

100 Best Restaurants on Long Island

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If there were any doubts about the resilience of Long Island dining, 2021 silenced them. Battered by COVID-related closures and restrictions, restaurants faced new challenges as an unprecedented labor shortage took hold just as dining rooms were permitted to resume full capacity.

Some restaurants packed it in, but many more fought their way back. And, amidst the ever-evolving crisis, plenty of new ones opened. Four of these pandemic babies have made it onto this, our ninth annual list of Top 100 Restaurants, and they range from a French-inflected homage to fine-dining to a Thai bistro run by former Wall Street bankers to a South African-Portuguese chicken spot owned by a Pakistani immigrant who fell in love with peri-peri chicken during a stint living in Scotland.

Indeed, the Long Island dining scene has never been more vibrant.

FINE DINING

Mirabelle



Candy cane soufflé. Photo Credit: Randee Daddona

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Omelets, salmon tartine and eggs Benedict on avocado toast are among the attractive Sunday brunch offerings at this stalwart, just one of several winning ways to enjoy chef Guy Reuge's four-star French and New American menu. Lunch and dinner continue to feature chickpea fries, flammkuchen (Alsatian thin-crust pizza), beef tartare and tuna crudo, along with interesting salads (one features duck and prosciutto) and a fine steak frites. Recent discoveries include a velvety spaghetti carbonara and roasted lamb. Still, Mirabelle's adjacent tavern frequently steals the show thanks to burgers topped with bacon-flecked marmalade, Kobe sliders and crackling good fish-and-chips with house-made potato chips. But wherever and whenever you dine, farm-to-table-ness and exceptional sourcing are the order of the day.