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Restaurant Guide to New York City

Here are evaluations of restaurants that I've tried in New York. You'll see that the great majority of them receive grades of A or B. I don't think that this is because I'm an easy grader. Rather, I generally don't go to a place unless it has received at least a 4.0 from the generally reliable Zagat guide or I've gotten a recommendation from a source whose judgment I trust. Still, there are clunkers now and then. Also, I grade on a curve in the sense that a great hamburger joint and a great upscale French restaurant can both merit an A+, even though the dining experiences will be rather different. (Using the jargon of economics, I'm more or less looking at the marginal utility per dollar!)

For the most part, these restaurants fall in the mid-price range (for Manhattan), roughly \$40 to \$60 per person, without drinks.

Bon appétit!

Restaurant	Neighborhood	Date	Grade	Comments
33 Greenwich	Greenwich Village	October 2017	A-	<i>Southern</i> . Updated versions of southern food were outstanding. Try the shrimp and grits and the meatloaf sandwich. The service, while pleasant, was too slow and inattentive.
44& ½ Hell's Kitchen	Hell's Kitchen	November 2006 November 2009 January 2010 October 2017	B+ A A A-	<i>American</i> . Some of the dishes were terrific (goat cheese souffle' appetizer), but some, like the main course duck, were only ok. Upgraded this to an A—everything was excellent, service was good, and portions were substantial. Everything was good. I especially liked the lobster ravioli, the tuna tartare appetizer, and the apple pie

				dessert. Service was pleasant and efficient.
456 Shanghai Cuisine	Chinatown	June 2014	B	<i>Chinese</i> . The food was uneven. The scallion pancake with beef was delicious and the sesame noodles were excellent, as were the soup dumplings. But the Peking duck was just okay, and the meat in the pork dish was fatty. Service was brusque but efficient.
508 Gastrobrewery	SoHo	March 2013	B+	<i>Pub food</i> . Tasty, and a fun and noisy atmosphere. I enjoyed the fig pizza.
A Voce	West 60s	December 2009	A	<i>Modern Italian</i> . Excellent, in a beautiful room with a stunning view of Columbus Circle. Expensive, but not compared to other places in Time-Warner. Service was fine.
		July 2010	A	[Ditto]
A.G. Kitchen	West 70s	December 2012	A-	<i>Latin</i> . This is a friendly establishment, where you can get food at a good price. I liked the Cubano sandwich, and the guacamole was excellent. Service was attentive but slow. Bottom line: Nice place for a tasty and informal meal.
Abbotto [Closed]	West 50s	February 2013	A	<i>Italian</i> . The food is conventional red-sauce Italian. But while not particularly creative, the dishes are beautifully prepared, and the service is pleasant and efficient.
ABC Cocina	Flatiron	October 2014	A-	<i>Mexican</i> . On the plus side, the small plates were delicious and interesting. The room is striking, and the service efficient. On the other hand, the music was too loud, and it was sort of on the expensive side.
Acqua Pazza	Midtown	January 2007	B	<i>Italian</i> . Solid.
Akdeniz	Midtown	October 2007	A-	<i>Middle Eastern</i> . This place is a bargain—big portions of well-prepared food for low prices. Not particularly creative, but extremely tasty.

		August 2016	B+	The meat was sort of dry, but okay. The food is only good, not great. The main thing this place has going for it is substantial portions and reasonable prices.
Al Mayass	Gramercy Park	September 2018	B	<i>Middle Eastern.</i> The food was pretty good, but not good enough to justify the prices. Service was pleasant, and the place wasn't too loud.
Alcala	East 40s	April 2013	B	<i>Spanish.</i> The food was tasty, but several dishes were dry, including the main course pork tenderloin and the tortilla appetizer.
Aldea	Flatiron	February 2012 January 2017	A B	<i>Portuguese.</i> Food was excellent at this upscale place. Service was pleasant and attentive, but a little bit slow. Food was good, but nothing really popped. Probably not a good deal given the prices.
Alder	Lower East Side	September 2014	B+	<i>American.</i> Tasty and innovative food served very attractively. So, why only a B+? Because the small plates are really small. You shouldn't pay over \$60 (including tip) and walk out hungry.
Alfama	West Village	August 2007	B-	<i>Portugese.</i> Food was uneven. Bread was great, and the shrimp appetizer was wonderful. But the main course fish dishes were dry and uninteresting.
Allegretti	Flatiron	February 2010	A+	<i>Nicoise.</i> Every dish was wonderful. The service was super attentive, although a bit slow for my taste. We went there during Restaurant Week, but I'm sure we'll be back for some special occasion.
Almond	Flatiron	January 2014	B-	<i>Bistro.</i> However, while the food was tasty, it was not very distinguished. The cauliflower appetizer was interesting The service was exceptionally pleasant and attentive, but the croquet monsieur was drowned in cheese, and the macaroni and cheese didn't have much

				taste.
Alphabet Scoop	East Village	June 2016	A-	<i>Dessert.</i> Good ice cream with some interesting flavors. Try the ginger.
Amali	Upper East Side	February 2015	C+	<i>American.</i> The food was tasty and well-prepared, and the service was attentive and pleasant. But both the steak and the pork ribs had some fat and gristle, which just isn't acceptable for a place this expensive.
Amalia	Upper West	January 2008	A	<i>Mediterranean.</i> Delicious and innovative food, very friendly and efficient service. (Best short ribs I've ever had.) I could do without the loud, throbbing music, but that's clearly a matter of taste.
Amma	East 50s	December 2016 March 2017 April 2019	A A- B+	<i>Indian.</i> Delicious! Some of the dishes were typical (chicken masala tikka), and some were unusual, at least for me (e.g., there was some kind of potato dumpling filled with raisins). Service was excellent, the room was fairly quiet, and the prices reasonable. Another fine meal. The appetizers were weak—samosas lacked taste, and the lamb was gristly. Main courses were excellent (try the baked paneer in tomato sauce), as was the cauliflower side dish.
Amy's Bread	Hell's Kitchen	February 2018	A-	<i>Bakery.</i> Sticky buns are superb, other items like chocolate chip sourdough rolls are pretty good. Bread is good too.
Angkor Cambodian Bistro	Upper East Side	April 2016	A	<i>Cambodian.</i> The only other time I've eaten Cambodian food was in Cambridge, MA. It was pretty mediocre, so I thought that Cambodian food wasn't very good. Wrong!

				This place was great. Every dish was interesting and tasty, and the service was excellent. The servings were ample, and it wasn't too expensive.
Annabel [Closed]	West 50s	July 2017	B+	<i>Italian.</i> Good pizzas and pastas. Servings were ample, prices were reasonable, and service was very friendly.
Annisa	West Village	April 2013	A	<i>American.</i> An elegant space, superb service, and tasty and interesting food. It's a bit pricey, but a fine idea for a special dinner.
Anthos	Midtown West	January 2009	A+	<i>Greek.</i> Food and service were both great. It's a little pricey, but worth it. Try the chicken liver appetizer.
AOC Bedford	Village	August 2006	A	<i>French.</i> Interesting food, fixed-price menu a great bargain
Apiary	Union Square	December 2011 February 2012 November 2013	A A A	<i>American.</i> Delicious and interesting food. Servings were ample. Service was attentive and pleasant. Another fine meal. Both the roast chicken and the duck were tender and delicious. The roast asparagus was perfectly cooked.
Apizz	Lower East Side	January 2011 March 2015	A+ A+	<i>Italian.</i> This upscale place served delicious and interesting variations on traditional Italian themes. The service was attentive, and the room was warm and comfortable. Another fine meal. Try the pizza and the pasta in a crab meat sauce.
AquaGrill	Tribeca	July 2015	A	<i>Seafood.</i> Delicious seafood, and the desserts were also outstanding. But the service was lacking. It took forever for our main courses to arrive, and one of the orders was incorrect.
Arepas Café	Queens	October 2011	B	<i>Venezuelan.</i> Okay but not super tasty. Very inexpensive, so it's a good value for the price.

Aroma Kitchen	NoHo	September 2009	C-	<i>Italian.</i> The service was terrific. But the food was disappointing. My main course was pasta in a fig and prosciutto sauce. The pasta was undercooked, and all I could taste in the sauce was salt.
Arties's Delicatessen	Upper West	May 2007 June 2008 January 2009 May 2013	A A B A-	<i>Deli.</i> Hooray! A Deli with reasonable prices and excellent sandwiches. Only problem is that I overate a lot. (June 2008: still a great place. Try the chopped liver.)(January 2009: downgraded because hamburger wasn't very good, and French fries didn't have much taste.) Terrific pastrami, very good chili dog.
Artisanal	Murray Hill	February 2009 December 2009 June 2011	A A	<i>Bistro.</i> Best bistro food I've had in New York. [December 2009: I had an excellent brunch. My friends and I hung out for over half an hour after we paid the bill, and no one asked us to leave. This is a classy place.] Another terrific meal.
Atla	NoLita	February 2019	B+	<i>Mexican.</i> Upscale and interesting food, but not good enough to justify the high prices. Quite noisy.
Au Zalatar	East Village	June 2014	C	<i>Middle Eastern.</i> Some of the small plates were tasty (like the hummus with lamb), but the main courses weren't interesting or very well prepared (food wasn't hot, fries were limp, meat was dried out). The service was very pleasant, though.
August	West Village	August 2008	B+	<i>American.</i> Good food, but the menu was limited and I had trouble finding dishes that excited me.
Aurora	Brooklyn	October 2008	A	<i>Italian.</i> This place is on a block in Brooklyn that hasn't quite gentrified yet. Outstanding upscale food at a good price. Try the risotto and the gnocchi.

Aurora	Soho	December 2012	A	<i>Italian.</i> Delicious and creative. The artichoke flan is amazing. Service is efficient and exceedingly friendly.
Avra	Midtown East	April 2008	A	<i>Greek.</i> Wonderful seafood, good-sized portions, and friendly service. Try the grilled shrimp. [Ditto: For an appetizer, try the thinly sliced fried zucchini.]
		May 2009	A	
		June 2010	A	
Avra Estiatorio	East 40s	October 2013	A	<i>Greek.</i> This upscale place specializes in seafood. Food and service were both excellent. It's a bit pricey.
Awadh	Upper West Side	August 2016	A+	<i>Indian.</i> Creative, delicious and just spicy enough for an American palate. Try the chicken curry and the sea bass. Service was attentive but a bit slow. Not cheap, but prices quite reasonable. Everything was tasty, especially the appetizers (try the grilled sweet potatoes). But the lamb in the lamb saag was fatty and tough—no excuses for that.
		August 2018	B+	
Ayza	Midtown	May 2010	A-	<i>Bar food.</i> Tasty. The Panini with pulled pork was especially good.
Azuri Café	West 50s	March 2010	A-	<i>Israeli.</i> Tasty, cheap, and hearty food. Service was quick; don't expect much in the way of decor.
Babu Ji	East Village	June 2016	A	<i>Indian.</i> Some of the dishes were “typical,” like tandoori lamb chops; others were unusual, at least for me. (There were these balls full of tamarind sauce for an appetizer.) But everything was delicious and well-prepared. Serving sizes were reasonable, not too expensive, and the service was excellent. It was too noisy, but with food like this, who cares? Another fine meal. Try the dorade and the butter chicken.
	Union Square	April 2018	A	

Bacaro	Lower East Side	June 2015	B	<i>Italian.</i> Okay Italian, fairly low prices.
Bacchus	Brooklyn	September 2011	A-	<i>Bistro.</i> Tasty and unpretentious.
Baci & Abbracci	Brooklyn	May 2013	A-	<i>Italian.</i> Very good pasta dishes, excellent tiramisu, and pleasant and attentive service.
Badshah Modern Indian Restaurant	Hell's Kitchen	March 2018	A	<i>Indian.</i> Every dish was at least very good, and the cauliflower appetizer and the butter chicken were superb. The service was friendly and attentive. Another outstanding dinner. On a Saturday night it was very noisy and service wasn't quite up to par, but still a very nice evening.
		September 2018	A	
Baked by Melissa	Union Square	December 2017	B+	<i>Bakery.</i> You buy bite-sized cupcakes for a dollar apiece. The cupcakes are okay, but the concept really doesn't work for me. I'd rather pay more money for a real cupcake.
Baker & Co	West Village	November 2016	B	<i>Italian.</i> Solid, but nothing special.
Balaboosta	Nolita	August 2010	B+	<i>Mediterranean.</i> Very good. Small plate appetizers were terrific; main course chicken was a little dry. Service was friendly but a bit slow. I liked it much better this time. Delicious upscale versions of Mediterranean food. Portions are ample, and prices pretty reasonable. Try the sweet potato fries and the lamb burger. Service was pleasant and attentive, but a bit on the slow side.
		October 2016	A	

Balade	Lower East Side	September 2013	C	<i>Middle Eastern.</i> The mezze were tasty. But the lamb kebabs were really tough. Service was pleasant, but they seemed not to have their act together--neglected to serve us our appetizers.
Balthazar	SoHo	June 2007	A	<i>Bistro.</i> This is about as good as bistro food gets. Everything was tasty and well-prepared. Service was attentive and friendly, but a little slow.
Bann	Upper West	September 2007 December 2009 February 2010 February 2011 November 2012 September 2013 December 2013 May 2015	A A A A A B B+	<i>Korean.</i> This nouvelle Korean place was just outstanding—beautifully presented, innovative food with good-sized portions. Every single dish was tasty and the service was pleasant and efficient. [December 2009: still excellent] Another terrific meal. Always a pleasure eating here. I felt a little let down this time. Some of the dishes were excellent, but the barbequed chicken lacked character and the sauce on the cold noodles was a bit cloying. Tofu main course was great; other dishes were fine.
Bar Americain	Midtown West	June 2008 September 2010 September 2013	B+ A- A-	<i>American.</i> The food was very good, I especially liked the grilled lamb chops. However, there was nothing particularly innovative, the service was slow, and the prices were too high for what you get. Service was fine, food was good, and the chocolate cream pie for dessert was amazing.
Bar Artisanal	Tribeca	March 2010	A	<i>Bistro.</i> Wonderful food, not too expensive. Service was friendly and efficient.
Bar Blanc	West Village	April 2009	A	<i>American.</i> Nicely prepared food, friendly and efficient service, and the \$35 pre-fixe is a good deal.
Bar Boulud	Upper West	March 2008	A+	<i>Bistro.</i> This place has updated versions of traditional bistro food. Everything was delicious. Perfect for before

		December 2015	A-	a performance at Lincoln Center. The food and service were, again, generally excellent, but my filet was a bit tough.
Bar Breton	Murray Hill	June 2009	A+	<i>French.</i> The Breton food was delicious and innovative—loved the crepe with crab and the side of mushrooms and spinach. Service was very friendly and efficient.
Bar Stuzzichini	Flatiron	November 2008	B	<i>Italian.</i> Food at this place is solid, but not very interesting. Service was pleasant and efficient.
Barbounia	Flatiron	August 2010	B	<i>Greek.</i> Solid Greek and Mediterranean food, but SO noisy.
BareBurger	East Village	July 2012	B	<i>Bar food.</i> Good but not great sandwiches and bar food.
Barrio Chino	Lower East Side	April 2019	A-	<i>Mexican.</i> Tasty food at reasonable prices. The service was not satisfactory—it took a very long time for our appetizers to arrive. But when the maître d’ noticed that we hadn’t received any food, he comped us some guacamole, and all was forgiven. Oh yes, there is loud, thumping music, so if you want a conversation, you’ve got to shout.
Bassanova	Chinatown	October 2015	B	<i>Noodles.</i> The ramen and deconstructed pork bun were good, not great. If you’re in Chinatown and looking for a tasty meal, this place would be fine, but it’s not worth a special trip. Service was speedy and friendly. Cash only.
Basso56	West 50s	December 2009 April 2016	A A-	<i>Italian.</i> Hearty and intensely flavored food. The portions are substantial and the service is friendly and efficient. I prefer it to its nearby neighbor, Patsy's. Another good red-sauce Italian dinner.
Bay Leaf	West 50s	November 2009	B	<i>Indian.</i> Solid but not very interesting; service was

				pleasant and attentive.
Beacon	Midtown	April 2007 January 2008 December 2008 January 2011	A A	<i>American.</i> Desserts were weak, but everything else, including the bread, was outstanding. Pre-fixe menu is a bargain. (January 2008: Another outstanding dinner, this time the dessert, a chocolate souffle', was terrific.)(December 2008: more of the same: great food, good-sized portions, fine service) Still terrific.
Beaubourg	Battery Park	August 2015	C-	<i>American.</i> The service was poor, and when the food arrived, it was barely warm. The food itself wasn't terribly imaginative and the French fries were sort of soggy. There are lots of places in this price range at which you can have a much better dining experience.
Bee's Knees	West Village	February 2013	B+	<i>Dessert.</i> Cute coffee shop, desserts were very good.
Bellavita	West Village	April 2009	A-	<i>Italian.</i> Well-prepared and interesting food. The fava bean salad was especially good. Service was efficient but not especially friendly, and portions were a bit small.
Bello	Upper West	November 2006	B	<i>Italian.</i> Solid , fast service.
Bello Sguardo	Upper West	June 2007	A-	<i>Mediterranean.</i> Fun to order lots of small plates at this place. Dishes were slightly lacking in creativity, though.
Ben Benson's	West 50s	February 2010 January 2012	A- A	<i>Steak.</i> We went here during Restaurant Week, and it was terrific. Caesar salad, filet mignon, prime rib were all outstanding. Desserts were a bit weak. Another fine Restaurant Week meal.
Benash Delicatessen	Upper West	January 2007	C+	<i>Deli.</i> Not quite sure what to make of this place. It was very expensive for a deli. The sandwiches were good but not amazing. So, not clear whether it's worth a visit.
Benoit	Midtown West	July 2008	B-	<i>Bistro.</i> Good but not great. Charcuterie was so-so.

				Quenelles were heavy, although the sauce was tasty. Service was attentive and pleasant.
Beppe	Flatiron	June 2010	A+	<i>Italian.</i> This may be the best Italian place at which I've eaten in New York. Food is very creative and beautifully executed. Try the tuna pizza and gnocchi stuffed with prunes.
Berimbau	West Village	December 2011	A	<i>Brazilian fusion.</i> The food was hearty and tasty. Service was fast and pleasant.
Betel	West Village	September 2012 December 2012	A- A-	<i>Asian fusion.</i> Very tasty ; pleasant and efficient service. Another pleasant meal. Try the corn fritters.
Betony [Closed]	West 50s	June 2014	A	<i>American.</i> Every dish was delicious, although perhaps a bit fussy for my taste. Even the rolls were amazing. The room was beautiful and the service absolutely exquisite. It's expensive, so better save this one for a special occasion.
Big Gay Ice Cream	West Village	December 2014	B+	<i>Dessert.</i> I had an ice cream sandwich. The ice cream was excellent, but the cookie was soggy. I'd be willing to go back and try again, ordering something other than a sandwich.
Big Gay Ice Cream	East Village	October 2015	B+	<i>Dessert.</i> I had a creative dessert: Soft-serve ice cream coated with pretzels, and then dipped in chocolate. Very nice, but the individual components (ice cream, chocolate) weren't first-rate.
Birds and Bubbles	Lower East Side	October 2014	A-	<i>Comfort food.</i> Not every dish was great, but the fried chicken was yummy, and the desserts (especially banana pudding) were excellent. The service was friendly and efficient, and the place had the pleasant vibe of a startup enterprise that's really trying hard to succeed.

Bistro Les Amis	Soho	January 2015	A	<i>Bistro.</i> Hearty and delicious French food. The cassoulet, filet mignon, and tarte tatin were all terrific. Service was friendly and efficient, and I liked the ambience—really felt like you were in a bistro in Paris.
		March 2018	A	Another fine meal. Try the steak frites, the warm goat cheese salad, and the duck terrine.
		December 2018	A-	Another fine meal. I lowered the grade a little bit because the lamb in the cassoulet wasn't very tender.
Bistro Milano	West 50s	January 2015	B	<i>Italian.</i> Good-sized portions of pretty good food. Service was professional.
Bistro Ponty	Gramercy Park	December 2010	A+	<i>Bistro.</i> Fabulous food. The pumpkin risotto appetizer was great, and the main course filet was one of the best steaks ever.
Black Iron Burger	East Village	July 2014	A-	<i>Hamburgers.</i> Very good hamburgers at this no-frills hole in the wall place. The fries were terrific: crisp and nicely salted. Mike shake was excellent as well.
Blaue Gans	Tribeca	March 2007	A	<i>Austrian.</i> Tasty food, great service, interesting setting. Be sure to leave room for dessert.
Bleecker Pig	West Village	November 2018	A	<i>Comfort food.</i> Upscale versions of comfort food. Everything was excellent. Try the pigs in a donut blanket, the pork chop and the deviled eggs. It's a bit pricey, but given the quality, it was worth it.
		November 2018	A+	I liked this place so much that I took my wife after my first visit. Another excellent dinner. Try the gumbo appetizer, and the brisket ravioli main course.
BLT Market [Closed]	West 50s	October 2009	A+	<i>American.</i> Everything was terrific. Food was innovative, tasty, and the portions were good-sized. The desserts were also wonderful--try the chocolate tart.
		May 2010	A	The meal was excellent, but it didn't seem magical in the

				same way as before.
BLT Steak	East 50s	October 2014	A	<i>Steakhouse.</i> This is a wonderful place of its kind: very expensive, but big portions of beautifully prepared food. All of the following were superb: tuna tartar appetizer, filet mignon main course, mashed potatoes, and praline sundae. Not surprisingly, the clientele is mostly male. (You'll want to work out extra hard after eating here.)
Blue Ribbon Bakery	West Village	November 2014	A	<i>American.</i> Terrific comfort food. Fried chicken, lamb chops, and country pate were all great. Don't neglect the desserts, especially the chocolate chip bread pudding with hot fudge sauce. Cozy space and pleasant service. Yes, it was quite expensive, but at least the servings were ample, and the main courses came with a starch and a vegetable.
Blue Smoke	Gramercy Park	October 2008 May 2009 November 2009 July 2010 March 2011 October 2011 May 2013 August 2013 April 2017	A A A A A A B+	<i>Ribs.</i> Wonderful ribs; great sides as well. I always eat too much here. [May 2009: Continues to be fine food with pleasant and efficient service.] Always fun here, but I was irritated that our table wasn't ready even though we had a reservation, and they didn't even offer an apology. Another great meal. I ate too much again. Ditto. If you think that you might have room for a side dish, try the maple glazed sweet potatoes. Ditto This visit was a little disappointing. The ribs were great, as were the collared greens and potato salad. However, the pulled pork, brisket, and mac & cheese were just so-so. Maybe I wasn't in the right mood?

