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Where to Eat in the Hamptons Right Now

From beachy hangouts to upscale waterfront dining by Beth Landman | Jul 2, 2021, 12:56pm EDT

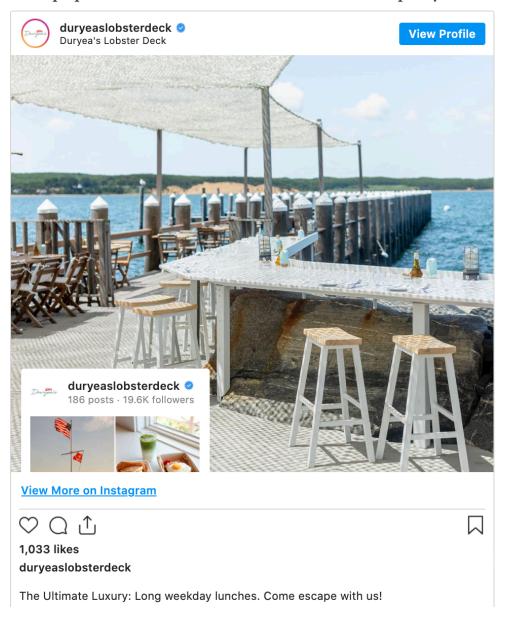
Morty's Oyster Stand's seafood ceviche | Morty's Oyster Stand [Official]

It's more difficult than ever to get a table at a good Hamptons restaurant amid swelling summer crowds and staff shortages due in part to lack of housing and transportation issues. With that in mind, selecting a rewarding dining destination is key. Below, find 15 seasoned favorites in the area, from Westhampton to Montauk. Eater will be updating this list throughout the summer with options that are worth staking out for reservations. For more Hamptons dining recommendations, check out our guides to the top hotel restaurants in the area and the most notable restaurant openings of Summer 2021. *The latest CDC guidance for vaccinated diners during the COVID-19 outbreak is here; dining out still carries risks for unvaccinated diners and workers. Please be aware of changing local rules, and check individual restaurant websites for any additional restrictions such as mask requirements. Find a local vaccination site here.*

1. Duryea's Montauk

65 Tuthill Rd Montauk, NY 11954 (631) 668-2410 Visit Website

There is not a more spectacular setting than the pier in Montauk that houses this seafood restaurant and offers an expansive view of Napeague Bay. Plates such as the lobster Cobb salad, large swordfish steak, and two- pound local catch are meant for sharing, but be prepared to wait because there is a no-reservations policy.





2. Le Bilboquet

1 Long Wharf Sag Harbor, NY 11963 (631) 808-3767 Visit Website

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A waterfront perch with a view of yachts gives a St. Tropez feel to this Sag Harbor outpost of the legendary Upper East Side restaurant, and the rosé-sipping crowd is dressed to match that vibe. Signatures like crabmeat and avocado salad and Cajun chicken are the go-to choices, but there are new options worth a try like burrata with grilled corn, peaches and pistachios, a Wagyu filet with braised mushrooms and a Nicoise salad with seared tuna.



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3. Morty's Oyster Stand

2167 Montauk Hwy Montauk, NY 11954 (631) 668-8355 Visit Website

Flip flops and shorts are welcome at this beachy spot located on the Napeague stretch. There is a full raw bar along with poke and ceviche, while hot items include mussels, steamers and warm tortillas with avocado and chilies. The lobster rolls and burgers are Instagram-worthy.



The lobster roll at Morty's Oyster Stand | Morty's Oyster Stand [Official]

4. K Pasa

BOX 2426, 2 Main St Sag Harbor, NY 11963 (631) 800-8226 Visit Website

For a more casual vibe that still boasts a waterfront view, this upbeat American taqueria overlooks the bay in Sag Harbor. Start with char-grilled octopus with peanut salsa macha or a cheeseburger empanada, and move on to one of the steak, carnitas, or octopus tacos.



