

# **OpenTable Reveals 100 Most Romantic Restaurants in America**

# California, New York, Virginia, and Colorado Restaurants Make Strongest Showing; Standout Cities Include Colorado Springs, Las Vegas, and Virginia Beach

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- As we celebrate love and romance in honor of Valentine's Day, <u>OpenTable</u>, the world's leading provider of online restaurant reservations and part of The Priceline Group (NASDAQ: PCLN), is pleased to announce the <u>100 Most Romantic Restaurants in America</u> for 2016. 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.



Featuring beloved restaurants adept at delivering hospitality with a personal touch, often from owner-operators, the complete list spans 33 states and includes honorees such as <u>The Cellars</u> in Virginia Beach, <u>Forbes Island</u> in San Francisco, and <u>Zenkichi</u> in Brooklyn. California has 15 winning restaurants, followed by New York and Virginia with eight apiece, Colorado with seven, and Arizona, Florida, and Texas with six each. Hawaii and Nevada each have five winners while North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and South Carolina each boast four. Connecticut, Illinois, Michigan, Nebraska, New Jersey, Tennessee, and Washington count two winners per state. Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, and Utah are also represented.

Exceptional ambience is the common thread at the winning restaurants, from those set in historic buildings, such as the <u>Rainbow Room</u> atop 30 Rockefeller Center, to those associated with cozy inns and luxe resorts, including <u>Duling Kurtz</u> <u>House</u> and <u>Tidepools at the Grand Hyatt Kauai</u>. Establishments serving American and French cuisines dominate the list; however, Italian restaurants and steakhouses also proved popular, as did those specializing in perennial favorite fondue.

"Food is inextricably - and deliciously - tied to love and romance," says Caroline Potter, OpenTable Chief Dining Officer. "This year's honorees represent the perfect places for diners to savor their love, whether it's marking a moment in time or creating a new shared memory over fine fare in an intimate and special setting."

The list of the <u>100 Most Romantic Restaurants in America</u> is generated from more than 5 million restaurant reviews collected from verified OpenTable diners between December 7, 2014 and December 6, 2015. 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 "romantic" was selected as a special feature.

Based on this methodology, the following restaurants, listed in alphabetical order, comprise the 100 Most Romantic Restaurants in America according to OpenTable diners. The complete list may also be viewed at <a href="http://bit.ly/romanticRestaurants">http://bit.ly/romanticRestaurants</a>.

#### 2016 Top 100 Most Romantic Restaurants in America

Addison Restaurant - San Diego, California Alizé at the Top of the Palms Casino Resort - Las Vegas, Nevada Aly's Restaurant - Solvang, California Ambience - Los Altos, California Bistro Romano - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Bouchard Restaurant and Inn - Newport, Rhode Island Briarhurst Manor - Manitou Springs, Colorado Cacharel Restaurant - Arlington, Texas Café Central - El Paso, Texas Café Matisse - Rutherford, New Jersey Café Monarch - Scottsdale, Arizona Café Renaissance - Vienna, Virginia Canlis - Seattle, Washington Capische - Wailea, Hawaii Carlos' Bistro - Colorado Springs, Colorado The Cellar Restaurant - Daytona Beach, Florida The Cellars - Virginia Beach, Virginia Chez François - Vermilion, Ohio Chez Nous French Restaurant - Humble, Texas Circa 1886 - Charleston, South Carolina Coco Palm - Pomona, California Collage Restaurant - St. Augustine, Florida Different Pointe of View - Phoenix, Arizona The Dining Room-Biltmore Estate - Asheville, North Carolina Duling Kurtz House - Exton, Pennsylvania Edgewood Restaurant - Stateline, Nevada Eiffel Tower - Las Vegas, Nevada The English Inn - Eaton Rapids, Michigan Erminia Ristorante - New York, New York The Farmhouse at Turkey Hill - Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania Fearrington House Restaurant - Pittsboro, North Carolina Flagstaff House - Boulder, Colorado The Flatiron Café - Omaha, Nebraska Fleurie - Charlottesville, Virginia Forbes Island - San Francisco, California The French Room - Dallas, Texas Geia's Café - Chicago, Illinois The Goodstone Inn & Estate Restaurant - Middleburg, Virginia Harry's Restaurant - Manhattan, Kansas The Hobbit - Orange, California Hugo's Cellar-Four Queens - Las Vegas, Nevada Inn at Barley Sheaf Farm - Holicong, Pennsylvania Iridescence -Detroit, Michigan Jillian's - Palm Desert, California Keystone Ranch Restaurant - Keystone, Colorado L'Auberge de Sedona - Sedona, Arizona La Bergerie - Alexandria, Virginia La Cremaillere Restaurant - Bedford, New York La Mer at Halekulani - Honolulu, Hawaii Latitudes - Key West, Florida Le Vallauris - Palm Springs, California Les Nomades - Chicago, Illinois The Little Door - Los Angeles, California Mar'sel at Terranea Resort - Rancho Palos Verdes, California The Melting Pot - National locations

Michael's-South Point Casino - Las Vegas, Nevada Michel's at the Colony Surf - Honolulu, Hawaii Middleton Place Restaurant - Charleston, South Carolina ON20 - Hartford, Connecticut Orchids at Palm Court - Cincinnati, Ohio Over the Moon Café - Tacoma, Washington The Painted Lady - Newberg, Oregon Palme d'Or - Coral Gables, Florida Paseo Grill - Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Penrose Room-The Broadmoor - Colorado Springs, Colorado Pepper Tree Restaurant - Colorado Springs, Colorado Peter Shields Inn - Cape May, New Jersey Primavista - Cincinnati, Ohio Rainbow Room Dinner & Dancing - New York, New York The Refectory Restaurant & Bistro - Columbus, Ohio The Restaurant at the Gideon Ridge Inn - Blowing Rock, North Carolina Restaurant Iris - Memphis, Tennessee Ristorante Massimo - Portsmouth, New Hampshire River Café - Brooklyn, New York River's End - Jenner, California Russell's Steaks, Chops, and More - Williamsville, New York Saddle Peak Lodge - Calabasas, California Salacia Prime Seafood and Steaks - Virginia Beach, Virginia SASSI - Scottsdale, Arizona Seagar's Restaurant - Destin, Florida Second Empire Restaurant and Tavern - Raleigh, North Carolina Shadowbrook Restaurant - Capitola, California Shearns Seafood and Prime Steaks - Galveston, Texas Sir Winston's Aboard the Queen Mary - Long Beach, California Ski Tip Lodge - Keystone, Colorado St. Martin's Wine Bistro - Dallas, Texas Stonehouse at San Ysidro Ranch - Santa Barbara, California The Studio, An Artistic Dining Experience - Hilton Head Island, South Carolina thirty-two - Biloxi, Mississippi Thomas Henkelmann-Homestead Inn - Greenwich, Connecticut Tidepools-Grand Hyatt Kauai - Poipu, Hawaii The Tree Room @ Sundance - Sundance, Utah <u>TS Steakhouse at Turning Stone</u> - Verona, New York Ulu Ocean Grill and Sushi Lounge - Kaupulehu, Hawaii V.Mertz - Omaha, Nebraska Vernon's Speakeasy - Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, New Mexico Viande Rouge - Duluth, Georgia White Barn Inn - Kennebunk, Maine Yono's Restaurant - Albany, New York Zenkichi - Brooklyn, New York

Diners can also read more about the 100 Most Romantic Restaurants in America as well as our #savorthelove Valentine's Day giveaway by visiting the <u>OpenTable Blog</u>.

## 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 36 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 17 million diners per month via online bookings across more than 33,000 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

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