Blue Smoke	Financial District	May 2015	A-	<i>Ribs.</i> This is pretty much like its sibling: excellent ribs and sides, and really friendly service.
Bobby Van's	East 50s	July 2011	A-	<i>Steak.</i> We had a fine dinner here during restaurant week. The meat was excellent; the sides and desserts were mixed in quality.
Bobo	West Village	September 2014	A	<i>Bistro.</i> The food was terrific--creative and intensely flavored. The ravioli appetizer was amazing. It took a while for the receptionist to appear, but after that the service was prompt and efficient. Another excellent dinner. I especially liked the roasted carrot appetizer and the filet mignon au poivre. The space is charming, and service was excellent.
		December 2018	A	
Bocca di Bacco	West 50s	February 2013	B-	<i>Italian.</i> Solid, nothing special. Service was very pleasant, and prices were reasonable.
Bodega Negra	Chelsea	February 2015	B+	<i>Mexican fusion.</i> The food was tasty and well-prepared. Especially liked the soft-shell crab taco. But it was pretty expensive, and not quite worth the price. As well, the noise level was too high. Service was very pleasant and efficient.
Bogota Latin Bistro	Brooklyn	May 2011	A-	<i>Colombian.</i> The food was hearty and tasty. The atmosphere is noisy and informal, service friendly and efficient. Try the sandwich Cubano.
Bolo	Flatiron	August 2007	A	<i>Spanish.</i> I skipped the tapas and ordered a conventional meal with appetizer, main course and dessert. Everything was well-prepared; the pork tenderloin was especially good. Very solicitous service.
Boqueria	Flatiron	April 2010	C+	<i>Spanish.</i> This is a fun, noisy place. Tapas were pretty good; on the other hand, the paella was so salty that it

				was barely palatable.
Botequin	Union Square	December 2015	B+	<i>Brazilian</i> . Tasty, meat-oriented menu; pleasant service.
Braii	West 50s	February 2010	C	<i>South African</i> . This place is fun, and some of the food was interesting, but at the end of the day, the quality was lacking. Ribs, in particular, were a disappointment.
Brasserie 8 ½	West 50s	June 2012	A	<i>French</i> . Excellent food in a lovely room. Service was efficient, but a bit stuffy.
		August 2017	A	Another terrific meal. The duck was especially good, but so were the crab cakes, the strawberry dessert, French fries and the bread. Portions were ample. Service was excellent—very solicitous and pleasant.
Brasserie LCB	Midtown	December 2006	B+	<i>French</i> . Very good traditional French, but the food was slightly uneven. The lobster bisque was terrific, but the crepes suzette was too syrupy.
Bricco	West 50s	December 2017	B-	<i>Italian</i> . Just okay red sauce Italian. Prices were moderate, and the service was pleasant, although on the slow side.
Brick Lane Curry House	East Village	April 2009	A-	<i>Indian</i> . Tasty and spicy. Service pleasant but a bit slow.
Bricolage	Brooklyn	July 2017	A-	<i>Vietnamese</i> . Tasty and creative. Try the tofu main course as well as the glass noodles. The service was excellent.
Buddakan	Chelsea	August 2012	A-	<i>Asian fusion</i> . Tasty--try the pork belly buns. The cavernous room was gorgeous. Unfortunately, the service, while pleasant, was unacceptably slow.
Building on Bond	Brooklyn	December 2018	B+	<i>American</i> . Prices were low, servings were ample, and the service was great. But the quality of the food was uneven. Hamburger was great, while the fried chicken sandwich had no taste whatsoever, and the fries were

				subpar.
Bun Soho	Soho	December 2008	B-	<i>Vietnamese</i> . Solid, but not exceptional. Soup was bland.
Burger and Barrel (B&B)	SoHo	March 2012	A	<i>Pub food</i> . Excellent upscale pub food, and some of it is quite creative (such as the ricotta fritters for dessert).
		June 2012	A	Another enjoyable meal.
		December 2015	A-	Good hamburger and fries.
		April 2019	B	Hamburger good; ribs were a bit fatty.
Burger and Lobster	Flatiron	December 2017	A-	<i>Sandwiches</i> . Excellent hamburgers, lobster rolls, and fries. Excellent service and a fun atmosphere. A bit pricey for what you get.
Burger Bistro	Upper East Side	July 2013	A+	<i>Hamburgers</i> . Absolutely terrific. The meat was high quality, they were cooked as requested, and the toppings were tasty. Spicy fries were amazing, and the ice cream sandwich dessert featured a first-rate chocolate chip cookie and fine vanilla ice cream. The space is nothing special, but at least the music isn't so loud that you can't have a conversation.
Burger Joint—Meridien Hotel	Upper West	October 2006	D	<i>Hamburgers</i> . This place gets a lot of good press, but I don't see what the big deal is. The hamburgers are a bit better than Burger King, but the service is worse.
		December 2008	D	Only visited again because a friend wanted to go there. I'd still prefer Burger King.
Butcher Bar	Lower East Side	September 2017	B	<i>Barbeque</i> . The ribs were terrific and the guacamole was pretty good. However, the French fries were limp and the roasted Brussels sprouts were turned into carbon. The service was friendly but unacceptably slow.

Butter	East Village	August 2012	B	<i>American.</i> Pretty good. The pasta with lamb sausage appetizer was great; the duck confit was a bit dry. The room is lovely; service was pleasant but much too slow.
Buttermilk Channel	Brooklyn	May 2018	A	<i>Comfort food.</i> Good-sized portions of delicious favorites like fried chicken with waffles. Try also the chicken liver mousse appetizer and the duck meatloaf. The pecan pie sundae was a fine dessert. Service was friendly and efficient.
BXL Zoute	Chelsea	October 2018	B+	<i>Belgian.</i> Some of the items were exceptional, such as the “Croque BXL” and a chicken dish in a nice cream sauce with puff pastry. The French fries were excellent but the hamburger was almost burned. Service was very pleasant and super efficient. It was extremely noisy, so don’t expect to have much of a conversation.
Byblos	Flatiron	July 2015	B	<i>Middle eastern.</i> It got a really poor grade in Zagat’s, so I thought that it was going to be awful. But it really wasn’t bad, and the prices were pretty low. I liked the hummus.
Cacio E Vino	East Village	November 2010	A	<i>Italian.</i> Delicious variations on standard Italian themes, and servings are ample. But the place is so crowded and so noisy that it really detracts from the experience. No problem with crowding this time. Another fine meal. Try the pizza and stuffed veal rolls.
		January 2012	A	
Café Borgia II	SoHo	March 2012	C-	<i>Dessert.</i> Hot chocolate was watery, cheesecake and strawberry rhubarb pie were okay, but nothing special.
Café Boulud	Upper East Side	October 2007	A+	<i>American.</i> Food is sophisticated, but not fussy. Everything beautifully prepared; excellent service.

Café Condesa	West Village	May 2012	B	<i>American.</i> Tasty, but not very interesting. Service was pleasant, but a bit slow.
Café Jax	Upper East Side	October 2015	B+	<i>Café.</i> The pastries are fine, but the real draw of this place is the spacious area downstairs where one can just hang out and enjoy the informal atmosphere.
Café Katja	Lower East Side	July 2009	A	<i>Austrian.</i> his cute little place has terrific sausages, good-sized portions, and pleasant service. No reservations, so get there early.
Café Mogador	East Village	November 2006	B	<i>Moroccan.</i> Competent but uninspired. Slow service.
		December 2012	B+	I liked it better this time. It's really good for the price.
Café Orlin	East Village	February 2015	B-	<i>Middle Eastern.</i> Appetizer plate with various spreads was good, but the sandwiches were dried out and the fries weren't very good. Prices were very cheap, otherwise, the grade would've been lower.
Café Volna	Brighton Beach	November 2008	B+	<i>Russian.</i> Tasty, good portions and not very expensive. Very cool to sit outside and see the ocean and overweight locals stroll by on the boardwalk. Service unfriendly but efficient.
Calle Ocho	Upper West	December 2006	A-	<i>Spanish.</i> Tasty and well-prepared food served in a striking room. The bread is very special.
Cannelle Patisserie	Queens	January 2018	A	<i>Bakery.</i> I've read that some people consider these bakeries to produce the best French pastry in the New York area. It could be true. At the LIC branch we ordered a palmier and apple turnover, and both were excellent. I'm sure we'll be back.
		August 2018	A+	Excellent. This time we ordered a palmier and a slice of apricot tart.

Caprizz	Midtown	February 2018	C+	<i>Italian.</i> Okay pizza.
Capsouto Freres [Closed]	Tribeca	November 2010	A+	<i>French.</i> Beautifully prepared food, nice quiet room, and attentive service. Nicely sized portions and not terribly expensive. The raspberry souffle' was a nice touch. Another lovely meal.
		November 2011	A+	
Caracas Arepa Bar	East Village	October 2016	A	<i>Mexican / Venezuelan .</i> This place, a little hole in the wall, is outstanding. Try the pork platter, which has pulled pork, rice, black beans, and the best plantains ever (tender, sweet, and caramelized. Portions are ample, and prices are low.
Carbone	West Village	October 2014	B	<i>Italian.</i> Good red sauce food, but the prices are way too high for the quality you get.
Care Frida	Upper West	September 2006	A-	<i>Mexican.</i> Surprisingly good. Try the spicy roasted tomato soup and enchiladas with mole sauce.
Carnegie Deli	Upper West	August 2006	C+	<i>Deli.</i> Corn beef a little fatty; gefullte fish not special, but excellent potato knish
Casa	West Village	February 2007	B-	<i>Brazilian.</i> Cozy (crowded?) place in the village. Some of the meat in the stew was a little fatty.
Casa Enrique	Queens	February 2018	A+	<i>Mexican.</i> The reviews say that this is the only Mexican restaurant in the New York area to have a Michelin star. The reputation is well-deserved. The food is straightforward—nothing “fusion” here—and delicious. Try the guacamole, crab tostadas, chicken mole, and pork ribs. The service was excellent, and they graciously held our table even though we were quite late. (Curse you, screwed up MTA.) Another wonderful meal, great service. Try the brisket
		August 2018	A+	

				tacos and the sopes de chorizo.
Casa Mono	Gramercy	January 2007	B	<i>Spanish.</i> Good tapas; indeed, some were superb. But too much of the menu was fried stuff and the place is way too crowded and noisy.
Centro Vinoteca	West Village	January 2008	A-	<i>Italian.</i> This is a complicated case. The food was innovative and tasty and the service was pleasant and competent. But they kept us waiting 25 minutes for our table. On the other hand, they compensated us with free drinks and four free appetizers. So, they behaved well, but if you can't stand waiting in lines, this is a risky pick.
Century Club	East 50s	January 2017	C	<i>American.</i> I was fortunate enough to be taken to this private club by a generous friend. The evening we were there was buffet night. In general, all-you-can eat buffets are not very good, and unfortunately, this was no exception. This was a bit surprising given the toney crowd. The dishes were uninteresting and not particularly tasty (although some of the desserts were fine). But the dining room is impressive—lots of wood and old portraits, just what you'd expect in a traditional club.
Chanpen Thai	Hell's Kitchen	July 2009	B-	<i>Thai.</i> Undistinguished, but entirely acceptable.
Char No. 4	Brooklyn	March 2015	C+	<i>Comfort food.</i> Nice atmosphere, and lovely service, but they don't bring it off. The French fries were limp, the hamburger was dry, and the ribs were sort of fatty. On the other hand, the chocolate pudding was amazing.
Charrua	Lower East Side	June 2017	B-	<i>Uruguayan.</i> The French fries were good and the sandwiches were tasty. On the other hand, the bacon on my sandwich was almost raw, the water was lukewarm,

				and there was no air conditioning. My grade would've been lower but for the fact that the prices were very low—this is a reasonable option if you're looking for a cheap meal.
Chennai Garden	Murray Hill	May 2011	A-	<i>Indian.</i> Very good vegetarian food at low prices. Try the dosas. Unfortunately, I got sick after eating here; not sure if the food was to blame, but I probably won't go back.
China Blue	Tribeca	November 2016	B	<i>Chinese.</i> Okay, but nothing special. Service was very good, which is noteworthy, because there is a no-tip policy.
China Grill [Closed]	Midtown	July 2007	A	<i>Asian fusion.</i> Delicious food served in a stylish, noisy dining room. Service was fine and portions large. I almost gave it an A+, but the food was somewhat lacking in creativity.
		December 2008	A	This time the food seemed very interesting; maybe we ordered better choices. Service was pleasant but a bit slow.
		January 2015	A	Another terrific meal. I especially liked the seared tuna main course. Service was efficient and pleasant.
Chinatown Brasserie	NoHo	January 2007	A-	<i>Chinese.</i> Serves dim sum all the time. Food was tasty, but a bit too expensive for what you get. Also, too hip for my tastes.
Cho Dang Gol	Midtown	May 2007	C	<i>Korean.</i> Food was spicy but not very tasty.
Chola	East 50s	December 2010	A	<i>Indian.</i> Delicious. Service was very pleasant but also slow.
		July 2017	A-	Delicious and creative food. The chicken in the biryani tasted as if it had been reheated a number of times, which is why I reduced the grade. But I'd happily go back here again. Service was fine.

Chomp Chomp	West Village	November 2015	A	<i>Singaporean.</i> I've never had Singaporean food before, and every dish was interesting and delicious. Prices are a real bargain. The place is cramped—not good for an intimate conversation. The service, while pleasant, was really bad. We had to ask twice for one of our appetizers, which arrived after the main courses were served. But it just opened, so perhaps this situation will improve in the future.
Chop Shop	Chelsea	September 2014	A-	<i>Thai.</i> Interesting and tasty food, pleasant service, and reasonable prices. I especially liked the spicy noodles in peanut sauce.
Churrascaria	West 40s	June 2016	A-	<i>Brazilian.</i> All-you-can-eat meat plus a salad bar. The meat was very good as was the salad bar. The sides were just so-so. The place is noisy and fun.
Ciano	Flatiron District	July 2012	A	<i>Italian.</i> The outstanding upscale Italian cuisine is packed with flavor. Try the veal meat ball appetizer.
Clarke's Standard	West 50s	August 2013	D	<i>Hamburgers.</i> This place was disappointing. I had a cheeseburger with bacon. The hamburger was dry, the cheese wasn't melted, and the bacon was sort of greasy. On the other hand, the sweet potato fries were excellent.
Clinton St. Baking Company	Lower East Side	August 2014	C-	<i>Breakfast.</i> I love the concept of "breakfast for dinner." However, while the omelet was pretty good, the waffle was soggy, as were the French fries.
Cocoa Bar	Lower East Side	August 2013	B	<i>Dessert.</i> Pretty good. The gelato was intensely flavored, but the chocolate chip cookie was only okay.

Colicchio and Sons— Tap Room	Chelsea	August 2015	A+	<i>American.</i> The hamburger was a bit dry, but that is easily forgiven because everything else was just superb. The roast chicken was amazing, and so was the prosciutto-balsamic vinegar pizza. The room is striking and the service was excellent.
		December 2015	A+	Another great dinner
Compass	Upper West	September 2006	A+	<i>American.</i> All the food was wonderful in this stylish place. The duck with pistachio crust was especially good. It's expensive, but the \$35 prix fixe is a real bargain. [December 2008: Food still excellent, but I changed the grade from A+ to A because service was not very attentive.]
		December 2008	A	
		June 2010	A	
Comptoir	Brooklyn	August 2012	A+	<i>Bistro.</i> Terrific. Both the traditional dishes (floating island) and imaginative new ones (foie gras creme brulee) are just delicious. Service is efficient and friendly. The price is a great deal given the high quality of the food
Cones	West Village	November 2016	A	<i>Dessert.</i> Pricey but delicious ice cream.
Convivio	East 40s	July 2009	A	<i>Italian.</i> Nicely prepared and interesting food. For these prices, I would've liked larger servings. Service was pleasant and professional.
Convivium Osteria	Brooklyn	May 2014	A+	<i>Italian.</i> Traditional dishes like braised artichokes were beautifully prepared. So were the innovative ones like ravioli with apples and cinnamon in a duck ragout. Even the bread was special—extra crusty and tasty. The room is cozy—set up like a farmhouse—and the service was entirely efficient.

		March 2017	A+	Another wonderful meal. Try the polenta with mushroom appetizer and the spinach ricotta dumplings for a main course.
		May 2019	A+	Ditto
Cook Shop	Chelsea	May 2008	B-	<i>American.</i> Okay, but nothing particularly interesting or well-prepared. Likewise, service was competent but not particularly pleasant or helpful.
		June 2010	B	Better this time. Farro risotto appetizer and banana trifle dessert were excellent, but main courses were just so-so.
		August 2015	B	Service was pleasant. Given my previous experiences, I ate here only because I was invited by a friend. There were no surprises, just more of the same—pretty good, but nothing special.
Coopers Craft and Kitchen	East Village	February 2013	B	<i>Sandwiches.</i> Good but not great sandwiches, okay fries, very friendly service.
Cosme	Flatiron	June 2016	B	<i>Mexican.</i> The food at this upscale place is interesting and tasty. But the portions are small, and more importantly, the dishes are not nearly as good as they should be given the prices. The service was great; the room was a bit noisy.
Cotenna	West Village	September 2015	A	<i>Italian.</i> Crowded, noisy and fun. Excellent traditional Italian food at very reasonable prices. Try the lentil and sausage appetizer.
Craft	Flatiron	September 2008	A	Everything was excellent at this American place; I especially enjoyed the monkfish. But the only dish I thought was really amazing was the lemon beignets for dessert.
Craft Steak [Closed]	Chelsea	July 2007	A+	<i>Steak.</i> This is the best steak house ever. The room is striking, the service is friendly, the filet is delicious and

				served with 4 different sauces, and even the sides are wonderful (try the snap peas). Desserts were innovative without being bizarre.
CraftBar	Flatiron	February 2008	A	<i>American</i> . Great service, excellent food, and reasonable prices.
		June 2014	B	The kielbasa appetizer was superb, but the main course fried chicken was sort of dry and under seasoned.
Crema	Chelsea	January 2007	A-	<i>Mexican</i> . Interesting and tasty.. (Upgraded from A- to A in November 2007. Everything was terrific, including the grilled chicken breast in a mole sauce.)
		November 2007	A	
		December 2008	A	Another wonderful meal. The mushroom flan was especially delicious.
		July 2011		
Crispo	West Village	April 2011	A	<i>Italian</i> . Beautifully prepared Northern Italian food. Try the spaghetti carbonara.
		June 2014	A	Another terrific dinner. Service was excellent—fast and attentive.
		December 2014	A-	Always fine. Try the gnocchi.
		December 2017	A	Beautifully prepared pastas with interesting sauces.
Cuba	Greenwich Village	January 2010	B+	<i>Caribbean</i> . Dishes ranged from just okay (chicken breasts) to excellent (scallops). Service was fine. It's a bit quirky; there was a guy at one of the tables making cigars.
		April 2013	B-	Service was fine; the place was noisy and fun, but the food wasn't particularly special.
Cupcake Market	East Village	October 2016	A	<i>Dessert</i> . Don't be fooled by the name. There are a lot of desserts other than cupcakes. I had an excellent piece of berry pie.