K Pasa [Official]

5. Babette's

66 Newtown Ln East Hampton, NY 11937

This simple celebrity haunt serves breakfast through dinner in breezy, laid-back atmosphere. Favorites include a variety of tofu omelettes; a wild-caught cod wrap; and sesame orange free-range chicken.

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6. The Golden Pear Cafe

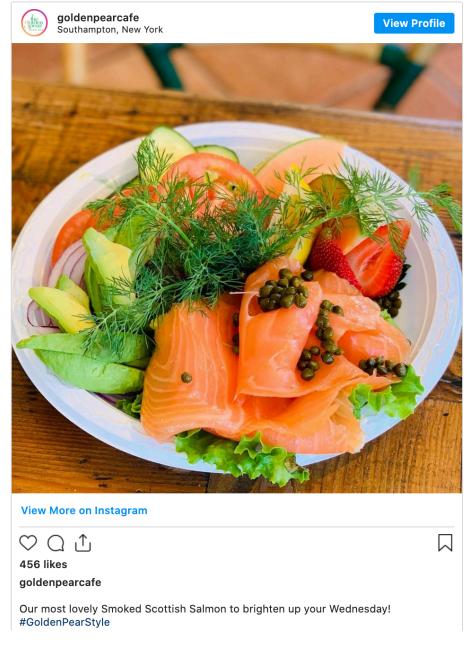
34 Newtown Ln East Hampton, NY 11937 (631) 329-1600 Visit Website

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There are three locations of this all-day cafe and each one is packed. An extensive menu including breakfast burritos, organic oatmeal, chicken dumplings, whole grain flatbreads and veggie tuna salad are ideal to take to the beach or eat at an outside table while you people-watch.

(631) 329-5377

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7. Almond

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1 Ocean Rd Bridgehampton, NY 11932

Chef Jason Weiner sources 90 percent of the ingredients at this restaurant — which celebrates its 25th anniversary this year — from within seven miles of his kitchen. New dishes include littleneck clam pasta with rapini, green garlic, pickled chilies and quail egg; and crispy Montauk fluke with sticky rice, avocado and kelp-chi. Daily specials such as a halal cart on Thursday, soft-shell crab on Friday, and truffles on Sunday are worth checking out.



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Duck... if the East End were a sovereign state, it might be our national dish. That's @brianhalweil 's theory anyway.

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@twfandassociates scotch @stonesthrowfarmsagaponack duck egg in the style of a frisée aux lardons. very almond-ish.

8. Elaia Estiatorio

95 School Street Bridgehampton, NY 11932 (631) 613-6469 Visit Website

Amid the Hamptons' bustling, crowded dining scene, it's rare to find an intimate, welcoming place like this. Innovative offerings include organic corn, spinach, feta and dill wrapped in phyllo; spaghetti with Greek yogurt, caramelized red onion and lemon zest; and mushrooms with ouzo tomato sauce and grape leaf rice. The restaurant also offers simple, straightforward fare like roasted organic chicken or whole branzino for two.



Elaia's psiti feta | Elaia Estiatorio [Official]

9. Calissa

1020 Montauk Hwy Water Mill, NY 11976 (631) 500-9292 Visit Website

This Mediterranean restaurant features a vast lawn where diners can enjoy weekly entertainment including live music and theatrical performances alongside an outstanding menu. Start with the extensive mezze selection and round out the meal with such dishes as meatballs with tomato, cumin and basil; lobster pasta, salt-crusted fish, and lamb chops.



