare in a more casual setting, this year's honorees are consistently earning rave reviews from diners."

The list of the <u>100 Best Restaurants in America</u> is generated solely from more than 10 million verified OpenTable diner reviews collected between November 1, 2015, and October 31, 2016. 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 along with that restaurant's rating relative to others in the same metropolitan area.

Based on this methodology, the following restaurants, listed in alphabetical order, comprise the 100 Best Restaurants in America for 2016 according to OpenTable diners. The complete list may also be viewed at http://www.opentable.com/m/best-restaurants-in-america-for-2016/.

2016 100 Best Restaurants in America

Acquerello - San Francisco, California

Addison Restaurant - San Diego, California

Angelini Osteria - Los Angeles, California
Antebellum - Flowery Branch, Georgia
Arabellas Italian Ristorante - Winter Haven, Florida
Arethusa al Tavolo - Bantam, Connecticut
Ariana - Bend, Oregon
Auberge du Soleil - Rutherford, California
barmini by by José Andrés - Washington, D.C.
Barrio Café Gran Reserva - Phoenix, Arizona
Bavette's - Chicago, Illinois
Bibou - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Bida Manda Restaurant and Bar - Raleigh, North Carolina
Bistro L'Hermitage - Woodbridge, Virginia
Bistro San Martin - Arlington, Virginia
Bliss Restaurant - San Antonio, Texas
Bolete Restaurant - Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
Bones - Atlanta, Georgia
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Maison Blanche - Longboat Key, Florida

Mama's Fish House - Paia, Hawaii The Metro Wine Bar & Bistro - Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Michael's-South Point Casino - Las Vegas, Nevada Mizuna - Denver, Colorado The Modern-Dining Room - New York, New York Monarch - Scottsdale, Arizona o ya - New York, New York Orchids at Palm Court - Cincinnati, Ohio Oriole - Chicago, Illinois The Painted Lady - Newberg, Oregon Peck's Arcade - Troy, New York Per Se - New York, New York Peter Shields Inn - Cape May, New Jersey Quince Restaurant - San Francisco, California The Restaurant at Gideon Ridge - Blowing Rock, North Carolina Restaurant Lorena's - Maplewood, New Jersey Roe - Portland, Oregon Russell's Steaks, Chops, and More - Williamsville, New York Ruth's Chris Steak House - Baton Rouge, Louisiana The Saddle River Inn - Saddle River, New Jersey Saint Jacques French Cuisine - Raleigh, North Carolina Seasons Restaurant-Four Seasons - Washington, D.C. <u>Sette</u> - Bernardsville, New Jersey Ski Tip Lodge - Keystone, Colorado Sotto - Cincinnati, Ohio St. Francis Winery & Vineyards - Santa Rosa, California State & Lemp - Boise, Idaho Stonehouse at San Ysidro Ranch - Santa Barbara, California Sushi Nakazawa-Sushi Bar - New York, New York The Table at Season To Taste - Cambridge, Massachusetts

Terra Restaurant - St. Helena, California

Thomas Henkelmann-Homestead Inn - Greenwich, Connecticut

The Trattoria - Saint James, New York

Trattoria L'incontro - Astoria, New York

Truluck's Seafood, Steak and Crab House - Austin, Texas

Vetri - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Yono's Restaurant - Albany, New York

Zahav - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Diners can also read more about the 100 Best 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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