Cyclo	Queens	October 2018	A-	<i>Vietnamese.</i> Hearty food, good-sized portions, and low prices. The room is nothing fancy (concrete floors), but the service was fast and pleasant.
Da Noi	East 40s	October 2013	A	<i>Italian.</i> Outstanding. Try the burrata appetizer. Service was excellent.
Da Umberto	Chelsea	August 2017	A-	<i>Italian.</i> Excellent food. I especially liked the mushroom appetizer and the polenta with gorgonzola side dish. Service was exquisite. It's a bit on the pricey side.
Dafni Greek Taverna	West 40s	July 2010	B	<i>Greek.</i> The quality isn't great, but the food is hearty and not very expensive. Good for a quick pre-theater dinner.
Daisy Mae	Hell's Kitchen	August 2007	B+	<i>American.</i> This is basically a take-out place; you get your food in a cafeteria line and then eat at long tables, family style. Ribs are amazingly good. Chicken and the sides are just okay. Still, excellent food for the price.
Danji	West 50s	September 2017	B	<i>Korean Fusion.</i> The dishes at this upscale and somewhat pricey place varied in quality. The beef sliders and spicy chicken wings were outstanding, while the snap peas and sweet potato noodles were just so-so. It has communal seating and was very noisy. Service was excellent—friendly and efficient.
Davey's	East Village	June 2016 May 2017	A- C+	<i>Dessert.</i> Good ice cream in this small place; servers are informal and good-humored. They charge premium prices for a produce that's not anywhere near the quality of, say, Grom. (Yeah, I really changed my mind on this one)
David Burke Kitchen	SoHo	March 2012	B+	<i>American.</i> The food is interesting, but they don't quite bring it off. For these prices, one can do better elsewhere.
Davidburke & Donatella	Midtown East	May 2008	A+	

[new name: David Burke Townhouse]		June 2009	A+	<i>American.</i> Everything was great here. Food was innovative and interesting without being crazy. (Try the crab cake covered with pretzels.) Service was pleasant and very efficient. [June 2009: another wonderful meal.]
Dawat	Upper East	September 2006 August 2008 November 2008 November 2009 December 2017	A A A+	<i>Indian.</i> Beautifully prepared food and elegant service. [August 2008: I noticed that the food is much more novel than what you find in a typical Indian restaurant, at least the ones that I go to. Try the bread stuffed with dried fruit and nuts.] Another great meal. This time we ordered almost exclusively from the menu of “specials” and they were terrific.
DB Bistro Moderne	West 40s	December 2010 July 2012	A B+	<i>Bistro.</i> Excellent food, friendly and efficient service. This time, I thought that the food was solid, but not good enough given the prices.
DBGB [Closed]	East Village	July 2009 April 2014 May 2017	A A- A+	<i>Bistro.</i> This bistro-like place is fun. The room is interesting, although a bit disorienting. The service was excellent. The hamburgers were superb, and so were the fries. For dessert, I had a baba au rhum, which was amazing. Another excellent meal—great hamburger, and a very creative chocolate sundae for dessert. The fries weren’t as good as they could be, which is why I demoted it to an A-. Service was again excellent, and I like the ambience. Everything was great. We had the hamburger and a couple sausages for main courses. Appetizers were crostini and a carrot salad. Dessert was an outstanding strawberry shortcake. And the waiter was friendly and efficient.
Deborah	West Village	December 2007	D	<i>Comfort food.</i> Disappointing. The shrimp in the salad hadn’t been shelled, and the ribs were fatty. If you want

				comfort food, there are many superior options.
Del Frisco	Midtown	May 2007	A	<i>Steak.</i> Good beef tenderloin, fantastic mashed potatoes, excellent service. Pre-theater deal is indeed a bargain.
Delhi Heights	Queens	August 2013	A	<i>Indian.</i> Indian food—superior to the better known Jackson Heights diner. Every dish was tasty and well-prepared, service was friendly and efficient, and prices were reasonable.
		September 2015	B+	I wasn't that impressed this time. Chaat and onion kulcha were excellent, but otherwise the dishes were just okay. The grade would've been a B except if it weren't for the low prices.
Dell'anima	West Village	September 2011	A	<i>Italian.</i> The pasta dishes were outstanding, and the Brussels sprouts I ordered on the side were the best I've ever had. The place is very noisy, so don't go here if you want an intimate conversation. Service was pleasant but a bit slow.
		October 2012	A+	On a second visit, the food was again outstanding. Pastas were terrific. The service was just fine, and I enjoyed being seated in the rear of the restaurant where I could see the open kitchen in action.
Dessert Club	East Village	May 2013	A	<i>Dessert.</i> The name says it all—this little place specializes in desserts, and it's terrific. The crepe cake is a pretty unique treat, and the chocolate éclair was one of the best I've ever had. Chocolate chip cookie was fine as well.
Devi	Chelsea	February 2007	A-	<i>Indian.</i> Creative, well-prepared food, but for these prices, I'd like bigger servings.
		November 2010	A	An excellent dinner, striking room.
		July 2011	A	Another fine dinner

Dhaba	Murray Hill	September 2012	A	<i>Indian.</i> Outstanding food, reasonable prices, pleasant and efficient service. This place is a winner.
Dirt Candy	East Village	July 2010	A-	<i>Vegetarian.</i> The food is creative, tasty, and artistic. But you'll be hungry two hours later.
Django	East 40s	March 2007	A-	<i>American.</i> Stylish and good quality food; perhaps a bit expensive for what you get.
Dohyo	West 40s	December 2012	A	<i>Asian fusion.</i> This small plates place was terrific. The food was tasty and imaginative--I especially liked the chicken wings. Prices were reasonable, and the service was friendly and efficient. This place clearly is trying to attract a young, hip, crowd; nevertheless, they were entirely welcoming to us (non-young, non-hip).
Don Antonio	West 50s	June 2013	B+	<i>Pizza.</i> If you're in the neighborhood, this is a good place for pizza, but I don't think that it would be worth a trip. The fried stuffed pizza was interesting and tasty. Service was very efficient.
Don Pedro's	Upper East Side	July 2010	A-	<i>Euro-Caribbean.</i> Hearty and interesting food. Service was very friendly.
Dos Caminos	Murray Hill	April 2009	A-	<i>Mexican.</i> Standard fare excellently prepared. Service was pleasant and efficient. It's noisy, so not a good place if you want to focus on conversation.
Dosa Delight	Queens	September 2017	A-	<i>Indian.</i> The service was pretty incompetent—the waiter barely spoke English, they brought us a dish that we hadn't ordered, another dish didn't arrive at all until we asked, etc. That said, we had a great time because the (southern) Indian food was delicious and interesting. If I went again, I'd order more dishes, because the portions were on the small side. Even with more dishes, though, the place would be a bargain.

Doughnut Plant	Chelsea	August 2013	A	<i>Dessert.</i> I'm normally not a big doughnut fan, but when I walked past this place on 23 rd Street, it looked intriguing. The upscale doughnuts are delicious. Try the chocolate-glazed doughnut. They also had wonderful cinnamon buns.
Doyers Vietnamese	Chinatown	October 2008	D	<i>Vietnamese.</i> I went to this place a few years ago, and thought that it was cheap and delicious. Now it's just cheap. Some of the dishes tasted as if they'd been reheated several times, and the meat wasn't very good.
Dressler	Brooklyn	July 2008	A+	<i>American.</i> Outstanding. Ribs were amazing, as was the lemon parfait dessert. Prices reasonable, and service was friendly and efficient.
Duane Park	Tribeca	June 2009	A	<i>American.</i> First-rate ; good-sized portions. Very friendly and efficient service.
Dudleys	Lower East Side	June 2018	B	<i>American.</i> The dishes ranged from just okay (gnocchi, chicken liver pate) to outstanding (shrimp couscous, French fries).
Dumont	Brooklyn	July 2011	A-	<i>American.</i> Excellent comfort food, especially the mac 'n cheese. Friendly and attentive service.
Duo	Murray Hill	October 2012	A+	<i>American.</i> The food was rich, delicious, and creative. Portions were ample. Tables weren't crowded together, and the service was gracious. And the room was lovely. This is an excellent place for a special dinner.
Earthen Oven	Upper West	February 2008	A	<i>Indian.</i> Interesting, well-prepared, and generous portions. Especially liked the tandoori salmon.
Earth—NYC	Chelsea	March 2007	A-	<i>American.</i> The food here isn't fantastic. But the room is stunning, with high ceilings and candles all along the

				walls. And the service is excellent. Altogether, it's worth one visit.
East 12 th Osteria	East Village	May 2015	B-	<i>Italian.</i> Solid but not particularly interesting or well-prepared, especially given the prices. Service was pleasant but a bit on the slow side. I went this time only because I was invited by a friend. The experience was much better. The veal tonnato appetizer was wonderful, and the lobster risotto special was very tasty. Tiramisu for dessert was not great, but still fine.
		August 2016	B+	
Eatery	Hell's Kitchen	November 2014	D	<i>American.</i> Most of the dishes were mediocre—tough short ribs of beef, dry hamburger, lukewarm French fries. Service was pleasant but sort of slow.
Edi and the Wolf	East Village	April 2018	A-	<i>German.</i> Although there are some Austrian/German dishes on the menu, I'd say that this place is really more "American." In any case, everything was delicious. The flatbread appetizer and the ravioli main courses were especially good. The desserts were also terrific, especially the apple strudel. I didn't give it a straight A because the short ribs were a little fatty, but I'd certainly be happy to go to this place again.
El Parador	Murray Hill	February 2008	B	<i>Mexican.</i> Solid but uninteresting traditional Mexican food.
El Toro Blanco	West Village	April 2014	A	<i>Mexican.</i> Innovative and delicious food. The Peking duck taco was a standout. Service was good. Only problem was the volume of noise; it was almost impossible to have a conversation.
Elettaria	West Village	July 2008	B+	<i>Indian fusion.</i> The food was well prepared and fairly interesting, but not great. The menu was limited. Service was terrific--polite and prompt.

		March 2009	B+	Basically the same—pretty interesting Indian fusion, but not superb. Service still excellent.
Eleven Madison Park	Flatiron	June 2010	A+	<i>American</i> . This place is expensive, but well worth it for a special occasion. The food is innovative and delicious, the service is amazing, and the room is strikingly beautiful.
Emmett's	West Village	June 2018	A	<i>Pizza</i> . Excellent Chicago style pizza. You can get either deep dish or thin crust. I opted for the thin crust; next time I'll try the deep dish. There are no reservations, so come early if you want to avoid a line.
		January 2019	A	This time I tried the deep dish pizza (pepperoni and sausage) and it was excellent. The menu said that it would take a long time to arrive, and it did (about 40 minutes). If you're impatient like me, better to stick with the thin crust.
Empellon	West Village	April 2012	A	<i>Mexican</i> . Excellent upscale Mexican food. Service was friendly and efficient. The room in the back is quieter, if that's a concern for you.
	Midtown	July 2017	A-	Another fine meal. I especially liked the chorizo with cheese and the shrimp taco. Service was excellent.
		April 2019	A-	Very creative food, a bit on the pricey side, but everything was tasty and interesting. Try the fish tacos. The avocado dessert is hard to describe, but amazing.
Empire Bakery	Chelsea	June 2014	A	<i>Dessert</i> . Wonderful cakes and cookies. Try the Swiss roll, which has chocolate cake filled with whipped cream, and all coated with more chocolate. Yum.
		February 2015	A-	Try the black and white cookie, as well as their version of a twix bar.
Ennio and Michael	West Village	September 2006	A-	<i>Italian</i> . Excellent pasta with tasty sauces. Service was a little bit slow.
Ethos	Murray Hill	May 2007	B+	<i>Greek</i> . Tasty but unexciting.

		August 2008	B+	Verdict the same—hearty and good portions, but not very interesting.
Ethos Galleria	East 50s	May 2014	B	<i>Greek</i> . Like its Murray Hill sib, the food here is hearty and tasty. But it was too loud, too chaotic, and too crowded. Further, we had a reservation, but still had to wait 20 minutes for a table. I don't think that I'll go back.
Euzkadi	East Village	January 2008	B+	<i>Tapas</i> . The food was tasty and inventive—especially enjoyed the avocado and feta selection. But the service was so slow that I demoted it from A- to B+.
Extra	East Village	September 2012	B+	<i>Middle-eastern fusion</i> . Food was good. Specialty is pita pockets with various fillings. Service was slow, but very pleasant.
Extra Virgin	West Village	October 2010 December 2017	A- A	<i>American</i> . Tasty and well-prepared food. The place is very cramped. Another creative and delicious meal. Try the lamb-done-in-three ways. Portions are ample. Service was sort of slow, but the waiter apologized.
Fabio Piccolo Fiore	East 40s	March 2014	A-	<i>Italian</i> . Delicious food, generous portions, and excellent service. Best broccoli rabe I've ever eaten. It's a little bit on the expensive side, but worth it. (The reason it's an A- rather than an A is that the veal dish was a bit chewy.)
Fat Radish	Lower East Side	April 2012 July 2016 August 2017	A- B+ A-	<i>British</i> . The food here is supposed to be "British." There didn't seem to me to be anything distinctively British about it, but everything was tasty and well-prepared. I had a very good hamburger that came with pretty good duck fries. Very good hamburger, fries, and corn on the cob. Very good service, and reasonable prices.

Fatty 'Cue	Brooklyn	August 2013	D	<i>Asian Barbeque.</i> The meat at this place was, well, fatty (although tasty). Oddly, there were no sides on the menu, so if you order ribs, you get three ribs. Period. The service was exceptionally pleasant.
Fatty Crab	Upper West Side	September 2010	C	<i>Malaysian.</i> Service was slow, the waiter seemed overwhelmed. Some of the dishes were great--sliders and pork buns. But the duck was a disappointment.
Ferris	Flatiron	March 2018	A-	<i>American.</i> Very interesting and tasty food. Try the sweet potato appetizer and the grilled lobster main course. Service was pleasant and brisk. Menu is a bit limited, and prices are a bit high. Still, this place is worth a visit.
Fig & Olive	East 50s	November 2011	A-	<i>Mediterranean.</i> Tasty food. Pumpkin ravioli was especially good. Service was pleasant but slow.
Fish	Greenwich Village	April 2010	A-	<i>Seafood.</i> The food at this seafood place was terrific--try the blackened mahi mahi. And the prices were reasonable. But the service, while pleasant, was not very professional.
Fishtail	Upper East Side	October 2010	A	<i>Seafood.</i> This place is pricey, but the dishes are excellent, the room is lovely, and the service is attentive (if perhaps a bit over-solicitous).
Five Napkin Burger	Hell's Kitchen	July 2010	A	<i>Hamburgers.</i> Excellent hamburgers, fries, and shakes at this fun and noisy place. Again, good solid hamburger and fries. Excellent hamburgers, fries only so-so. Service was excellent. Music was too loud for my taste. Ditto Ditto
		September 2010	A	
		July 2012	A-	
		June 2016 May 2018	A- A-	
Five Napkin Burger	Upper West Side	March 2019	A-	<i>Hamburgers.</i> Less noisy than it's Hell's Kitchen sib, but the same tasty hamburgers. Great guacamole.

Flame Diner	Upper West	September 2006	B-	<i>Diner.</i> The name is accurate: this is a diner. So, if you want a good grilled cheese sandwich with fries for not much money, and you don't care about décor, this is a place to go.
Flinders	East Village	June 2016	B	<i>Australian.</i> Australian cuisine? What's that? Not sure, but this place could accurately be described as "Asian fusion." Some of the dishes, like the crab curry, were outstanding. On the other hand, the pork buns were so-so, and the naan just wasn't very good. The service was friendly, but a bit slow. Prices were on the low side.
Fonda	East Village	January 2013	A+	<i>Mexican.</i> Absolutely terrific. They take the standards and somehow elevate them by making them tastier and lighter. Servings are ample, prices are reasonable, and service is excellent.
	Chelsea	September 2014	A	The Chelsea cousin is also just terrific.
		March 2016	A+	Great meal at the Chelsea branch. Try the chicken enchiladas in mole sauce.
		April 2017	A	Another excellent meal. Maybe I'm being picky, but I wish that the food had been hotter when it got to the table. Still, I'll be happy to go back in the future.
		November 2017	A	Ditto.
		October 2018	A+	Ditto
Fonda	Brooklyn	September 2015	A	<i>Mexican.</i> Okay, the service was a little slow, and the food should've been hotter when it reached the table. But everything was so tasty, the serving sizes were ample, and the prices reasonable. Try the corn soup and the tortilla soup.
Forcella	Murray Hill	November 2013	A-	<i>Italian.</i> Excellent food. Sliders and risotto were excellent. Pizza crust was soggy; I prefer it to be crisp. But some like it soggy, I guess. Service was pleasant and efficient.

Fragole	Brooklyn	September 2018	B	<i>Italian.</i> Solid and unpretentious conventional Italian. The vegetable antipasto was good. The pork loin was tasty, but some of the meat was gristly, and the accompanying mashed potatoes were ice cold. Service was very friendly but slow.
Frankie's 570 Spuntino	West Village	April 2016 September 2016	A-	<i>Italian.</i> Fine service and tasty food—the pumpkin ravioli and the antipasto were both excellent. Servings were a bit on the small side, and it was very noisy—you can't expect to have much of a conversation here. Still, it was lots of fun. Another very good meal. Try the linguine with crab.
French Louie	Brooklyn	June 2015	B+	<i>American.</i> Yeah, I know that “French” is in the name, but I didn't see much difference between the menu here and at most places that feature American food. Anyway, the dishes were solid, not great, but on the other hand, the prices were quite reasonable. The vibe is friendly and informal, and the service was fine.
Fresh	Tribeca	January 2008	A	<i>Seafood.</i> Excellent. I especially like the upscale version of fish and chips.
Fulton	Upper East Side	July 2014	B-	<i>Seafood.</i> The food was okay, but not particularly interesting or well prepared. Given that it's on the expensive side, I wouldn't recommend it.
Fung Tu	Lower East Side	July 2017	B	<i>Asian Fusion.</i> The food was tasty and interesting. Some dishes, like the fried sweet potato side dish,, were terrific. The noodles, on the other hand, tasted like they had been reheated several times. The service was excellent--friendly and efficient.
Gahm Mi Oak	Midtown	May 2007	B-	<i>Korean.</i> Limited menu. One item was quite tasty, but the soup was pretty bland. Fast service.

Galli	Soho	April 2013	B	<i>Italian.</i> Solid red sauce Italian food with pleasant service and relaxed atmosphere. Good value for the price.
Gascogne	Chelsea	June 2007	A-	<i>Bistro.</i> This slightly retro bistro had delicious food, friendly service, and if the weather is good, the outdoor seating area is delightful. (The minus is because my duck breast was a little dry.) Upgraded this place from an A- to an A. Everything was excellent, especially like the lobster bisque, and the cherry clafouti.
		August 2009	A	
Gato	NoHo	December 2015	A	<i>American.</i> The food was intensely flavored and creative. Especially liked the mushroom pizza appetizer and the chickpea "polenta" side dish. Service was very friendly and efficient. Maybe a bit pricey. Also, definitely on the noisy side.
Gazala Place	Hell's Kitchen	May 2018	C	<i>Middle eastern.</i> Boring food, not very tasty. Service was slow but pleasant. The only thing this place has going for it is low prices.
Gazala's	Upper West Side	April 2014	B+	<i>Middle Eastern.</i> Solid. Cheese pie was very good; chicken kebab was excellent; lamb was a bit tough. Service was slow. Good value for the money.
Gigino Trattoria	Tribeca	June 2010	A	<i>Italian.</i> The food wasn't particularly imaginative, but it was really well prepared, and the service was excellent.
Gingers	Midtown	December 2006	B	<i>Chinese.</i> We stopped there for lunch one day. Surprisingly good soups at this place near Penn Station. Very fast service.
Giorgios of Gramercy	Gramercy	December 2006	B-	<i>American.</i> Quality of food was uneven. Salmon with spaghetti squash and some-more bread pudding were excellent, but the duck was dried out. Service slow.

Giovanni Rana Pastificio & Cucina	Chelsea	March 2014	B	<i>Italian.</i> The service was very pleasant and friendly, and some of the appetizers were very good (try the polenta fries). But overall the food was just solid, nothing special.
Gnocco	East Village	January 2010	B+	<i>Italian.</i> This cute place was lots of fun. The prices were reasonable and the portions were substantial, but the food was only good, not great. I enjoyed it more this time. Excellent appetizer of figs stuffed with ricotta.
		August 2010	A-	
Gonzo	West Village	May 2008	A	<i>Italian.</i> Excellent traditional Italian food, big servings, pretty room, and fast service. Try the rice balls for an appetizer. In July 2008, tried a variety of their grilled, thin-crust pizzas. Outstanding.
		July 2008	A	
Good	Greenwich Village	January 2013	B-	<i>American.</i> Features tasty comfort food at a reasonable price. The roast pork dish was weak--the meat was a bit fatty and stringy. On the other hand, the green chili mac and cheese was terrific, as was the mushroom appetizer. Service was very friendly and efficient. Another pleasant meal. Try the turkey club.
		January 2013	B	
Gotham Bar and Grill	Greenwich Village	August 2011	A+	<i>American.</i> This place is fabulous. Every dish was interesting and delicious. Try the shrimp risotto appetizer. Great for a special occasion. I hold this place to a very high standard, both because of its reputation and the substantial prices. Unfortunately, the dinner wasn't perfect—the roast duck was sort of tough. On the other hand, the tuna tartar was wonderful, as was the deconstructed black forest cake for dessert. Again, great appetizer and dessert; good but not great main course. For these prices, it should be better.
		November 2012	A	
		September 2015	A-	

Gradisca	West Village	January 2016	A	<p><i>Italian.</i> Delicious pastas at this upscale place. Every dish was excellent—tasty and interesting. Try the tortellini in broth. Service was also excellent. I would've given it an A+ except that I was a little irritated that the portions weren't a bit bigger given the prices. Several dishes, such as the pecorino crème brulee and the tiramisu, were terrific. But the pork entrée was too fatty and the tomatoes in the salad were mealy and tasteless. Service was pleasant but a bit on the slow side.</p>
		December 2016	B	
Gramercy Tavern	Flatiron	August 2009	A+	<p><i>American.</i> Everything was delicious--creative without being bizarre. Service was friendly and professional. It's expensive, but the right place for a special occasion. The service was fantastic, and the room is beautiful. But the food was a bit disappointing. Everything was fine. But aside from a wonderful pasta appetizer, nothing was really incredible, which is an issue when a three-course prix fixe costs \$98. Still, the ambience and the service make it a candidate for a special occasion.</p>
		March 2016	A-	
Grand Sichuan	West Village	November 2011	C+	<p><i>Chinese.</i> Not very interesting and not very tasty.</p>
Grano Trattoria	West Village	June 2011	B+	<p><i>Italian.</i> Food was tasty, although not particularly interesting. Service was pleasant and attentive.</p>
Gray's Papaya	Upper West	August 2008	B+	<p><i>Hot dogs.</i> What you see is what you get—a very good hot dog, not very expensive. And that's it.</p>
Greek Kitchen	Upper West	December 2006	B+	<p><i>Greek.</i> This unpretentious neighborhood restaurant serves substantial quantities of tasty, solid food at a reasonable price.</p>
Greenwich Grille	Greenwich Village	December 2017	B+	<p><i>Comfort food.</i> This dishes ranged from excellent (deviled eggs, fried chicken, the bread basket) to good (braised beef short ribs, which were tasty but a bit fatty) to just okay (coconut cake was served too cold and was kind of dry). But the place has been open for only one</p>

				month as of this date, and I think it has lots of potential.
Grom	West Village	September 2015	A	<i>Dessert.</i> Actually, I've been to this place and its Columbus Circle sibling before, but I never got around to entering it. The ice cream is expensive, but it is creamy and the flavors are intense.
Gruppo	East Village	August 2007	A	<i>Italian.</i> First rate sandwiches and thin-crust pizza.
Guantanamera	Upper West	August 2008	D	<i>Cuban.</i> The food wasn't good. My pork stew tasted as if it had been reheated two or three times, and some of the meat was gristly. The empanadas lacked taste. On the other hand, the service was efficient and friendly.
Guayoyo	Lower East Side	June 2011	A-	<i>Venezuelan.</i> Tasty and inexpensive. Service very pleasant and efficient.
Gusto	West Village	November 2006 June 2007 April 2008 January 2010	A A-	<i>Italian.</i> A step above the usual Italian place both in terms of quality and creativity. Try the ricotta dumplings. [Revisited in June of 2007—another excellent meal.][Revisited in April of 2008—ditto, and particularly pleasant service.][January 2010: Appetizers and main course were great, but the desserts didn't really work for me.]
H Bake Shop	West 50s	September 2013	A-	<i>Dessert.</i> Very good (and very expensive) cupcakes in a variety of exotic flavors. My sense is that they aren't quite worth the price.
Hacienda de Argentina	Upper East	December 2006	B	<i>Argentinean.</i> Steak and roast chicken excellent. Side dishes ok, and service poor.
Hanci	West 50s	March 2014	B+	<i>Turkish.</i> Solid and tasty food, fine service. I gave it a B+ instead of a B because the prices are so low.