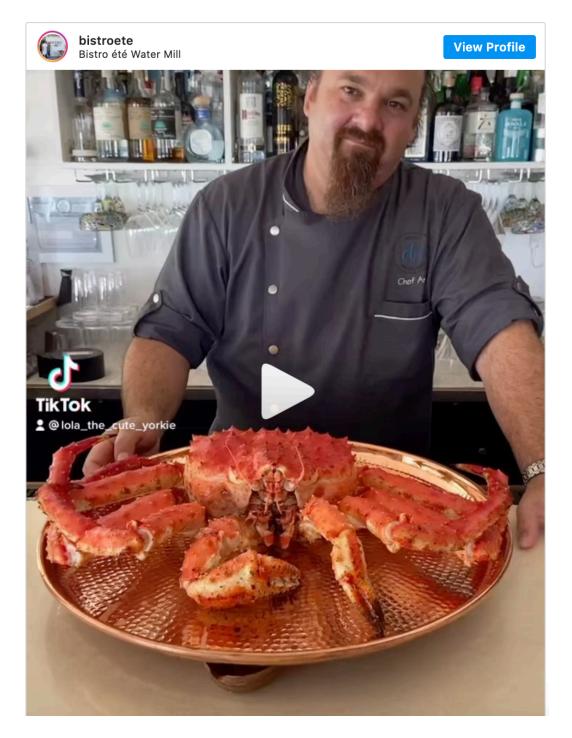
Outdoor dining at Calissa | Courtesy of Oleg March

10. Bistro Ete

760 Montauk Hwy Water Mill, NY 11976 (631) 500-9085 Visit Website

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Oversized Norwegian king crabs and charcoal raclette grills that allow you to spoon melting cheese on top of sausage, potatoes, or bread are among the new items at this charming restaurant where art enhances both the indoor and outdoor space. Dogs are not only encouraged, but they are catered to with a "paw course dinner" that includes homemade biscuits and boneless chicken thigh wrapped with bacon and stuffed with spinach in short rib sauce (shaved truffles optional!). A portion of proceeds for the meals for dogs go to the Southampton Animal Shelter.



11. T-Bar Southampton

268 Elm St Southampton, NY 11968 (631) 283-0202 Visit Website

The East End location of this crowd-favorite steakhouse has become as buzzy as its Upper East Side flagship, and the covered back patio is particularly coveted. Peppercrusted tuna, porterhouse, and chopped salad with grilled chicken or shrimp remain favorites. Sushi is also an option here.



T-Bar's tuna | T-Bar [Official]



12. Blu Mar Hamptons

136 Main St Southampton, NY 11968 (631) 488-4570 Visit Website

After a dramatic start involving an early split with acclaimed chef Tom Valenti, the restaurant finally hit its stride after bringing down prices and debuting a seafood-focused menu with items like local striped bass with summer corn and black truffle. For those craving sushi, its Buddha Lounge in the back has a rotating selection of fish that ranges from simple sashimi to creative maki.



Blu Mar [Official]

13. Tutto Il Giorno South

56 Nugent St Southampton, NY 11968 (631) 377-3611 Visit Website

Designer Gabby Karan's artistic touch can be felt in the restaurant's chic, understated dining room as well as the bucolic back garden. Pastas range from a simple spaghetti pomodoro to fettuccine with kale and walnut pesto; top entree choices include the kitchen's daily fish in parchment or chicken Milanese. Despite the demand, general manager Andrew Toobin keeps things running smoothly without the interminable waits customers may find at some of the area's other popular spots.



14. Dopo Argento

15 Main St Southampton, NY 11968 (631) 488-1300 Visit Website

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Maurizio Marfoglia, the chef who launched the wildly popular Dopo in Sag Harbor and East Hampton, opened an intimate Mediterranean restaurant in Southampton last summer, beautifully designed with French glass windows, reclaimed wood, gardens and a wine room that stores 500 bottles. Start with the beef carpaccio, paired with aged Parmesan and fresh black truffles; or squid ink chitarra with jumbo lump crab meat, heirloom tomatoes, lemon and chilies; and move on to veal chop parmigiana or wild tiger prawns with lemon herb sauce.



15. Brunetti Pizza

61 Main St Westhampton Beach, NY 11978 (631) 288-3003 Visit Website

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A Westhampton outpost of the West Village Neapolitan pizza and wine bar opened this year offering a range of wood-fired pies. Standouts on the menu include the signature vongole with fresh shucked local clams, garlic, white wine and parsley; and the funghi e cipolle with roasted shiitakes, caramelized onions, goat cheese, honey truffle oil, and thyme. The lineup of wines ranges from an \$8 glass of Falanghina to an \$84 bottle of Barolo.



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