Hao Noodle and Tea	West Village	May 2018	A-	<i>Noodles.</i> Interesting and tasty noodle dishes. (But note; they are quite spicy.) Try the chick pea noodles. The room is striking, and the service was fine.
Harding's	Flatiron	January 2014	B	<i>American.</i> Tasty, but nothing special. Service was pleasant and attentive.
Harrison, The	Tribeca	June 2008 December 2008 December 2010	A+ A A	<i>American.</i> We had a spectacular time. The food was inventive and delicious. The fries in duckfat were the best french fries I've _ever_ had. The grilled pork chop was amazing as well. Desserts were unusual without being weird (yes, celery sorbet can work with panna cotta). [December 2008: Food still wonderful; service was a bit spotty at times.] Great food, service was definitely slow this time. I was sick the next morning; you never know if dinner the night before is the cause, but I have a feeling that I won't be going back.
Havana Alma de Cuba	West Village	February 2012	A-	<i>Cuban.</i> Tasty and hearty. Serving portions are substantial. On a Saturday night, it was really noisy--not a good place if you want to have a conversation.
Hearth	East Village	December 2013 October 2015	A A-	<i>American.</i> Delicious and creative food. Service was terrific. Try the pasta with duck sauce. Again, the food was creative and intensely flavored. However, given the prices, the service was lacking. It took too much time for the main courses to arrive, the water glasses weren't kept full, etc.
Hell's Kitchen	West 40s	June 2013`	A	<i>Mexican.</i> Nicely prepared and creative modern Mexican food. Try the plantain gordita stuffed with goat cheese, which was especially tasty. The service was pleasant, but at times they didn't quite have their act together.

Henry's End	Brooklyn	April 2015	A	<i>American.</i> Very generous quantities of excellent food. The duck with cherry sauce was excellent, as was the steak Diane. Prices very reasonable for what you get (although not cheap).
		April 2016	A+	Another terrific meal. Try the ribs and the barbequed shrimp.
Her Name is Han	Midtown	October 2018	A+	<i>Korean.</i> Outstanding food and superfast service. Try the fried chicken and the tofu main dishes. It's sort of noisy, but it didn't bother me very much because I was enjoying the meal so much. Prices reasonable.
			A-	I felt a little let down this time. I read great reviews for the seafood hot pot, but it didn't have much taste. Some of the barbequed pork was fatty. The tofu continued to please, and the rice cakes with squash were terrific. Service was excellent.
High Street on Hudson	Meatpacking District	January 2019	B	<i>American.</i> Loved the bread. The lamb was well prepared, but served with a lot of goat cheese, and the combination just didn't work. The fried chicken had good crust, but there wasn't enough meat, and the dressing on the accompanying lettuce wedge didn't have much taste. Service was excellent. All in all, though, given the prices, it's not a place that I can strongly recommend.
Hillstone	Murray Hill	July 2011	A	<i>American.</i> Delicious comfort food. .Crab cakes, coleslaw, and key lime pie were all outstanding. Pleasant and attentive service.
Holy Basil	East Village	May 2008	C-	<i>Thai.</i> We were greeted by a sullen receptionist, although the server was perfectly cheerful. Food was tasty, although it wasn't served hot, and the sauces were gluey. Climate control needs improvement; the room was very stuffy.

Hudson Market	West 50s	April 2018	B+	<i>Food Court/Grocery Store.</i> This is a nice, upscale grocery store coupled with mini-restaurants. We had ramen and a salmon poke box, and it was pretty good.
Hundred Acres	Soho	August 2009	A-	<i>American.</i> Tasty food, substantial portions, reasonable prices, and pleasant and efficient service.
Hwa Yuan Szechuan	Chinatown	February 2018	A	<i>Chinese.</i> Outstanding Szechuan food. The signature dish is cold sesame noodles--fantastic. Try also the Tang Tang Hot Noodles and the Kung Pao Potatoes (yes, potatoes!). Service was pleasant but a bit slow.
Il Falco	Queens	October 2017	A+	<i>Italian.</i> Beautifully prepared and intensely flavored conventional Italian dishes The portions are substantial, the service is highly professional, and the prices, while not cheap, are quite reasonable.
Il Gattopardo	Midtown	August 2007 August 2009	A	<i>Italian.</i> Excellent food. Risotto was exquisite, as was the baba au rhum for dessert. [August 2009: Ditto—a wonderful meal, although the service was a little slow.]
Il Passatore	Brooklyn	April 2013	A	<i>Italian.</i> Worth a trip to Brooklyn. Both conventional dishes (gnocchi with a meat sauce) and unusual ones (grapes in a cheese ball) are delicious. Don't miss the tiramisu, which was not cloying, as is so often the case. It's a good value for the money, speaking of which, you have to pay with cash.
Ilili	Chelsea	November 2009 April 2011 December 2012	A A A	<i>Middle Eastern.</i> The room is striking, the service is attentive, and the food is excellent at this small plates place. Another very tasty meal. The chicken kebab was really good. Ditto. The Brussels sprouts were terrific.
Indochine	NoHo	May 2009	A+	<i>Vietnamese fusion.</i> Everything was terrific. Food was interesting and well-prepared. Try the stuff fried shrimp

		February 2011 April 2018	A+ A	appetizer. Service was pleasant and efficient. Another wonderful meal. I especially enjoyed the boneless Cornish game hen. Excellent. Try the sole in coconut milk and the shrimp appetizer. Fine service. The room was on the noisy side.
Insomnia Cookies	East Village	February 2016	B+	<i>Dessert.</i> Cute little place with friendly servers. The gimmick is that the cookies are served warm. They were good, but at the end of the day, no better than you'd get at a chain store in a mall.
Ippudo	East Village	February 2009 June 2009	A A	<i>Noodles.</i> This noodle shop is just terrific. The ramen was full of tasty ingredients. There's lots of atmosphere-- staff and cooks are constantly yelling at each other in Japanese. On a Saturday night, if you don't get there when it opens (5:00 PM), you'll have a long wait. [June 2009: Ditto, this place is just great.]
Island Burgers and Shakes	Hell's Kitchen	February 2009 January 2011	A- C	<i>Hamburgers.</i> Great burgers, good milkshakes, okay baked potato (mine wasn't hot), and friendly service. This place is fun. During a previous visit, I thought that the hamburger was great. But this time it was dried out, and it took forever for our order to arrive. I think that next time I have a hankering for a burger, I'll go to 5 Napkin Burger.
Ithaka	East 80s	January 2017	A-	<i>Greek.</i> Tasty and hearty food—the feta and fava spreads were especially good. Servings were ample. The service was a bit on the slow side, and it was a bit pricey.
Itzocan	East Village	October 2006	B-	<i>Mexican.</i> Very hot Mexican food, but not all that tasty.
Ivan Ramen	East Village	December 2015	A-	<i>Noodles.</i> The appetizer meatballs were terrific, and the ramen was very good. The service, though, was unacceptably slow.

Ivan Ramen Slurp Shop	Hell's Kitchen	August 2014	A	<i>Noodles.</i> This place in the Gotham market is a little on the pricey side, but the ramen was terrific. Also, try the rice bowl with slow cooked pork. It's amazing.
Jackson Diner	Queens	May 2007 August 2009 April 2012	A A	<i>Indian.</i> Delicious and cheap. I wasn't expecting much in the way of ambience, but they could at least clean the bathrooms.[August 2009: Ditto] Another good meal
Jane	Greenwich Village	January 2009 April 2018	A A	<i>American.</i> Tasty food. Try the amazing ricotta gnocchi appetizer. Service was friendly and efficient. Another terrific dinner. The gnocchi again was terrific, as was the main course pork chop. And the "amazing cauliflower" was indeed amazing. I would've given it an A+ except the French fries were limp. The service was attentive and friendly, but a bit on the slow side.
Jarnac	West Village	March 2008	A	<i>Mediterranean.</i> This cute little place in the Village has tasty food and good-sized portions. Service was very pleasant, although a bit slow.
Javelina	Grammercy Park	July 2016	A+	<i>Tex-Mex.</i> Delicious and interesting takes on Tex-Mex cuisine. I have a few quibbles—some of the dishes weren't as hot as they should have been when they came to the table. But given the relatively low prices and ample servings, there's no reason to complain. Service was prompt and pleasant.
Jeanne & Gaston	Chelsea	July 2013	B	<i>Bistro.</i> Tasty but not exceptional. On a nice evening, the garden in back is absolutely delightful. Service was pleasant but a little slow
Joe's Pub (a/k/a The Library at the Public)	NoHo	September 2013	B+	<i>American.</i> Tasty American food. The ribs were especially good. It would've gotten an A-, but the service, while pleasant, was unacceptably slow.
Joe's Shanghai	West 50s	August 2008	B+	<i>Chinese.</i> This place is noisy and fun; food is tasty but not

				outstanding.
Joe's Shanghai	Queens	May 2010	A	<i>Chinese.</i> Excellent Chinese at a low price. Don't expect anything in the way of ambience.
Joe's Steam Rice Roll	Chinatown	January 2019	A	<i>Noodles.</i> Tasty and cheap rice rolls from this vendor in the Canal Street Market. But note: There really isn't enough food to make a dinner. Think of it as a place for a terrific snack.
JoeDoe	East Village	September 2010	B	<i>American.</i> The food at this American place was uneven. The appetizers were wonderful--creative and delicious (try the "Conflicted Jew"). But the main course weren't very good--braised oxtail didn't have much meat, and steak was tough. Service was very pleasant.
		March 2012	B	The people here are exceptionally nice, but the food just isn't that good.
Joel Robuchon	Midtown	March 2008	A	<i>French.</i> Beautiful and tasty food, although it seemed a bit over-processed to me. Maybe my expectations were too high. Service excellent.
John's Pizzeria	West 40s	July 2010	C	<i>Pizza.</i> Pizza was good, salad was unacceptable, and they didn't offer water. I loved the setting in an old church.
Jolie	Brooklyn	March 2011	A	<i>French.</i> All the dishes were excellent at this delightful French place. Servings were a bit small, but at the same time, the prices were quite low. Next time I might order an extra appetizer.
Jora	Queens	September 2018	B+	<i>Peruvian.</i> I don't have much experience with the food of Peru, so I don't know whether it would be more appropriate to say that the fish stews were very subtle or just not very tasty.
Junoon	Chelsea	October 2013	B+	<i>Indian.</i> On the plus side, the room was beautiful, the service was excellent, and the dishes were tasty and creative. On the minus side, the lamb was a bit stringy,

				and some of the chicken was tough. I'd be inclined to give it another try.
Kafana	East Village	July 2013 January 2015	B+ A-	<i>Serbian.</i> Substantial portions of hearty food. Good value for the money. Another enjoyable meal. Try the sausage with cabbage. NB: Cash only.
Kampuchea	East Village	November 2008	A	<i>Cambodian.</i> This place was lots of fun. The food was creative and interesting--try the meatball sandwich and the ribs. Service was friendly and efficient.
Kang Suh	Garment District	March 2013	B	<i>Korean.</i> Barbecue was good. So were the scallion pancakes. Rest of the stuff didn't have much flavor. It's clear that they want to move you out quickly, but still, the service was pleasant.
Kasadela	Lower East Side	September 2012	A	<i>Japanese.</i> Tasty and interesting small plates. Service was efficient and friendly. But order a bunch of dishes--the servings are small.
Kashkaval	Hell's Kitchen	January 2011	B+	<i>Mediterranean.</i> The small plates at this informal place were very good; main courses (e.g., spinach pie) were only so-so. That said, it's a good value for the money, and the service was pleasant and efficient.
Katz's Delicatessen	Lower East	December 2007 August 2012	B B-	<i>Delicatessen.</i> This is a fun, crowded traditional deli. The pastrami was really good, the chopped liver okay, and the potato knish mediocre. A "traditional" atmosphere can be nice, but this place is as relaxing as going through the security line at the airport.
Keen's Chop House	Garment District	June 2011	A-	<i>Steak.</i> The steak was excellent, and there was a simple roast chicken that was amazing. On the other hand, the crab cakes were disappointing.

Kefi	Upper West	May 2009	A-	<i>Greek</i> . Hearty food, good sized portions. This place is noisy and fun.
		February 2014	A-	An excellent meal for the price.
Kellari Taverna	Midtown	February 2008	A-	<i>Greek</i> . Tasty and well-prepared food. The desserts were very impressive, especially liked the semolina custard wrapped in phyllo. Although the place was very crowded, the service was outstanding. [April 2009: Exactly the same.]
		April 2009	A-	
Kiin	West Village	February 2016	A-	<i>Thai</i> . Tasty and interesting dishes (I liked the pad thai wrapped up in a crepe), ample servings, and reasonable prices.
Kin Shop [Closed]	West Village	May 2012	A	<i>Thai</i> . Delicious and interesting food. Try the curry with noodles and brisket. Most of the dishes are a bit spicy, and the place is somewhat noisy. Service was pleasant and efficient.
		October 2015	A	Another fine meal. I liked being able to look in at the kitchen.
Kingsley	East Village	June 2018	C+	<i>American</i> . This small plates place isn't worth the price. Some of the dishes were good (short ribs of beef), but others were mediocre (shrimp). The pork dish had several different cuts of meat, and some were dry and gristly. On the plus side, service was pleasant and attentive.
Kittichai	Soho	April 2008	A	<i>Thai</i> . This is one of the most beautiful restaurants I've ever seen. It includes a pool with candles floating in it. The Thai fusion food was delicious, and the pre-theater menu a real bargain. Service was a bit slow.[May 2009: Food still great, service was fine, portions seemed a bit small this time. Maybe I was hungrier than last time.]
		May 2009		
		May 2011	A	Another fine meal. Dealt with the small portions issue

		December 2011 May 2013	A A	by ordering a couple extra dishes. Tasting menu was a lot of fun. Another terrific meal.
Klee Brasserie	Chelsea	January 2008	B	<i>Brasserie</i> . Solid, but not outstanding in any way. The service was extremely pleasant, but also slow.
Knife & Fork	East Village	June 2009	A	<i>European</i> . Try the tasting menu at this cute little place. It's a real bargain. Everything was imaginative and well prepared. Service was friendly and attentive.
Koi	Midtown 40s	December 2009	A	<i>Japanese</i> . Noisy and chic. Food was excellent and portions generous. Try the duck.
Kubeh	West Village	May 2019	A	<i>Middle eastern</i> . Tasty and interesting dishes. Try the cauliflower and hummus salad, and of course, the Kubeh—a stuffed dumpling served in broth. Service was efficient and pleasant.
Kum Gang San	Midtown	March 2014	B	<i>Korean</i> . The ingredients were good, but the meal just didn't excite me that much. I guess that I just don't like Korean barbeque very much. An appetizer pancake with seafood wasn't great either.
Kung Fu Little Steamed Buns Ramen	West 40s	November 2017	A-	<i>Noodles</i> . Good ramen; the fried duck buns were great as were the scallion pancakes. The ambience is Chinatown-like—very crowded, and fast, no-frills service. No reservations, so come early.
Kutsher's	Tribeca	December 2011	A-	<i>Delicatessen</i> . This place is based on a cute concept--upscale versions of Jewish deli food. Food was good, though a bit pricey for the quality. Service was attentive but sort of slow.
L'Amico	Midtown	January 2017 September 2017	A A	<i>Italian</i> . Excellent—delicious food, ample portions, fine service, and reasonable prices. Try the pizza, and don't forget the Brussels sprouts on the side. Another fine meal.

		March 2019	A	Loved the pizza, mushroom ravioli and Brussels sprouts. It was very noisy, but not because of obnoxious loud music—just lots of people having a good time.
L'Artusi	West Village	September 2015	A-	<i>Italian.</i> Tasty food, reasonable prices, good service.
L'Impero	Midtown East	May 2008	A	<i>Italian.</i> Outstanding pasta at this stylish restaurant. There were some problems with the service, but they made up for it by providing a complementary dish. Portions were small.
La Bergamote	West 50s	August 2009 March 2014	B B-	<i>French.</i> We did take-out from this café. The quiche and sandwiches were very good; the pate was so-so. Service was pleasant but slow. This time we went because we read that the pastries are special. Nope.
La Carbonara	West Village	February 2010	B	<i>Italian.</i> Solid, not great, but certainly adequate, especially given the low prices. Service is friendly and efficient.
La Contenta Oeste	West Village	June 2018	A-	<i>Mexican.</i> Tasty conventional Mexican food, ample portions and reasonable prices. Service was excellent. But nb: My reservation was messed up even though it was made by Resy and I had a confirmation. The restaurant didn't handle it very well, so I won't be going back.
La Fonda del Sol	East 40s	July 2009 June 2010	B+ B+	<i>Spanish.</i> This tapas place was lots of fun. The food was good, not great.
La Grenouille	East 50s	November 2016	A-	<i>French.</i> One of the few classic French restaurants left in Manhattan. It has all the elements—a gorgeous room, well-prepared food, terrific service, and a slightly

		June 2018	A	intimidating maître d'. The pre-theater menu is a real bargain, but I can see coming back here for a special occasion to try the prix fixe menu. Well, the special occasion arrived—celebrating the birth of Malcolm, my second grandson. The food was marvelous, as was the service. It's very expensive, but like I said, it was a special occasion.
La Mar Cebicheria	Flatiron	December 2011	A	<i>Peruvian</i> . Everything was delicious at this upscale place. Room was attractive, and the service was friendly and efficient. Given the prices, I wish the servings had been more generous.
La Palapa	East Village	July 2012	A-	<i>Mexican</i> . Tasty food, service very friendly and attentive.
		May 2017	A-	The food is very good, not great, but given the low prices, this place is a winner.
La Parisienne	Midtown West	February 2007	B	<i>Coffee shop</i> . This place is on the inexpensive side; serves breakfast all day.
La Piazzetta	Brooklyn	February 2012	A	<i>Italian</i> . The service was friendly but a bit choppy. The decor was unremarkable. But the Italian food was wonderful--delicious and interesting. The polenta appetizer was particularly good. And it's not very expensive.
La Ripaille	West Village	May 2008	A-	<i>French</i> . Very good food, friendly service, but the servings are way too small.
La Rivista	Midtown West	January 2009	B+	<i>Italian</i> . The food at this traditional Italian place ranged from so-so (the antipasto) to terrific (artichoke appetizer). The service is great if you need to get to the theater. Basically, this is a solid place for a pre-theater dinner.
La Sirene	Hudson Square	October 2011	B+	<i>Bistro</i> . Well prepared food, but not quite the quality it

				should be given the prices.
La Sirene	Soho	March 2014	A-	<i>French.</i> Everything was very tasty. The goat cheese tart appetizer was gooey and delicious, and the banana crème brulee was an innovative riff on banana pudding. Service was terrific. So why the minus? Some of the meat wasn't quite what it should be, e.g., the duck was a bit tough, and given the prices, it should have been perfect. I'd go back, though.
Lady M	Upper West Side	August 2013	A+	<i>Dessert.</i> We went to this bakery's stand in the Plaza's food court. Tried two cakes—crepe cake with pastry cream and genoise layered with strawberries-- and they were just amazing. They were expensive, but worthwhile for a decadent treat.
Lan Zhou Handpull Noodles	Chinatown	August 2013	A	<i>Noodles.</i> Okay, the place is a little hole in the wall. The service is abrupt, perhaps because the waiters don't speak much English. But I had a delicious bowl of beef noodle soup and a plate of 12 fried dumplings, also delicious, for under \$10. This has to be one of the champion cheap eats places in Manhattan.
Lattanzi	West 40s	September 2009	A	<i>Italian.</i> Delicious traditional Italian food in a lovely room. Try the fried artichoke appetizer. Service was pleasant, but a bit on the slow side.
Laut	Union Square	June 2010	A	<i>Asian.</i> Interesting and well-prepared food. Service was friendly and efficient.
Lavagna	East Village	March 2009	A+	<i>Italian.</i> Everything was terrific. The food was creative and well-prepared. Best pork chop ever. Servings were substantial. Service was polite and efficient.
		May 2011	A+	Another wonderful meal. Try the ravioli in porcini cream sauce.
		October 2017	B+	Good, but it didn't seem super special this time. Maybe it

				was an off night.
Le Bernardin	West 50s	May 2013	A+	<i>Seafood.</i> This place certainly lives up to its marvelous reputation. The seafood is delicious and beautifully presented, and the service is exquisite. It's very expensive, but worth it for a special occasion. Another wonderful experience.
		August 2014	A+	
Le Cirque	East 50s	August 2016	B+	<i>French.</i> The food was very well prepared, but not particularly interesting. Perhaps this was because of the limited Restaurant Week menu. Service was superb, but stuffy—I guess that they're going for that old-fashioned French restaurant ambience.
Le Colonial	Midtown East	February 2007	A	<i>Vietnamese.</i> Slightly pricey but delicious food served in a setting to remind one of colonial Hanoi. The banana beignet was a fine dessert. This meal was a big disappointment. We had two meat dishes, one pork and the other beef, and in both cases the meat was tough and gristly. Everything was great tonight. Maybe last time was an anomaly. Fine dinner, not outstanding.
		June 2011	C+	
		March 2012	A	
		May 2014	B+	
Le Gigot	West Village	June 2010	A	<i>Bistro.</i> Excellent. Crab cake appetizer and tarte tatin were standouts. Attentive and friendly service.
Le Moulin a Café	Upper East Side	December 2013	B-	<i>Café.</i> Cute French café. The pastries in the bakery part of it looked good, but they weren't on the restaurant week menu. Pretty good.
		February 2014	B-	
Le Pain Quotidien	Midtown West	January 2007	A-	<i>Café.</i> Part of a chain. Good place for an evening snack. The salads are good, and come with loads of delicious, crusty bread. Mediocre sweet roll for breakfast.
		June 2013	C	

Le Pain Quotidien	Upper East Side	May 2015	A-	<i>American.</i> Yeah, I know it's a chain, but I had a couple very nice lunches there at a reasonable price. One of the times I was there they really couldn't handle the lunchtime crowd, so it took too long for the food to arrive.
Le Perigord	East 50s	March 2009	A	<i>French.</i> Yes, the food is old-fashioned, but it's beautifully prepared, except for the desserts, which are a little weak. Service was attentive and professional. The atmosphere was formal without being stuffy.
Le Pescadeux	SoHo	January 2012	A	<i>Seafood.</i> Nicely prepared seafood. The vegetable sides were also excellent. Service was fast and attentive.
Le Refuge	Upper East Side	January 2009	A-	<i>Bistro.</i> Tasty and well-prepared traditional bistro food.
Le Zie	Chelsea	February 2014	C+	<i>Italian.</i> The service was pleasant and efficient, but the food was uninspired and didn't even arrive at the table hot. But the tiramisu was terrific.
Left Bank	West Village	September 2012	A	<i>American.</i> Creative and tasty; pleasant and efficient service.
Left Bank	West Village	August 2017	A-	<i>American.</i> The lobster bisque was amazing, and the pasta with Bolognese sauce was very good. Portions were a bit on the small side. Service was fine.
Lima's Taste	West Village	March 2009	C-	<i>Peruvian.</i> The cheese and shrimp soup was excellent. On the other hand, the red snapper was served in a cloyingly sweet sauce, and the accompanying onions were not palatable. Service was slow and not particularly pleasant or professional.
Links Club	East 60s	March 2012	A	<i>American.</i> Sorry, you can't go to this place unless you're a guest of a member, so make a friend among the one-percent. Food wasn't very innovative, but it was really superbly prepared. Service a bit stuffy but pleasant.

		November 2014	A	Another beautifully prepared dinner. The scallops were great, and I loved the rice pudding for dessert.
Little Cupcake Bakeshop	Soho	March 2014	B-	<i>Dessert.</i> This Magnolia Bakery knock-off is okay, but nothing special. The brownies were dry, and the German chocolate cake had a good filling but the cake itself wasn't dense enough.
Little Cupcake Bakeshop	NoLita	January 2019	C	<i>Dessert.</i> Some Magnolia knock-offs are excellent, and others aren't so good. This place is in the latter category. I tried the German chocolate cake. It didn't have much taste; maybe it was stale.
Little Owl	West Village	September 2015	A+	<i>American.</i> I had been trying unsuccessfully to get a reservation here for months. On a Saturday night at around 5:30 PM we happened to wander by, so dropped in just to give it a try. They had two seats at the bar. The dinner was wonderful—inventive and delicious. Try the corn soup for a starter and apple cherry strudel for dessert. Oh yes, given the quality, the prices are a bargain.
		August 2016	A+	Another fine meal. Try the pork chop main course, and the bread pudding with Kahlua and chocolate sauce for dessert.
		January 2017	A-	Dinner was very good, but not up the standard of previous meals here.Fald
Little Park	Tribeca	September 2015	A-	<i>American.</i> Delicious and creative food in very pleasant surroundings. One of the most interesting dishes was the “watermelon steak.” The reason the grade is A- rather than A is that I thought the portions were a bit skimpy given the prices.

Little Pie Company	West 40s	August 2013	A-	<i>Dessert.</i> Excellent bakery, I tried the three berry pie. The crust was not as flaky as I would have liked, but it was still delicious. I'd definitely go back again. Amazing key lime pie.
		September 2013	A	
Little Prince	SoHo	September 2018	A	<i>Bistro.</i> Tasty French food at reasonable prices. I especially liked the quinoa and zucchini "pasta" appetizers and the orange duck main course. The seared tuna main course was a bit boring. Service was excellent. Quite noisy.
Locanda Vini e Olii	Brooklyn	May 2016	B+	<i>Italian.</i> The quality of the food was decidedly mixed. The whitefish appetizer was too fishy. Main course spare ribs and pasta with mushrooms were good, but not great. The sautéed spinach was excellent, and the chocolate cake was superb. Service was fine, and prices were reasonable.
Lola	Tribeca	November 2008	A	<i>Cajun.</i> The Cajun/Creole/Southern offerings are spicy and delicious. The portions were a little small. They play jazz on most nights, not to my taste, but it might be a plus for some.
Loring Place	Greenwich Village	September 2018	B+	<i>American.</i> The calzone was outstanding, but otherwise, the food was just okay (e.g., the fluke was dried out). Service was pleasant and efficient.
Lotus of Siam	Greenwich Village	August 2011	A	<i>Thai.</i> A bit pricey, but the dishes are creative and delicious.
Loukoumi Tavern	Queens	March 2017	A-	<i>Greek.</i> Substantial portions of hearty Greek food at reasonable prices. The lemon potatoes were amazing. Service was pleasant and efficient.
Louro	West Village	January 2015	A-	<i>American.</i> The menu is limited, and it was hard to find dishes that I actually wanted to order. But I found three appetizers and a main course that looked appealing, and

				they were all excellent. Check out the ricotta starter and the angolotti with squash main course. The service was exceedingly efficient and pleasant.
Love Gelato	West Village	April 2011	A	<i>Dessert.</i> Excellent, intensely flavored gelato.
Lucien	East Village	February 2015	A-	<i>Bistro.</i> Beautifully prepared food. Especially loved the fish soup, and even the bread was great. So why not a straight A? It was so crowded and so noisy that it detracted from the experience. I was there at 8:00 PM on a weeknight. Maybe I'll try again some time when it might not be as packed.
Lucy Latin Kitchen	Flatiron	June 2007, Sept 2007	A- A	<i>Latin.</i> Interesting but not super creative. Service was pleasant but a little slow. Food creative and well-prepared Service was pleasant. Now I'd give it an A rather than an A-.
Lulu's	Chelsea	July 2011	B+	<i>Dessert.</i> Go to this bakery for rich desserts. Their gimmick is to take childhood favorites (like twinkies) and produce upscale versions of them.
Lumi	East 70s	January 2012	A-	<i>Italian.</i> The food was tasty and interesting. Service was speedy and pleasant.
Lunetta	Brooklyn	April 2012	A	<i>Italian.</i> Excellent food in an informal neighborhood setting. Try the lentil soup; also liked the cauliflower side dish.
Lupa	West Village	December 2008 December 2009	B B+	<i>Italian.</i> I was disappointed in this place, which has such a fine reputation. Vegetarian antipasto was good, but not great. Pork main course was boring. On the other hand, the service was exceptionally friendly and efficient. On a second visit, I thought that the food was better-- pasta was excellent, and I raised the grade to a B+.

Luzzo's	East Village	May 2013	B-	<i>Pizza.</i> This place got extraordinary reviews, but I thought that the pizza was just okay, not great. In particular, the crust was sort of limp, not what one wants with a thin-crust pizza. Service was pleasant and efficient.
Ma Peche [Closed]	West 50s	September 2012	A	<i>American.</i> Tasty and creative. I wish the portions had been a bit bigger--even after three courses, I wasn't really full. Still, it was a terrific meal.
Madison Bistro	East 30s	April 2015	B	<i>Bistro.</i> The prices are modest (\$45 3-course prix fixe), though the servings are small, and the food, while good, is not exceptional. Service was pleasant and attentive.
Mai House	Tribeca	December 2007	A-	<i>Asian fusion.</i> This place calls itself Vietnamese, but it's more like Asian fusion. All the dishes were good; some were exceptional (grilled tofu with noodles) and some were a little boring (the duck). Very friendly service.
Maiella	Queens	January 2018	A	<i>Italian.</i> Excellent red sauce Italian in a lovely room with a stunning view of the Manhattan skyline. Service was a bit slow but very friendly.
Maison Harlem	Harlem	June 2017	B	<i>Bistro.</i> Substantial helpings of hearty and tasty French food. Some of the dishes were outstanding—salad nicoise, cauliflower gratin side dish, and the chevre en croute appetizer. But the roast chicken and duck confit were both somewhat dry, and the French fries were limp. Service was efficient and friendly.
Maison Kayser	Upper West Side	December 2015	B+	<i>Bakery.</i> This place has a number of branches, and I've been to several. It's a bit complicated to evaluate them. The breads are terrific; I'd give them an A. But the pastries, while they look great, just aren't very good, maybe worth a B-. So, I compromise on a B+.

Malaimarke Restaurant	East Village	May 2013	B	<i>Indian.</i> Solid but nothing special.
Mancora	East Village	December 2010	B+	<i>Peruvian.</i> The food is good, not great. The portions are large and the prices low, so it's certainly a good deal. Service was pleasant.
Mangia	Upper West	January 2008	B+	<i>Takeout.</i> Good takeout food, especially the salads. Certainly better than the takeout at Whole Foods. But I wish they didn't put peppers into everything.
Manzo	Flatiron	October 2010	B+	<i>American.</i> The food was very well prepared, but not particularly creative. The space was too open for my taste--too much going on around the dining area to be conducive to a good experience. Service was friendly and efficient, but we had to wait for a table even though we had a reservation.
Mara's Homemade	East Village	November 2006	D	<i>Cajun.</i> There aren't a lot of Cajun restaurants in town, and I had high hopes for this one. But the food just wasn't that good. Hush puppies were mushy, and so were the crab cakes. Sauce on the rice was gluey.
Marc Forgione	Tribeca	March 2012	A+	<i>American.</i> The food was wonderful--creative without being weird, and perfectly prepared. Try the lobster chili appetizer and the apple souffle dessert. The only problem is that, at least on a weeknight, the place is jammed with 30-something Wall Street types, and it's very noisy. Hard to have a conversation.
Marea	West 50s	June 2011	A+	<i>Italian.</i> Everything was wonderful at this Italian seafood place. I ate amazing risotto and the best scallops I've ever tasted. Service was attentive and pleasant. It's expensive, but great for a special occasion. If I have a complaint (and I don't really), I wish there were more

		June 2016	A+	cooked and fewer raw dishes on the menu. Another outstanding meal.
Marinella	West Village	November 2011	A-	<i>Italian.</i> Not terribly creative but very tasty.
Market Table	West Village	February 2008	A-	<i>American.</i> Nicely prepared food, great cheesecake dessert.
Masalawala	Lower East Side	February 2014	A-	<i>Indian.</i> Excellent Indian “street food.” The menu was more interesting than the typical Indian restaurant; at least I was seeing dishes that don’t usually appear. The chaat and naans were wonderful. Samosas were a little weak, but the rest of the dishes were fine. Service was great.
Masseria Dei Vini	West 50s	September 2016	A-	<i>Italian.</i> Very good pastas. A bit pricey. Service was quick and pleasant.
Matilda	Lower East Side	March 2010	A-	<i>Mexican.</i> The food was tasty and interesting at this Mexican fusion place.
Max Brenner, Union Square	Union Square	August 2007 January 2017	C+ B+	<i>Café.</i> Went to brunch here. Pretty good omelets, hot chocolate wasn’t very intense for a place that advertises itself as specializing in chocolate. The s’mores sundae and banana crepe wee both very good.
Maya	Upper East	March 2008	A A-	<i>Mexican.</i> Everything was terrific at this upscale Mexican place. Service was friendly and competent, food was tasty and innovative, and portions were ample. Another fine meal. I especially like the tortilla soup and the port enchilada in mole sauce. I wish that the food had been hotter when it arrived at the table.
Maze, The	West 50s	October 2012	B-	<i>American.</i> The food was very good, but not outstanding. The portions were small and the prices high. Service was pleasant but a little slow. I don't think that I'll be going

				back.
Meadowsweet	Brooklyn	May 2017	A	<i>American.</i> Good sized portions of tasty and creative food. The duck was especially good—incredibly tender. While not a bargain, the prices were reasonable. Service was friendly and efficient.
Melt	Lower East Side	July 2014	A-	<i>Dessert.</i> Talk about specialized! All this little place sells is ice cream sandwiches. I had a sandwich with chocolate ice cream between two chocolate chip cookies, which was excellent. Also, the server very kindly cut it up for sharing.
		April 2016	A	This is ice cream sandwich heaven—chocolate rum ice cream served between two crisp chocolate cookies.
Melt Shop	West 50s	April 2015	A-	<i>Comfort food.</i> This is upscale fast food. Specialty is tasty grilled cheese sandwiches. The place is clean and bright, and the woman who takes your order is actually pleasant.
Merakia	Flatiron District	March 2019	B+	<i>Greek.</i> Tasty Greek food, but it didn't seem special enough to justify the high prices.
Mercadito	Village	August 2006	B+	<i>Mexican.</i> Upscale Mexican was original and tasty. I had a few reservations about the quality of the meat.
Mermaid Inn	East Village	April 2007	A	<i>Seafood.</i> Excellent seafood; try the lobster sandwich. Friendly service and reasonable prices.
Mermaid Inn	West 80s	August 2017	A	<i>American.</i> Excellent seafood. The scallops and lobster roll were terrific (the lobster roll actually had a lot of lobster meat). The corn chowder and shrimp/avocado sliders were also great. A nice touch is a complimentary small portion of chocolate pudding at the end.

Mesa Grill	Flatiron	September 2008	A	<i>Southwestern.</i> It's on the expensive side, but every dish in this upscale place was tasty. Duck breast was especially good.
Mighty Quinn's Barbeque	Financial District	May 2015	A	<i>Barbeque.</i> This is a sandwich place in an upscale food court. Delicious brisket and pulled pork. The broccoli with buttermilk and bacon was also outstanding.
Mile End Restaurant	Brooklyn	April 2011	A-	<i>Delicatessen.</i> Excellent deli at this tiny place. The menu is limited, but everything we tried was good.
Milk	East Village	August 2016	A-	<i>Dessert.</i> I had a yummy chocolate cake malted milk shake.
Milk and Cookies	West Village	November 2013	C	<i>Dessert.</i> This bakery specializes in cookies. We tried four different kinds. They were overly sweet and didn't have much character.
Milk Bar Chelsea	Chelsea	March 2018	A-	<i>Dessert.</i> I had some excellent soft serve ice cream topped with hot fudge. Wait staff was extremely pleasant.
Millesime	Murray Hill	September 2012	A	<i>Bistro.</i> Intensely flavored food served in a lovely space. Service was pleasant and solicitous. The menu was a little bit limited, but this did not prevent the dining experience from being wonderful.
Milling Room	Upper West Side	January 2018	B+	<i>American.</i> Tasty and well-prepared food, but somewhat pricey for what you get. I liked the pork chop and the pappardelle in a duck ragu. Service was attentive, but a bit slow.
Milos	Midtown West	July 2008	B+	<i>Greek.</i> Excellent fresh seafood and fine service. But it's really noisy, the sides were unexceptional, and it's really expensive.
Minca	East Village	February 2009	A-	<i>Noodles.</i> Pull up to the counter at this excellent noodle place and enjoy some fried dumplings followed by a

		August 2014 April 2015	A- A	satisfying bowl of ramen. Another enjoyable meal. I read a review saying that this place is as good as Ippudo, and I think it's true. Plus, as long as you get there early, you don't have to wait in a long line. Cash only.
		April 2016	A+	I love this place. I had my usual—fried pork dumplings followed by ramen with extra noodles.
		June 2016	A+	Ditto
Miranda	Brooklyn	March 2013	B+	<i>Italian.</i> Very tasty Italian food. Risotto, tres leches dessert, and the breads were excellent, rice balls and octopus were okay. Friendly service.
Miriam	Brooklyn	March 2012	A	<i>Middle Eastern.</i> Fabulous. Worth the trip to Brooklyn.
Miss Lily's	West Village	January 2016	A-	<i>Caribbean.</i> Ample portions of tasty food at a reasonable price. The corn on the cob appetizer and the jerk chicken were exceptional. Pleasant service; the atmosphere is fun and noisy.
Mission Chinese Food	Lower East Side	June 2018	A-	<i>Chinese.</i> Tasty, spicy and innovative Szechuan food. Try the Kung Pao Pastrami and the Green Tea Noodles. Service was exceptionally pleasant and efficient.
Miznon	Chelsea	May 2019	A	<i>Israeli.</i> Upscale versions of middle eastern dishes. The food was interesting, tasty, and not very expensive. Service was friendly. The place is hectic and noisy—difficult to have a conversation.
Modern Bar Room	West 50s	June 2009	A+	<i>American.</i> We ate in the Bar Room. The food was innovative, delicious, and beautifully presented. Service was attentive and pleasant. A little pricey, but great for a special occasion.
Molyvos	West 50s	September 2006	A	<i>Greek.</i> Tasty and interesting. Pre-theater menu a good

		October 2014	A-	deal. Try the fava bean appetizer and stuffed cabbage.
		December 2014	A-	Another terrific dinner. Everything was terrific, although the roast chicken was a little dry.
		February 2015	A-	Another fine meal. If you tell them that you need to get out by a certain time, they will certainly accommodate you, so an excellent choice if you're going to the theater. Everything just fine, as always.
Momofuko Ssam Bar	East Village	August 2016	B	<i>Asian.</i> Some of the dishes were amazing, like the brisket. But the duck was tough, and the appetizer buns were sort of dry. Service was excellent. Seating is communal, so if you're in a party of two, you may have company.
Momofuku (Noodle Bar)	East Village	May 2008 March 2010 May 2010	A A A	<i>Noodles.</i> Wonderful upscale noodle shop. The deconstructed pork bun was delicious—whole pieces of succulent pork rather than the usual shredded stuff. The ramen soup had beautifully cooked pieces of chicken. There are no reservations; so if you don't like lines, go early. [March 2010: still wonderful food, but when they say that something is spicy, they mean it.]
		October 2012	A	Another fine meal.
Momofuku Noodle Bar	Columbus Circle	January 2019	B+	<i>Noodles.</i> To a large extent, this lives up to the Momofuku reputation—pork buns were great, as were the ginger scallion noodles. But the ramen wasn't special, and the pulled pork buns were dry. Service was super efficient, and very friendly.
Mont Blanc	Theater District	May 2011	B	<i>Swiss.</i> This would be a nice spot for a slightly unusual pre-theater dinner. The raclette was tasty, and it was fun using the associated apparatus. Very nice service.

Monte's Trattoria	Greenwich Village	August 2018	A-	<i>Italian.</i> An old-style restaurant serving excellent traditional red-sauce Italian. Try the stuffed mushrooms and the eggplant parmigiana. Portions were ample and the prices quite reasonable. Service was on the slow side.
Monteleone	Brooklyn	June 2014	B	<i>Dessert.</i> Standard Italian pastries. The cannoli was very good; the éclair was kind of mediocre.
Morandi	West Village	February 2018	A	<i>Italian.</i> Pastas are cooked perfectly, and the sauces were very tasty. The meatball and grilled chicken main courses were excellent. Pleasant service. But note: This place is very noisy. Be prepared to shout if you want to carry on a conversation.
Mr. White	East Village	April 2018	B-	<i>Southern.</i> Everything was okay, nothing great. Service was efficient and pleasant.
Myzel Chocolates	West 50s	October 2013	A	<i>Candy.</i> Delicious chocolate candy, expensive but not as bad as a lot of places in Manhattan. This time I tried the truffles. They did not disappoint.
		January 2014	A	
Nannis	East 40s	March 2007	A-	<i>Italian.</i> Solid, the dinner crowd includes lots of businessmen.
Nano Ecuadorian Kitchen	Hell's Kitchen	March 2017	A	<i>Ecuadorian.</i> This hole-in-the-wall place has tasty food served in good-sized portions. The service is excellent and the prices are low. And it's not noisy.
Narcissa	East Village	June 2015	A	<i>American.</i> The interpretations of traditional dishes were excellent (try the meatloaf or the gnocchi), and so were the new creations (carrots Wellington). The chocolate tart dessert was also terrific. It's a little pricey, but not outlandish. Service was fine; the noise level a little too high for my taste.

Naya	East 50s	March 2011	A+	<i>Lebanese</i> . Fantastic food. Best beef kebab ever. The room is long and thin, the space is used very creatively. In effect, everyone ends up with their own booth. Another terrific meal
		August 2012	A	
Negril	Chelsea	December 2006	C-	<i>Jamaican</i> . Friendly and fun. The food is interesting, but they don't quite bring it off. The corn soup had too much flour, the mashed sweet potato side dish wasn't hot, and the fish was slightly mealy.
Neptune Room	Upper West	May 2007	A	<i>Seafood</i> . Tasty and interesting seafood served in substantial portions. Delicious crab cakes. The service was a little slow.
New Bo-Ky	Chinatown	July 2007	A-	<i>Noodles</i> . Wonderful noodle soups. Cheap. Fast service. On the other hand, servers literally can't speak English, and they are more than a little brusque. On balance, a fun experience.
Ngam	East Village	January 2017	A-	<i>Thai</i> . Some of the dishes were tasty and unusual, such as the lamb pot pie. Others were just so-so, like the papaya pad thai. But I think that I just might not have ordered very well, so I'm giving this place the benefit of the doubt. It's worth another visit. Prices were reasonable, and service was very efficient. Everything was tasty; I especially liked the green curry and the chicken wings.
		May 2017	A-	
Nha Trang	Chinatown	September 2006	B	<i>Vietnamese</i> . Fast, cheap, and fun, but basically the food was uninteresting.
Nightingale 9	Brooklyn	June 2014	A	<i>Vietnamese</i> . Tasty and interesting food, in an informal setting with pleasant and efficient service. Try the pork shoulder with rice noodles dish. The reasonable prices push it into the A category.
Nino's Tuscany	Midtown West	December 2007	B-	<i>Italian</i> . Solid, not very creative, excellent service. This

				place is very expensive, and not worth it.
Nirvana	Murray Hill	April 2010	A	. Tasty and interesting food, fine service.
Nocello	West 50s	November 2012	A	<i>Italian.</i> Excellent food, and the \$37 fixed price menu is a real bargain. Try the ravioli stuffed with duck.
Noche Mexicana	Upper West Side	February 2013	B+	<i>Mexican.</i> The food at this somewhat out of the way place is hearty and tasty, though nothing special. But the prices are amazingly low for what you get. Service was pleasant but a bit slow.
Noir	East 50s	June 2013	A	<i>American.</i> This place has a lot going for it. The room is beautiful, and not very noisy. The food was excellent, although not particularly creative. The service was also excellent. My only reservation is that it might be a bit on the pricey side given the (admittedly high) quality of the food.
		October 2013	A	Another fine meal. It would've gotten an A+ except that the French fries were limp.
NoMad	Chelsea	April 2013	A	<i>American.</i> On the plus side, the food was generally terrific. Roast chicken was as amazing as its reputation, and the pear dessert was innovative and delicious. On the minus side, the room was too noisy for my taste, and despite the presence of a very friendly and attentive wait staff, the service was a bit uneven. All in all, though, this is a fine place for a special occasion.
Noodle Bar	West Village	July 2015	A	<i>Noodles.</i> I had some tasty fried tofu for an appetizer, and a big bowl of delicious Singapore noodles for a main course. Cost: \$18 including tip! The room is bare bones, but service was very pleasant. Cash only.

North End Grill [closed]	Battery Park	November 2015	A+	<i>American.</i> Inventive and delicious food, great service, and a striking room. Much less cramped than the typical Manhattan restaurant. Try the incredible duck fat French fries and the clam pizza. A bit pricey, but worth it.
North River	East Village	March 2014	B+	<i>American.</i> Tasty and nicely prepared. Most of the dishes weren't very interesting except for an appetizer, which was pork belly on a coconut donut. Yeah, I know it sounds crazy, but it really worked. Service was pleasant but a little slow.
North Square	West Village	July 2008 October 2010 April 2011	A- A A-	<i>American.</i> Solid, not very creative, good service. Beautifully prepared American food; prix fixe is a great deal, good service. Still good food; service a little slow
Northern Spy Food Co.	East Village	February 2016	B+	<i>American.</i> Some of the dishes, Inssuch as the roast chicken, were terrific. But others were not so great, and the fries in beef fat were disappointing. The atmosphere is cozy, and the service was excellent.
Nougatine at Jean-Georges	Upper West Side	December 2015 May 2016	A+ A	<i>American.</i> Every dish was delicious and interesting. Be sure to try the tuna tartare appetizer and the pork chop main entrée. The atmosphere was both informal and elegant, and the service outstanding. And we saw Mark Wahlberg sitting a couple tables away! A bit pricey, but try it for a special occasion. I was going back and forth between an A and an A+. The service was great, and the dishes were all excellent. I loved the rhubarb tart for dessert, and the crab salad appetizer was superb. But the food didn't arrive at the table as hot as it should have been, and the bun with the lobster burger was soggy. Still, I'd go back here for a special occasion. Oh yeah, on the way out, I think I saw Bruce Willis there.

		January 2017	A	Another wonderful eating experience. The foie gras appetizer and the main course tenderloin steak were outstanding, as was the citrus pavlova for dessert. The veal dish was sort of blah; otherwise the grade would've been better.
		January 2019	A	Another fine meal. Roast chicken was great—crispy skin and moist and tender meat.
Nur	Flatiron District	March 2019	A-	<i>Middle Eastern.</i> Upscale food with Middle Eastern accents. The dishes were intensely flavored and interesting. Not everything was perfect—the shrimp “kneidlach” were tough and didn't quite work. I'm being a bit fussy here because the prices are very high, so one expects everything to be just right. Service was excellent.
O.G.	East Village	January 2007	A	<i>Asian.</i> Excellent and creative pan-Asian cuisine. Friendly and unpretentious service. Try the dumplings.
Obao	Hell's Kitchen	October 2014	B	<i>Thai.</i> Pad thai was very good, the chicken noodle soup was boring, as was the fried tofu. Prices are reasonable, and the service was pleasant but a bit slow.
		December 2018	A-	I went here again only because it was Christmas night and we couldn't find a convenient place that would take a reservation. I'm glad we did. All of the dishes were at least pretty good, and the Khao Soi (noodles in a spicy coconut milk sauce) was terrific. Putting this together with low prices and brisk but friendly service makes for a place that's worth visiting.
Obica	Flatiron District	April 2017	A-	<i>Italian.</i> If you like mozzarella cheese, you'll love this place. It serves several varieties, and all of the ones we tried were delicious. The lasagna is simple but rich and tasty. The prosciutto pizza was also yummy. The room is striking, and the service was very solicitous.

Oda House	East Village	October 2016	A-	<i>Georgian</i> . Delicious and hearty food. Loved the bread stuffed with cheese and the salmon main course. The Georgian salad was good too. The lamb stew was a little disappointing; too much tarragon. Prices reasonable, servings ample, and service was brusque but efficient. Oh yeah—It was really noisy. Not a good place for an intimate conversation.
Ofrenda	West Village	April 2011	A	<i>Mexican</i> . Excellent food and an enjoyable, informal ambiance. The service was very friendly, but they had trouble getting all the dishes to the table at the same time. Another wonderful meal, and this time there was no problem at all with the service. And it's not very expensive either. Ditto I like this place, but if you're over 30, don't go there on a Saturday night. Too noisy, and they really couldn't handle the crowd, so the service deteriorated. The food is reliably tasty. Try the fish tacos and the enchiladas verdes. Service was fine.
		October 2011	A	
		October 2012	A	
		June 2015	A-	
		April 2018	A-	
Olana [closed]	Gramercy Park	December 2008	A	<i>American</i> . Excellent and inventive food. Try the gnocchi with scallops and spinach. Portions were a bit small. Still great food, and this time the portions seemed generous to me. It's a beautiful room.
		October 2009	A	
Old School Brooklyn	Brooklyn	September 2013	A	<i>Italian</i> . Delicious. I especially liked the pasta with meat sauce and the baked ricotta. Service was very friendly and efficient, and the prices were moderate.
Ollie's	West 60s	December 2009	B-	<i>Chinese</i> . Solid but undistinguished. Service is brusque, but fast. If you're in a rush and want to get fed with no frills, this is the place.

Omai	Chelsea	August 2007	C	<i>Vietnamese</i> . Uneven quality. Some good appetizers, but some main courses were poor (dry duck, warmed-over riblets)
		January 2012	B	Better this time, but there are still better Vietnamese places in Manhattan.
Omen	SoHo	September 2007	B+	<i>Japanese</i> . I just don't like Japanese food all that much. But the service was nice and the food was well-prepared.
One If By Land	Greenwich Village	July 2009	A+	<i>American</i> . The room is gorgeous, the new American food is innovative, and the staff is gracious (although our server wasn't quite as attentive as she could have been). Some of the food was relatively traditional (chicken galantine), while some was very modern (a mascarpone cheesecake with some odd accompanying items that somehow worked), but it was all terrific. We went during restaurant week; sometime if I'm feeling rich, I'll go again.
		September 2009	A+	Another great meal. Service was better; this time, though, it struck me as somewhat stiff.
One Upon a Tart	West Village	May 2015	A-	<i>Dessert</i> . I had a very good tart (walnut chocolate). I didn't love it, but that might be because it was the end of the day, and they didn't have any of the varieties that I really wanted. Might be worth another visit.
Orchard	Lower East Side	October 2008	A	<i>American</i> . Tasty and creative food. Try the mushroom flatbread.
Oriental Garden	Chinatown	March 2010	C+	<i>Chinese</i> . The food was not particularly tasty or creative.
Ortobello	Bensonhurst	May 2009	B-	<i>Italian</i> . So-so southern Italian food, large portions, prix fixe is a good deal. Service very slow.
Osteria Il Paiolo	Brooklyn	September 2012	A	<i>Italian</i> . The food is hearty and intensely flavored, but at the same time very sophisticated. Try the duck in a light fruity sauce. Service was pleasant but a bit slow.

		June 2013	B+	Food was good, but not as good as I remembered it being during my previous visit. Service was still pleasant and slow.
Otto	Greenwich Village	January 2009	C	<i>Italian.</i> On balance, just okay. Mushroom pizza was good; the tomato sauce on my pasta had way too much tomato paste. The service was pleasant and efficient. Real problem: As far as I can tell, reservations don't mean much here. Instead of getting a table at the appointed time, all you get is the right to enter a queue starting at that time.
Ouest	Upper West	April 2007	A	<i>American.</i> Delicious. Everything was perfect; I especially liked the gnocchi in rabbit sauce. A little expensive, but not outrageous.
Ouest	Chelsea	September 2016	B+	<i>Italian.</i> Okay red sauce Italian. Grade would've been a B, but the prices are pretty low. Service was speedy and pleasant.
Pain d'Epices	West 70s	September 2017	A	<i>Bakery.</i> I've been to this place several times, but never got around to writing it up. The breakfast pastries are superb. I especially like the apple turnovers, but the cinnamon bun and cheese Danish are also terrific. The dessert pastries look great, but I haven't tried them—yet.
Palma	West Village	October 2010	A-	<i>Italian.</i> The food at the southern Italian place was tasty and well prepared. I especially liked the crepes filled with ricotta for a main course. Service was pleasant but slow.
Pam Real Thai	West 40s	November 2013	A-	<i>Thai.</i> Don't expect any subtlety here—just intensely flavored Thai food. The place is a little grubby and a little cramped, but the food is very good and a great bargain. Service was just fine as well.
Pampano	Midtown East	February 2007	A+	<i>Mexican.</i> This lovely restaurant brings Mexican food to

		October 2008	A+	new heights, with beautifully prepared and presented seafood dishes.[October 2008: everything still great]
Pamplona	Gramercy Park	September 2007	B+	<i>Spanish.</i> The food was interesting and well-prepared. But the portions were too small, and the menu was quite limited. I'd recommend this place for drinks and tapas, but not for a full meal.
Paowalla	SoHo	June 2017	A-	<i>Indian Fusion.</i> Tasty, spicy, and unusual dishes. Try the pork ribs vindaloo and the black pepper shrimp. Service was excellent. But for these prices, they really should have provided some rice, and maybe even some vegetables, on the side. And for four bucks, more than one piece of naan would have been nice.
Papatzul	Soho	November 2008	A-	<i>Mexican.</i> Tasty food. Service was friendly but a little slow. The fish tacos were terrific and a bargain. On a second visit, I had brunch here. Again, it was excellent, and definitely a bargain. Increased the grade from A- to A.
		January 2010	A	
		July 2013	A	Again, excellent food, pleasant service, and reasonable prices.
Paradou	Meatpacking	May 2009	C-	<i>Bistro.</i> This French bistro is mediocre in every respect. Menu was unimaginative and the dishes weren't very tasty. Service was pleasant but slow, and the furnishings looked like they came from a thrift shop.
Parc Café	Midtown	January 2007	B-	<i>Café.</i> If you want a grilled cheese sandwich, milk shake and fries at a reasonable price, check out this unpretentious deli. Service was fast and pleasant.
Parea [closed]	Flatiron	June 2012	A	<i>Greek.</i> I think this is the best Greek food I've had. Tasty and interesting dishes, attractive space, and extremely good service.
		January 2013	A	

Parlor	Tribeca	January 2015	B	<i>American.</i> I was taken to this attractive private club by a friend. The menu is fixed (except there are two choices for main course) and the food was tasty.
Pasha	Upper West	October 2006	A-	<i>Turkish.</i> Well-prepared food. Great for pre-theater.
Pastrami Queen	Upper East Side	July 2013	A	<i>Delicatessen.</i> We did take-out at this deli place. Ordered pastrami, brisket, and corned beef, plus some rye bread and coleslaw. It was great. As far as I'm concerned, it's better than Katz's or Carnegie Deli.
Patsy's	West 50s	February 2009	A-	<i>Italian.</i> We were met at the door by a crabby old man who told us that our table wasn't ready. Things improved after that. The wait staff was pleasant, and the food is about as good as typical southern Italian food gets.
Peasant	Soho	March 2014	B	<i>Italian.</i> I'd heard great things about this place, but it was sort of disappointing. Nothing was bad, but nothing was very interesting either, although I really liked the thin-crust pizza.
Pepolino	Tribeca	October 2013	A	<i>Italian.</i> Terrific, though a bit pricey, upscale Italian food. Try the spinach soufflé appetizer—it was amazing.
Pera	Midtown East	April 2015	B	<i>Turkish.</i> Pretty good, but not good enough to justify the prices. Attractive space.
Pera Soho	Soho	December 2013	A-	<i>Turkish.</i> Very tasty. Service was pleasant, could have been a bit more attentive.
Perbaco	East Village	November 2012	B+	<i>Italian.</i> Excellent food. I especially liked the deep-fried polenta appetizer. The service was slow. Also, when I entered the restaurant, I had to stand around a long time until someone came to greet and take me to a table. There are a lot of very fine Italian places in NYC; I don't

				see any particular reason to come back to this one, even though I liked the food.
Perilla [closed]	West Village	June 2014	A	<i>American.</i> Beautifully prepared food, with interesting and unusual flavor combinations that somehow work. If you don't believe me, try the basil ice cream sundae for dessert. Service was excellent.
Periyali	Flatiron	February 2016	B-	<i>Greek.</i> Disappointing. The roast chicken was dry, and the moussaka tasted as if it had been reheated several times. On the plus side, the service was prompt, and the servings were ample.
Perry Street	West Village	March 2011 June 2015	A B+	<i>American.</i> Excellent food served in a stylish, modern space with a great view of the river. Excellent appetizers, good main courses, and outstanding desserts. Service was very attentive. All in all, very good, but not quite worth the high prices.
Petee's	Brooklyn	June 2018	A+	<i>Dessert.</i> Amazing pie. Apparently they have a place on the LES, and I hope that I'll have a chance to try it as well.
Petrossian	Midtown	August 2007	B-	<i>American.</i> Food a bit uneven given the prices. Risotto and dessert clafouti were outstanding, but the duck and skate were dry. Service was formal but pleasant.
Piccolo Angolo	Village	August 2006	A-	<i>Italian.</i> Very well prepared, simple Italian food at a good price. But the place is too crowded—waiters literally bump into you as they walk around.
Pier 9 [Closed]	West 50s	February 2012	A	<i>Comfort food.</i> I think of the specialty of this place as being less seafood than upscale comfort food. Lobster roll and lobster mac and cheese were both particularly good.

Pierre Lapin	West Village	March 2019	A	<i>Bistro</i> . Classic French food. It's a bit expensive, but everything was excellent. Try the coquilles saint Jacques and the pot au feu. Service was friendly and efficient. And it was quiet enough so that we could actually have a conversation.
Pig and Khao	Lower East Side	August 2013	A	<i>Asian fusion</i> . Tasty and creative.. There was a lot of stuff on the menu that didn't appeal to me (e.g., pig's head), but there were plenty of dishes for those with more conventional tastes.
		January 2017	A+	Everything was tasty. Try the noodles with chicken (a little bit on the spicy side), the ribs, and the prawns. Also loved the coconut rice. The service was super efficient. The music was too loud, but the food was so good that I didn't care.
Pinch Chinese	SoHo	June 2017	A	<i>Chinese</i> . This place is best known for its soup dumplings, but I thought that the cumin ribs and dan-dan noodles were really great—creative and tasty. Service was very pleasant, although a bit slow.
Pio Pio	East 40s	September 2012	A	<i>Peruvian</i> . Simple and hearty food, good prices. Try the Pio chicken. Service was pleasant and efficient. I wish the music hadn't been so loud, but it was still possible to have a conversation. This place is certainly worth a visit.
Pippali	Murray Hill	February 2016	A-	<i>Indian</i> . Tasty and interesting dishes, good service, and good-sized portions.
Pizzetteria Brunetti	Greenwich Village	July 2016	B+	<i>Pizza</i> . Good pizza, although I prefer a crispy crust, and here it is soft. Don't neglect the appetizers; the rice balls were terrific. Service was pleasant and efficient.

Place, The	West Village	January 2016	A-	<i>American.</i> Every dish was tasty and well-prepared. It's a lovely space. Service was very pleasant, although a bit slow.
Plaza Food Court	Upper West Side	August 2013	B	<i>Food court.</i> We went to several of the stands. Had a hoagie, a crab roll, a Panini, and a piece of quiche. Each was good but not great, and probably not worth the price.
Pok Pok	Brooklyn	July 2018	A-	<i>Thai.</i> Tasty food, ample portions, reasonable prices. Try the beef curry and the chicken wings.
Pongal	Murray Hill	August 2014	B+	<i>Indian, Vegetarian.</i> I liked the dosas; the bread was sort of doughy. Service was speedy but not very attentive.
Ponty Bistro	Gramercy Park	March 2013	B	<i>French-African.</i> This place is advertised as French-African fusion, but I couldn't detect any African influences. It was pretty much solid American food with a few French dishes. It was packed and very noisy. Service was pleasant.
Porsena	East Village	April 2016	A-	<i>Italian.</i> Very tasty pastas, reasonable prices and attentive service.
Post House	East 60s	December 2011	B+	<i>Steak.</i> I had a nice filet at this expensive, old-fashioned steak house. Sides were good, not great. The room is very noisy.
Prem-on	SoHo	July 2008 May 2009	B+ B+	<i>Thai.</i> Solid food, pleasant service, very reasonable prices. [May 2009: Ditto]
Prime Meats	Brooklyn	July 2011	B+	<i>Central European.</i> Good central European comfort food; pleasant and informal ambience.

Prime Meats	Brooklyn	August 2014	A	<i>German.</i> Good-sized and tasty portions of traditional foods like sausage, sauerkraut, and spaetzle. There were also some items that aren't exactly German, like grilled octopus, but so what. It was all fun, informal, and relatively inexpensive.
Print	West 40s	January 2013	B	<i>American.</i> Nicely prepared food, but not quite good enough to justify the high prices. The gnocchi with goat cheese appetizer was wonderful, but the roast duck main course was a little tough, and the sea bass was sort of boring. The breads were exceptional. Service was excellent.
Puddin'	East Village	August 2014	A	<i>Dessert.</i> The name of this little place says it all. I tried the butterscotch. The flavor was intense, and the texture creamy. Yum.
Pure Thai Cookhouse	Hell's Kitchen	August 2016	A+	<i>Thai.</i> Wonderful noodles, and be sure to get the dumplings. Portions are a little small, so next time I will probably get two appetizers. Note: This is a tiny place with no reservations. Get there very early unless you don't mind standing in lines.
		September 2016	B+	We did takeout this time. Most of the food was very good, but in one of the dishes, the meat was fatty and tough.
		December 2017	A	Takeout again. Everything was excellent. The appetizers were particularly special—ribs and buns.
Pye Boat Noodle	Queens	September 2017	B	<i>Thai.</i> The beef noodle dish was excellent and the dumplings were fine. But the meat in the pork and crab noodle dish was stringy and fatty, and the fried tofu had no taste and a tough texture. The place gets points for very low prices and very efficient service.

Pylos	East Village	October 2015	A-	<i>Greek</i> . Cool setting (the ceiling is covered in clay pots); hearty food, some of which was pretty inventive (try the artichoke moussaka); and very friendly and efficient service.
Queen of Sheba	Midtown West	March 2008 June 2009	A- B+	<i>Ethiopian</i> . The food was delicious, but the service was so chaotic that I really can't recommend it very strongly. June 2009: I thought that the dishes all sort of tasted the same, so I downgraded it from A- to B+.
Rai Rai Ken	East Village	February 2007	A-	<i>Chinese</i> . Only counter service at this tiny hole-in-the wall. Chipped cutlery, no ambience, but it's fast, and the soups and dumplings are very good. Cheap.
Rain	Upper West	October 2006	A-	<i>Asian fusion</i> . Very tasty. Especially liked the coconut chicken soup.
Ramen Tokumi	Union Square	January 2012	B+	<i>Noodles</i> . The only reason we ended up here was that there was a 45 minute wait at Ippudo. But the noodles and soups were excellent, and the service was speedy.
Raoul's	Soho	January 2013	A-	<i>Bistro</i> . Very tasty bistro food. The tarte tatin was really special. It's a little loud for my tastes; if you care about this, try to get a seat in the back room, which is relatively quiet. Service was attentive and friendly.
Raymi	Flatiron	March 2013 March 2016 November 2016	A+ A- A	<i>Peruvian</i> . This Peruvian-fusion place, like its sibling Zengo, is marvelous. Food, service, and ambience were all outstanding. Try the whole chicken for two—you won't be disappointed. Corn cake appetizer was outstanding; the chicken was very good, but the French fries were just okay. The room is striking, and the service exceedingly pleasant. Another fine meal. The whole chicken, served with potatoes, did not disappoint. The scallops were excellent, as was the quinoa salad appetizer.

Rayuela	Lower East Side	August 2010	A	<p><i>Latin fusion.</i> Delicious food served in a lovely space. I especially liked the tuna appetizer and the scallop main course.</p> <p>Another fine meal—interesting and tasty food, good service.</p> <p>The beef tacos and the dessert panna cotta were terrific, but the paella and the grilled scallops, while very good, were not great. Service was pleasant but a bit on the slow side.</p>
		August 2012	A	
		July 2014	B+	
Red Cat	Chelsea	March 2007	A	<p><i>American.</i> Well prepared food with excellent service. Try the foie gras appetizer.</p> <p>Everything was delicious. Amazing pork chop. The service was good; but the noise level was too high.</p> <p>Every dish was flawless. The watermelon and feta salad was amazing. The roast chicken was tasty and moist, and the risotto was creamy and intensely flavored. Service was excellent.</p>
		April 2014	A	
		September 2017	A+	
Remi	West 50s	May 2012	A	<p><i>Italian.</i> This place is a little bit pricey, but the food is beautifully prepared, and the portions are ample. Try one of the pasta dishes. The room is striking, and the service pleasant and attentive.</p> <p>Another fine meal. Try the artichoke appetizer.</p> <p>Terrific. Try the pasta with asparagus and crab.</p> <p>Appetizers were terrific—I especially liked the scallops on a cauliflower risotto. Main courses were very good as well.</p> <p>Another fine meal.</p>
		February 2013	A	
		April 2014	A	
		June 2015	A-	
		December 2018	A-	
Resto	Gramercy Park	November 2008	B+	<p><i>Belgian.</i> Noisy and fun. The deviled eggs, hamburgers, and fries were all good. Service was efficient and very friendly.</p>

Rice 'n Beans	Hell's Kitchen	May 2015	C+	<i>Brazilian.</i> The food was tasty, and the service was really pleasant. But some of the meat in the feijoada—which is the specialty of the house--was unpalatable.
Rin Thai Cuisine	Chelsea	August 2013	C	<i>Thai.</i> Nothing special. The duck dish, which was a special, was tough.
Ritz Asia	Greenwich Village	October 2009	B+	<i>Asian.</i> The food at this pan-Asian place was better than I was expecting, given that it serves dishes from a wildly diverse set of cuisines. The service was pleasant but very slow.
Roberto Passon	Hell's Kitchen	October 2007	A	<i>Italian.</i> Very nicely prepared Italian. The pumpkin ravioli were superb, as was the poached pear for dessert. Service was friendly and fast.
		June 2009	B	Undistinguished traditional Italian food. I downgraded it from an A to a B.
Rocking Horse Café	Chelsea	August 2009	A-	<i>Mexican.</i> This place was too loud for my tastes, but the food was excellent, the servings were ample, and the service was pleasant and efficient.
		February 2013	B+	Another fine meal. This time it didn't seem as loud to me, but the food wasn't quite as good. Go figure.
Room 4 Dessert	Nolita	February 2007	A-	<i>Dessert.</i> Over-the-top, super-refined desserts. You sit at a counter, served by attentive and charming waiters. I got a kick out of it, but I'm not sure I would go for a second time.
Rosa Mexicano	Upper East	December 2006	A	<i>Mexican.</i> Tasty, spicy and interesting. The duck empanada appetizer was really good. Very fast service.
Rosa Mexicano—Union Square	Union Square	February 2016	A+	<i>Mexican.</i> There are several of these places in Manhattan, and I generally assume that chain restaurant food won't be very good. But I couldn't find fault with anything. Every dish was delicious and the prices were reasonable.

				Also, the room was striking and the service excellent.
Rose Water	Brooklyn	May 2012	A	<i>American.</i> Excellent. This is an intimate (okay, cramped) place with creative and well-prepared food. Service was pleasant and attentive, although a bit slow. Try the polenta main course, and the grilled shrimp appetizer.
Rosie's	East Village	December 2015	A-	<i>Mexican.</i> Lighter versions of traditional Mexican restaurant fare. Everything was tasty; try the fish tacos. Service was a bit slow, and the noise level was pretty high.
Roth's Westside Steakhouse	Upper West	June 2007	B	<i>Steak.</i> Excellent ribs and clam/lobster chowder. Creamed spinach wasn't quite tender enough, and mashed potatoes, while tasty, weren't hot. Very fast service.
Rothschild's	Brooklyn	March 2011	A-	<i>American.</i> The food is tasty, the servings are generous, and the service is friendly.
Rouge et Blanc	Soho	November 2012	A-	<i>French/Vietnamese.</i> Tasty food. Quibbles: menu was somewhat limited, and I don't understand why they put eggs on top of so many of their dishes. Service was pleasant and attentive, but a bit slow.
Rouge Tomate	Upper East Side	August 2010	C	<i>American.</i> Beautiful spacious room and fine service. But aside from the corn soup appetizer, the food was just too weird. Wouldn't recommend it.
Rubirosa Ristorante	NoLita	January 2019	A+	<i>Pizza/Italian.</i> This place is best known for its thin-crust pizza, which is, indeed, amazing. But the other dishes were superb as well: Caesar salad, rice balls, and pasta with pepper and pecorino cheese. Service was friendly and efficient. A bit noisy, but who cares with food this

				good.
Russ & Daughters Café	Lower East Side	July 2014	A-	<i>Delicatessen.</i> Excellent lox and chopped liver; superb knishes and blintzes. Couldn't give it a straight A because the potato pancakes weren't up to snuff. Service was very friendly and efficient.
Russ and Daughters	Lower East Side	September 2013	A	<i>Delicatessen.</i> This takeout place has outstanding lox, bagels, and cream cheese. I also liked the Romanian style eggplant salad. The Jewish-style pastries (rugelach, hamentaschen) were okay, not great.
Ruth's Chris Steak House	West 50s	January 2011	A-	<i>Steak.</i> We ate here during restaurant week. The soups were okay, the sides were very good, and the steak (which, of course, is the main reason for being there) was superb. The cheesecake dessert was also excellent. Service was friendly and efficient.
Safran	Chelsea	December 2006	B+	<i>Vietnamese-French.</i> The dishes were all very good, but except for the dragon roll appetizer, none was really special. Good service
Saigon Grill [Closed]	Upper West	November 2006	A-	<i>Vietnamese.</i> The grilled pork chops were especially good—tasty and very tender.
Sala	Flatiron	January 2010	A-	<i>Tapas.</i> The food was interesting and excellent. The crowd was young and noisy, so if you're looking for a quiet conversation, this is not the place.
Sala 19	Chelsea	June 2015	B	<i>Tapas.</i> The dishes ran from good (shrimp) to excellent (grilled chorizos), but neither the quality nor quantity really justified the prices. Very noisy.
Sala Thai	Upper West Side	January 2019	A-	<i>Thai.</i> Tasty food, and brisk but pleasant service. Try the dumplings with crepe skins appetizer and the pork belly main course.

San Domenico's	Upper West	December 2007	A-	<i>Italian.</i> Very well-prepared food. My dessert was particularly innovative--floating island on a bed of grapefruit ganita. I'm just not sure that the meal was special enough to merit the high price.
San Pietro	East	September 2006	A-	<i>Italian.</i> Wonderful food, but given the extremely high prices, maybe it should've been a little better. E.g., the fish cake appetizer was a little dry. Good place to go if someone else is paying.
Santa Fe	Upper West	March 2007	B-	<i>Mexican.</i> It's not Rosa Mexicano, but this is a solid Tex-Mex place with fast service, good for a quick meal before going to Lincoln Center.
Sapa	Flatiron	October 2007	B-	<i>Vietnamese-French.</i> The room at this place is striking and some of the dishes (e.g., lobster salad) were excellent. But the service was slow, and the pork was undercooked.
Sapphire	Upper West	October 2006 January 2013 April 2013	A- A- A-	<i>Indian.</i> Tasty food. Not super innovative, but it was definitely a cut above the typical Indian place. Another fine meal. On this visit, the service wasn't up to snuff. The waiters weren't coordinated with each other, and it took forever to get the check.
Saravanaa Bhavan	Murray Hill	November 2011	A	<i>Indian.</i> The vegetarian food was creative and delicious, and a great bargain at the price. The service was brusque but fast.
Sarge's Deli	Murray Hill	July 2017	A-	<i>Deli.</i> Corned beef and especially the pastrami are terrific. Sides are just okay. But the reason you come to a place like this is for the meat.

Sauce	Lower East Side	July 2014	A	<i>Italian.</i> Conventional red sauce Italian, but beautifully prepared and quite inexpensive. Pastas were outstanding, as were the fried zucchini sticks. There's loud music, but it's still possible to carry on a conversation. Not quite as good this time. The zucchini soup was terrific, but the tomato sauce on the gnocchi was boring. Service was pleasant but slow.
		July 2014	A-	
Saul	Brooklyn	September 2008	C	<i>American.</i> The food was uneven. The porchetta appetizer was borderline acceptable, the scallops were good but a bit gritty, and the short ribs of beef were excellent. Service was terrific--efficient and friendly.
Schmackary's	West 40s	November 2013	A	<i>Dessert.</i> Great cookies, some with exotic flavors.
		October 2014	A	Ditto. Try the German chocolate brownie for an incredible sugar rush.
Scottadito	Brooklyn	April 2012	A-	<i>Italian.</i> Generous servings of hearty food. Friendly and attentive service.
Sea Grill	West 40s	October 2009	B+	<i>American.</i> The food here is very good, but not for the price. What you're really paying for is the spectacular view of the skating rink at Rockefeller Plaza.
Seasonal	West 50s	October 2009	A-	<i>Austrian.</i> The food was sophisticated and beautifully prepared. It's expensive, and I would have appreciated somewhat larger portions.
Second Avenue Deli	Murray Hill	April 2009	A-	<i>Delicatessen.</i> Corned beef, chopped liver and hot dogs were all fine. Service was fast and pleasant.
Second Avenue Deli	Upper East Side	May 2015	A-	<i>Delicatessen.</i> Excellent corned beef, pastrami, and brisket. Service was brusque and efficient—just what you expect in a Jewish deli. Pastrami and corned beef were outstanding; the sides,
			A-	

		January 2017 February 2018 November 2018	A- A- A	like the potato knish, were just okay. Yep, the pastrami and corned beef were great. Potato salad was just okay. Another satisfying meal. Corned beef and chopped liver were excellent and the potato kugel was very good as well.
Seersuckers [closed]	Brooklyn	June 2013	A+	<i>Comfort food.</i> This friendly place features inventive and delicious upscale versions of Southern comfort food. Try the ricotta dumplings for an appetizer and the fried chicken for a main course.
Serafina	West 50s	February 2011	A-	<i>Italian.</i> Food was not terribly innovative, but it was well-prepared and tasty, and the service was fine. Tiramisu was wonderful.
Sevilla	West Village	December 2012	B-	<i>Spanish.</i> It's hard to know just what to make of this place. The bread and complementary salad were what you'd expect to get in a so-so diner. The appetizers and main courses were very tasty, but not great. The service was efficient, and the price was reasonable. So, it's a good place for the price, I guess.
Shake Shack	Flatiron	October 2010	B-	<i>Hamburgers.</i> Maybe my expectations were too high. The hamburger was good, not great. The chocolate milk shake was excellent.
Shalezeh	Upper East Side	July 2013	A	<i>Persian.</i> Tasty and interesting. The portions were ample, and the service was efficient and pleasant. This place is a winner.
Shang [Closed]	Lower East Side	February 2010 September 2010	A+ A+	<i>Asian Fusion.</i> A bit pricey, but every dish was creative and delicious. Room is striking. Service was a bit slow, but on the other hand, they were super gracious when I spilled my ginger ale all over the place. Another wonderful meal; food and service were superb.

Shanghai Cuisine	Chinatown	March 2012	C	<i>Chinese.</i> The best that can be said of this place is that it's okay. You can do much better if you're in Chinatown.
Shanghai Joe's	West 50s	March 2009 November 2010	B B-	<i>Chinese.</i> Soup dumplings and scallion pancakes were outstanding. Main courses weren't that exciting, but that may be because we didn't order wisely. Again, soup dumplings are really good, but the main courses weren't particularly inspired.
Shelsky's of Brooklyn	Brooklyn	September 2017	B	<i>Deli.</i> The pastrami was great, the corned beef was okay, the knish was okay, and the blintzes were great. Given the very high prices, everything should have been outstanding.
Shorty Tang	Chelsea	July 2017	B+	<i>Noodles.</i> Sesame noodles were outstanding. Stir fried snow peas and pork buns were just okay. I had read that the servings were on the small side, so I ordered more stuff than I normally would have. Service was pleasant and really fast. At these noodle places, it's always fun to sit at the counter and watch the cooks at work.
Shuka	West Village	March 2018	A-	<i>Middle eastern.</i> Innovative and tasty fare. The Lahmjoun (flatbread with a thin layer of ground beef and tomato) and smashed sweet potato appetizers were especially noteworthy. In fact, everything was excellent, except the duck breast kebab was undercooked. Service was generally quick.
Siam Inn	Upper West	December 2006	A-	<i>Thai.</i> Fresh and tasty food, with excellent service.
Sip Sak	East 40s	November 2017	A+	<i>Turkish.</i> A friend from Turkey told me that this was the best Turkish restaurant in NYC by far, and as far as I can tell, he was right. Some of the dishes don't appear on typical menus, and everything was tasty and well-prepared. My only hesitation is that my friend did some

		January 2018	A+	<p>of the ordering off the menu, so I'm not sure if the meal would've been as good if he weren't there. Only way to find out is to try it again.</p> <p>This time I went without my Turkish friend. We weren't able to get any off-menu dishes, but it was nevertheless an excellent meal. Try the fried eggplant in tomato sauce for a cold appetizer, and the manti (dumplings in a yoghurt sauce) for a main course. Service was pleasant and very efficient.</p>
Smith, The	East Village	December 2009	A-	<p><i>Comfort food.</i> Tasty food and substantial portions. Service was friendly and professional. Try the tomato soup with cheddar cheese topping.</p>
Smorgas	East 30s	April 2019	A	<p><i>Scandinavian.</i> Excellent dinner for a reasonable price on the prix fixe menu. Try the seafood chowder and the Swedish meatballs. Excellent service.</p>
Smorgas Chef Village	West Village	June 2012	A	<p><i>Scandinavian.</i> Good-sized portions of tasty and hearty food. The fixed price menu is a real bargain.</p>
Snack Taverna	West Village	February 2011	A	<p><i>Greek.</i> Crowded, informal and fun. Food was very tasty, and service was pleasant and efficient</p> <p>Again enjoyed the hearty and delicious food. The place is informal and friendly; service was fine. We ordered a bunch of small plates, and each was excellent. This place is a winner.</p> <p>This place is consistent—hearty and tasty food, reasonable prices. Service was pleasant but a bit on the slow side.</p> <p>Ditto</p>
		November 2013	A	
		April 2016	A-	
		May 2019	A-	
Soba Koh	Lower East Side	February 2011	B-	<p><i>Noodles.</i> The cold sweet Japanese omelet was excellent, the hot soba with tofu was good, and the seared duck was</p>

				stringy. There are better places to go for noodles.
Soba Nippon Restaurant	West 50s	November 2009	A	<i>Noodles.</i> Everything was excellent. Try the sashimi tofu appetizer, and any of the soba soups. The atmosphere is relaxing, and the service professional and pleasant. Another terrific restaurant experience. I forgot to mention, another nice aspect of this place is that it's quiet—no music is blaring. So, it's easy to have a conversation. A pleasure, as always.
		November 2010	A	
		December 2012	A	
		March 2014	A	
Soba Noodle Azuma	West 50s	June 2017	B+	<i>Noodles.</i> Noodles had nice texture, and the meat in the ramen was good quality. Flavors didn't exactly pop. Service was fine.
Sobaya	Lower East Side	July 2009	A	<i>Noodles.</i> The soup with duck was excellent. Sides of selected vegetables and tofu were interesting and well prepared. Efficient service.
Socarrat Chelsea	Chelsea	January 2018	B-	<i>Spanish.</i> This place specializes in paella, which I found to be barely okay—meat was all dried out. Also, the seats don't have backs, which I find uncomfortable.
Social Eatz	East 50s	January 2013	B	<i>Asian fusion.</i> Solid, but nothing special. But it's not a bad deal given that the fixed price menu is only \$35. Desserts were the best part. Service was pleasant but much too slow.
Soco	Brooklyn	November 2016	A+	<i>Soul /Southern</i> Tasty food, ample servings, reasonable prices, and pleasant service. Try the short ribs, the chicken wings, and, of course, fried chicken with waffles. It's a bit of a trek, but worth it if you have a taste for some really good comfort food. Another excellent meal.
		June 2018	A	

Sofreh	Brooklyn	October 2018	A+	<i>Persian.</i> Robust and unusual (at least for me, not having eaten Persian food before) flavors. Try the lamb shanks and the chicken main dishes. Service was friendly, although a bit slow.
Somtum Der	East Village	December 2015	A	<i>Thai.</i> There were dishes here that I've never had in another Thai restaurant. They were tasty and interesting, but <i>so</i> hot. If your tolerance for spicy food is limited, then this place is not for you—I was pushed a bit outside of my comfort zone.
Sons of Essex	Lower East Side	August 2013	C-	<i>American.</i> Just okay. Fried chicken was dry, and the lobster taco didn't have much taste. Service was pleasant but a bit slow.
Sophie's Cuban Cuisine	Columbus Circle	October 2013	A-	<i>Cuban.</i> This is part of a chain. Tasty sandwiches, not very expensive. There's a bit of seating, but most of the business is takeout. Try the Cuban sandwich (with plantains on it).
Sparks Steak House	East 40s	January 2011	B-	<i>Steak.</i> Huge piece of pretty good steak for a lot of money. Sides were only okay. I don't think I'll go back.
Spasso	West Village	May 2012	A	<i>Italian.</i> Tasty and interesting. The seafood risotto was wonderful. Service was excellent.
Speedy Romeo	Lower East Side	April 2017	B	<i>Italian.</i> The pizza was excellent, but the chicken parm was dry and tough. The atmosphere was fun and noisy, and the service was fine. If I went back again, I'd just order pizza and a few sides.
Spice	Union Square	July 2015	B	<i>Thai.</i> Solid but not very interesting. Very reasonable prices.
Spice Market	Meatpacking	October 2006 May 2008	A+	<i>Asian fusion.</i> Magnificent. The room is visually stunning, and every dish was excellent. The "routine"

		February 20		items like spring rolls are the best I've ever had, and the more unusual ones (like the duck curry) are creative as well as delicious.
		December 2010	A+	Try the tasting menu!
		February 2014	A	Another terrific dinner.
Spice Symphony	East 50s	July 2018	B+	<i>Indian.</i> Good food, ample portions, reasonable prices. Try the tandoori chicken wings.
Spina	East Village	May 2011	A	<i>Italian.</i> Delicious and innovative pasta dishes. Try the pasta stuffed with potatoes and ricotta. Service was friendly and attentive.
		January 2014	A+	Another outstanding dinner. Try the ravioli stuffed with pear. Not very expensive for the quality.
Sripraphai	Queens	April 2010	A	<i>Thai.</i> It's well worth a trip to Queens for the delicious, interesting, and inexpensive Thai food. There isn't much in the way of ambience, but the service was prompt and pleasant.
Stecchino	West 50s	December 2011	B+	<i>Italian.</i> Good news: Food at this Italian place is tasty, the portions are substantial, and the prices are reasonable. Bad news: Service was appalling; we had to wait 45 minutes for any food to arrive. Good news: The manager apologized profusely and gave us a discount on the dinner. Bottom line: Fine, but risky if you're worried about getting to the theater.
Stone Park Café	Brooklyn	May 2011	A	<i>American.</i> Excellent. Pasta was very good, and so were the French fries. But the service, while very pleasant, was much too slow.
Suenos	Chelsea	February 2008	A	<i>Mexican.</i> Terrific Mexican food; a little lighter than traditional but very tasty. Excellent service.
		September 2009	B-	September 2009: I downgraded this from an A to a B-.

				Food wasn't hot, and not well-seasoned either.
Sullivan Street Bakery	West 40s	September 2013	A-	<i>Bakery.</i> The bread is fantastic; the pastry collection is limited. Try the sourdough Pullman loaf.
Supper	East Village	July 2016	B+	<i>Italian.</i> Ample portions of upscale red-sauce Italian at reasonable prices. Service was fast and friendly.
Swagat	Upper West	August 2006	C-	<i>Indian.</i> Tandoori appetizer was good, but nothing else had much taste.
Sweet Buttons	Lower East Side	April 2015	A	<i>Dessert.</i> I had an excellent chocolate brownie cookie. I'd like to try some of their other offerings sometime when I'm on the LES.
Sweet Chick	Lower East Side	October 2015	B+	<i>Comfort food.</i> Waffles and chicken are the thing here. The chicken has really crispy crust, and the waffles, while a little soggy, are still tasty. The atmosphere is fun and informal, but the music is way too loud for my tastes (but not for the mostly young patrons!).
Szechuan Gourmet	West 50s	December 2013	B-	<i>Chinese.</i> Okay, but not very different from the food in a suburban strip mall. It could be that we ordered boring dishes.
Taboon	West 50s	October 2006	A+	<p><i>Mediterranean.</i> Outstanding and creative food with fast service. Lemon chicken was one of the best chicken dishes I've ever had. Room is noisy, so not great for an intimate dinner.</p> <p>Another wonderful dinner. Last time forgot to mention that the bread is really great too.</p> <p>Ditto</p> <p>I love this place. Try the date sponge cake for dessert, and the lamb kebab pot pie for a main course.</p> <p>Terrific as always. I had the short ribs of beef on a bed of</p>
		March 2011	A+	
		March 2012	A+	
		Augusts 2015	A+	
		August 2016	A+	

		December 2016	A	hummus (it works!), and once again, the date sponge cake for dessert. Try the sweet potato falafel for an appetizer. Uh oh, the main course stuff chicken breast was a little dry. Still, a fine meal.
Tacocina	Hell's Kitchen	February 2009	B+	<i>Mexican.</i> Good food served in an informal, friendly place. It's not terrific, but a good value for the price.
Tacuba	West 50s	November 2016	B+	<i>Mexican.</i> Tasty, relatively light versions of standard Mexican fare. Good service, sort of noisy.
Talde	Brooklyn	June 2016	B+	<i>Asian Fusion.</i> This place gets lots of points for creativity, e.g., dumplings with a pretzel-like wrapping. The dishes were generally well prepared, although the Korean fried chicken was a bit dry. Service was attentive, but on the slow side. Cash only.
Tamarind	Tribeca	February 2011 December 2019	A A	<i>Indian.</i> Tasty and innovative food served in a striking, enormous space. Another fine meal. I appreciated the fact that the spicy dishes provided enough heat to be interesting, but not enough to burn your mouth out.
Tamarind	Chelsea	May 2007 September 2008 February 2010	A- A A	<i>Indian.</i> Tasty and innovative, but <i>very</i> hot. September 2008, raised the grade from A- to A. The food was perfect, as was the service. Tried it a third time, and again, an outstanding dinner. The tandoori salmon was wonderful.
Tang Pavilion	Upper West	July 2006	B+	<i>Chinese.</i> Well-prepared but not very imaginative.
Tasty Hand-Pulled Noodles 2	Hell's Kitchen	April 2019	B+	<i>Noodles.</i> The noodles were excellent. Soup was a bit boring. The fried noodles were quite tasty. This is a little hole in the wall. Service was brusque but friendly.
T-Bar Steak and Lounge	Upper East Side	April 2011	A-	<i>American.</i> Nicely prepared food. Service was good,

		March 2013	C+	room was noisy. Contrary to the name of the place, it's really not a steak place. There are lots of other options. On a second visit, I was disappointed in the food. Filet was a bit tough, French fries weren't hot. Service was excellent--fast and friendly.
Telly Taverna	Queens	July 2007	A-	<i>Greek</i> . Excellent grilled fish at this pleasant, neighborhood place in Astoria. The Greek salad is fine too.
Teqa	Murray Hill	January 2012	A-	<i>Mexican</i> . Tasty food, somewhat small portions, friendly and speedy service.
Tertulia	West Village	Augusts 2016	A-	<i>Spanish</i> . Usually I don't like tapas places, because the servings are small and the food not that interesting. But a friend invited me to this place, and it turned out to be very good. The food was very tasty (try the fried potatoes), and while I didn't feel stuffed when I left, I didn't feel ripped-off either. Sort of noisy, but still possible to have a conversation.
Thai Pavilion	Queens	July 2011	B-	<i>Thai</i> . I had an excellent chicken curry, but otherwise, the food was undistinguished.
Thai Son	Chinatown	May 2013	A-	<i>Vietnamese</i> . Despite its name, this place serves Vietnamese food. The dishes were intensely flavored. Service was brusque but efficient.
Thaimee (formerly Ngam)	East Village	August 2018	C	<i>Thai</i> . Food was spicy without being tasty. Service was unsatisfactory—there was just one waiter, and he was clearly overwhelmed.
Thalassa	West Village	February 2007	A	<i>Greek</i> . This beautiful Greek seafood place is stylish and friendly. The food was fresh and tasty. Try the seafood soup, and the yoghurt for dessert.
Thalia	Midtown West	March 2007	B	<i>American</i> . This stylish place is extremely convenient for the theater district. The mushroom appetizer was terrific,

				but the main course duck breast was just okay.
The Chocolate Room	Brooklyn	September 2013	A	<i>Dessert.</i> Yummy chocolate desserts. The chocolate brownie sundae and cold chocolate drink (can't remember exactly what it was called) were outstanding.
The Greek	Tribeca	September 2018	A	<i>Greek.</i> Tasty and hearty food and excellent service. I appreciated that there was no loud music blaring and that the food came to the table hot.
The National	East 50s	January 2012	D	<i>American.</i> The food was mediocre. My squash soup had little character, and the hamburger was dry and tasteless. Service was a bit spotty but acceptable.
Tia Pol	Chelsea	January 2014	A-	<i>Spanish.</i> Very tasty and interesting tapas, the chorizo was especially good. The place is fun and noisy. It's as much a bar that serves really good food than a restaurant (e.g., the seating was stools rather than chairs with backs), and given that I'm not a drinker, I'm not likely to go back.
Tiffin Wallah	Midtown East	February 2015	B-	<i>Indian.</i> Okay vegetarian food. The prices were very low, but on the other hand, the portions weren't very big.
Tocqueville	Union Square	September 2011	A+	<i>American.</i> Wonderful. When the waiter brings around the bread, be sure to take some.
Toledo	Murray Hill	November 2010	A	<i>Spanish.</i> Excellent food. I liked the quiet, old-fashioned room. Service was a little stuffy, but certainly pleasant and efficient.
Toloache	West 50s	June 2009 November 2009 April 2010 December 2010	A- A- A-	<i>Mexican.</i> Tasty and interesting food. [November 2009: Ditto—lots of fun.] Still good food and lots of fun, but it is definitely on the noisy side. Go with a group of friends who don't mind shouting to each other!

Toloache Thompson	West Village	February 2015	A	<i>Mexican.</i> Beautifully prepared standard Mexican fare. Service was very attentive, although a bit slow.
Tommy Bahama	Midtown East	November 2014	A	<i>American.</i> Terrific American food with a Mexican accent. Every dish was well prepared, and some were very creative as well. Especially liked the tortilla soup and the rib slider. Service was warm and friendly, although perhaps a bit on the slow side. Sort of noisy, but still possible to have a conversation without shouting.
Trattoria Cinque	Tribeca	October 2011	B	<i>Italian.</i> Solid, but nothing special. Service was very friendly and professional.
Trattoria Dell 'Arte	West 50s	September 2014	B	<i>Italian.</i> The thin-crust pizza was excellent, and the pastas were very good. I was disappointed that the food wasn't hotter when it reached the table. Service was very friendly, but they forgot to bring one of our appetizers.
Trattoria Il Mulino	Flatiron	March 2016	B	<i>Italian.</i> This place is quite expensive and has a great reputation. I was therefore disappointed to find that the food was neither particularly creative nor well-prepared (e.g., the sauce on the gnocchi was pretty boring).
Trattoria Malatesta	West Village	April 2014	B+	<i>Italian.</i> The food was tasty and well-prepared. Try the spinach gnocchi. The place was noisy and fun and the service was pleasant and efficient. No reservations for small parties. They said that there would absolutely be no wait for a table, but that turned out to be a lie. Note: not very expensive, but cash only.
Tre Dici Steak	Chelsea	January 2009 January 2010	A A	<i>American.</i> The food wasn't super imaginative, but it was beautifully prepared, and the service was extraordinarily friendly and efficient. It's tricky getting to this place—take a sketchy elevator up to the second floor. I guess that they are trying to recapture the speakeasy history.

		April 2015	A-	Another tasty and enjoyable meal. There was a dessert—layered crepe cake—that was just delicious. The ravioli were also terrific.
Trestle on Tenth	Chelsea	October 2010	B+	<i>American</i> . Solid comfort food. Service was pleasant but a bit slow.
Tribeca Canvas	Tribeca	July 2013	A-	<i>Asian fusion</i> . The food was wonderful—creative, tasty, and nicely presented. But the service, while very pleasant, was unacceptably slow. It took half an hour for our appetizers to arrive, and there wasn't even any bread to munch on while we were waiting. During the meal, we asked for some salt, and it took about 10 minutes for it to arrive. Can't recommend this place unless you're willing to chance a long wait.
Tribeca Grill	Tribeca	March 2010	A	<i>American</i> . This fine place reminds me a lot of the Union Square Cafe. The food is interesting and well-prepared, and the service is informal but very professional as well. The seared salmon appetizer was especially good.
Tsurutontan Udon Noodle Brasserie	Union Square	November 2016	A-	<i>Noodles</i> . The noodles were excellent. The dish I had (“deluxe” udon) was a bit bland, but I think that this is because I didn't order well. Definitely worth trying again. Service was great, and the space is striking.
Tulcingo del Valle	West 40s	December 2013	A	<i>Mexican</i> . Terrific casual food for the price, and friendly service. No reservations and no credit cards, so come early and bring cash.
Tuome	East Village	August 2015	A-	<i>American</i> . Good portions of hearty and creative food. The evening I was there the special was a “picnic basket” featuring fried chicken, which was very tasty. Service was extraordinarily friendly.
Ukrainian East Village	East Village	July 2007	B+	<i>Eastern European</i> . Typical hearty eastern European fare; large portions, low prices, and efficient service.

Umami Village	West Village	May 2015	A-	<i>Hamburgers.</i> I had a juicy, delicious hamburger with cheese, bacon, and little bits of fried onion. Kale Caesar was also excellent. The minus is because the bun was sort of mushy. The place is loud and fun, but it's hard to have a conversation.
		October 2017	A-	Another enjoyable meal. But I was disappointed that we had to wait to be seated although we had a reservation.
Uncle Boons	Nolita	May 2017	A-	<i>Thai.</i> Everything was tasty. Some of the dishes were pretty spicy. I especially liked the beef ribs in a curry sauce. Service was attentive and efficient.
		October 2017	B+	Appetizers were unremarkable. I had the beef ribs in curry sauce again, and again it was a great dish.
Uncle Nick's	Midtown	April 2014	A-	<i>Greek.</i> Ample portions of hearty and delicious food at a reasonable price. Very friendly service, and convenient to Penn Station.
Uncle Nick's	Hell's Kitchen	April 2015	A-	<i>Greek.</i> Substantial quantities of hearty food at low prices. The place is not only noisy, though, it's chaotic. Not the best place for a relaxing meal, but if you want to get something before the theater, this place could make sense.
Union Square Café	Midtown	October 2006	A	<i>American.</i> This place is as good as ever, only now it's possible to get a reservation. Try the duck with lemon and pepper.
		November 2007	A	Still great. Try the roast chicken and the faro risotto.
		July 2008	A	Ditto, the lobster shepherd's pie is excellent.
		December 2014	B	On previous visits, this place has been great. Unfortunately, this time it was only good. My gnocchi were not hot, and the lamb dish tasted like it had been warmed over. On the other hand, the service was as

				professional and friendly as always. Maybe it was just an off night.
Upland	Murray Hill	May 2016	B+	<i>American</i> . Pizza was outstanding, pasta was very good, and vegetables were so-so. A good meal, but probably not good enough given the prices. Excellent service; noisy room.
Upstairs at Bouley Bakery	Tribeca	November 2006	A+	<i>American</i> . Creative food, served in good portions and moderately priced in informal surroundings. Only catch—no reservations. If you don't want to wait, get there when it opens, at 5:30.
		August 2008	A	I downgraded this from A+ to A in August 2008. Food was still great, but the service was unsatisfactory: the waiters were inattentive, I had to ask for bread, the main courses came at different times, etc.
Vai	Upper West Side	December 2010	A	<i>Mediterranean</i> . Excellent food, and some of it, like the green pea risotto, was spectacular. Service was fine, but the place is cramped and noisy.
Van Leeuwen	East Village	February 2015	A-	<i>Dessert</i> . Rich and pricey ice cream with unusual flavors.
Veniero's Pastry Shop	East Village	October 2006	A	This is about as good as Italian pastry gets. Try the cannoli or the grand marnier cake.
		May 2008	C-	After two visits in May 2008, downgraded this place from an A to a C-. Unfortunately, it has gone completely downhill. The cannoli shell was totally soggy, and the filling tasted as if it had been sitting around for days. I won't be going back again.
		April 2014	C-	Okay, facing pressure from a friend, I went back. Verdict is still the same.
Victor's Café	Midtown West	November 2008	C+	<i>Cuban</i> . The food was pretty good. Shrimp was excellent;

				suckling pig was dry. It has very loud music, so not a good place for conversation. Service was pleasant.
Viet Café	Tribeca	June 2008	A	<i>Vietnamese</i> . Excellent —service was prompt and friendly, portions were ample, and the food was interesting and tasty. Try the lacquered duck.
Village	West Village	December 2007	C	<i>Brasserie</i> . Great soup, okay tuna burger, and limp French fries. Service was slow. This place is not expensive, but not that good either.
Village Mingala	East Village	May 2007	C	<i>Burmese</i> . Tasty food, but some of it seemed as if it had been re-heated.
Vinegar Factory	Upper East Side	October 2014	B	<i>American</i> . Excellent blintzes, okay salad bar, terrific bread basket. It's sort of expensive, but if you're in the neighborhood and looking for a place to eat lunch, it's fine.
VIV Bar and Restaurant	Hell's Kitchen	October 2013	A	<i>Thai</i> . The service at this place was brusque but fast (which is much better than pleasant but slow). The food was excellent and the prices very reasonable. I had emerald dumplings for an appetizer and a tasty noodle dish with shrimp and chicken for a main course, and got out for under \$25.
Wallflower	West Village	September 2013	A-	<i>American</i> . The menu was limited, but everything was tasty and well-prepared. I especially enjoyed the hamburger. Service was extraordinarily friendly and efficient.
Wallse	West Village	December 2009	A	<i>Austrian</i> . I wish the portions were bigger, and it's a little too expensive. But food and service are terrific.
Waverly Inn	West Village	March 2012	A	<i>American</i> . Excellent food and fine service. Try the short ribs of beef--tender, tasty, and not a bit of fat.

White Oak Tavern	West Village	March 2015	A-	<i>Pub food.</i> Tasty food, not too expensive, fun informal atmosphere although rather noisy. Try the spicy chili.
Whitman's	East Village	January 2018	B+	<i>Hamburgers.</i> Very tasty hamburgers. French fries tasted like they had been reheated (several times). Service was pleasant and efficient.
Whym	Upper West	August 2006 November 2007 August 2008	A- A-	<i>Comfort food.</i> Upscale comfort food. Try the meatloaf [Still great in November 2007. Try the blackened mahi mahi.] [In August 2008, everything still fine.]
Wild Ginger	Brooklyn	September 2014	B+	<i>Thai.</i> I normally wouldn't have chosen a vegan Thai place, but the restaurant we wanted to visit was temporarily closed, and we were desperate. The food was tasty and not too expensive. The service was brusque but efficient.
Wild Salmon	East 40s	October 2007	A	<i>Seafood.</i> Everything was tasty and well-prepared. The room is striking and service is friendly. Part of the same group as China Grill, which is also terrific.
Wolfgang's Steakhouse	Tribeca	March 2011	A-	<i>Steak.</i> Wonderful fillet mignon, good sides, nice crab meat appetizer. Expensive!
Wondee Siam	Hell's Kitchen	February 2019	A+	<i>Thai.</i> Everything was terrific in this little hole-in-the-wall place. Try the curry puff, which is way more interesting than the typical spring roll, and the spicy Panang curry, which was brimming with shrimp and pineapple. I had soup, appetizer and curry with rice for \$33, including tip.
Woo Lae Dak	Soho	April 2007	A-	<i>Korean.</i> Excellent food, but the portions are small and the prices are high.

Wu Liang Ye	Midtown	March 2013	B+	<i>Chinese.</i> Very tasty. The green beans with pork were the best dish; the steamed buns were a bit boring. Servings were substantial; this is good value for the price. The waiter who took our order was surly, but the rest of the staff was pleasant enough.
Wu Liang Ye	West 40s	October 2018	A-	<i>Chinese.</i> Tasty food, good-sized portions, a bit pricey but not too expensive. Try the Grand Marnier prawns.
Xian Famous Foods	Chinatown	September 2014	A	<i>Chinese.</i> Interesting and intensively flavored food. The noodles were a special treat, as was the spicy lamb burger. Servings were ample, and prices were dirt cheap. It's really a lot of fun, but note that it is seriously no frills. By no frills, I mean no waiters, no free water, no reservations, plastic forks, and communal tables. Of course, no credit cards either.
Xing	Hell's Kitchen	September 2007	A	<i>Asian fusion.</i> Very stylish place with delicious and innovative food. Not too expensive and fine service as well.
Yankees Stadium	Bronx	June 2012	A	<i>Baseball food.</i> Amazing buffet, featuring both excellent upscale American food as well as traditional baseball park fare. The only problem is that in order to get in, you need to have a generous friend who has seating in the luxurious Legends Suite.
		June 2017	A	More good fun and good food. (The beef filet was so tasty.)
		May 2018	A	Ditto
Yerba Buena	Greenwich Village	December 2009	B	<i>Latin.</i> Food was okay, not great. Service was very friendly and efficient, but it seemed cramped even by Manhattan standards.
		April 2012	A-	This time it was really good. Excellent guacamole, duck

		November 2013	A-	confit, and shrimp. Service was attentive and pleasant, perhaps a bit slow. Another very pleasant experience.
Yuba	East Village	November 2014	A-	<i>Japanese.</i> I don't much like raw stuff, so I don't go to Japanese places very often. But I found myself in the East Village looking around for a place for dinner, and Yuba had a high Zagat's score in its window. I had a fried sweet potato roll and then some lobster risotto, and both were excellent. Service was prompt and efficient. I'd go back.
Yuva	East 50s	November 2007 November 2012 February 2014 July 2014 November 2014	A A A A A-	<i>Indian.</i> Tasty and interesting; good-sized portions. Another terrific meal. Every single dish was excellent. The tandoori cheese was a special treat. Service was fine, though a bit stuffy and a bit slow. You may wonder why I go here so often. In addition to being terrific, one can often get a 25% discount through savour.com. Excellent, again.
Zabar's	Upper West Side	October 2015	A	<i>Delicatessen.</i> I've been here many times, but never got around to writing it up. This is the iconic place to buy NYC deli. Smoked salmon, corned beef and chopped liver are all great. We don't eat in the little café; instead, we buy stuff at the store and bring it somewhere to eat. It's always a bit chaotic and crowded, and you sometimes have to be aggressive to get waited on.
Zarela	East 50s	April 2010	A-	<i>Mexican.</i> Tasty and interesting, friendly service.
Zebu Grill	Upper East Side	February 2015	B	<i>Brazilian.</i> Uninteresting, but at least the prices were moderate. I liked the fact that it wasn't noisy.

Zengo	East 40s	February 2013	A+	<i>Latin Fusion.</i> This place has it all: delicious and creative food, a striking room, and excellent service. Another fine meal, but it didn't quite impress me as much as my last visit did. Excellent food; try the short ribs of beef. Service was pleasant but a bit slow. Also, the room was quite noisy.
		June 2013	A	
		August 2014	A	
Zero Otto Nove	Bronx	May 2010	B+	<i>Italian.</i> Solid food at a good price. It's worth the trip to the Bronx if you take the time to shop at some of the great food stores in the neighborhood.
Zerza	East Village	July 2008	A-	<i>Moroccan.</i> Hearty and tasty food, friendly service, good-sized portions, and reasonable prices--this place is a winner. [January 2010: Ditto.]
		January 2010	A-	
		August 2012	A-	Everything still excellent. Ditto
		October 2012	A-	