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The Daily Meal's 101 Best Restaurants

The Places to Eat from Sea to Shining Sea

New York, NY (February 22, 2011)—The editors of TheDailyMeal.com, working with a distinguished panel of food writers, bloggers, and critics from coast to coast, combed the country to find the top 101 restaurants in America. The best of the best in every major category, and in every region — from New York City, responsible for nearly a quarter of the list, to the fine dining mecca of the Napa Valley — are revealed on the site today.

“Naming the 101 best restaurants in the country is tricky business, needless to say,” said Colman Andrews, editorial director, The Daily Meal, “and we expect controversy. But we drew on the opinions, and the votes, of many of the top food experts in the country. Only with the help of their experience and expertise could we have put together such a wide ranging and definitive list.”

Highlights from the 101 Best Restaurants list include:

- Number One? **French Laundry**, Yountville, Calif. Don't let the name fool you, their American Cuisine is the nation's finest.
- **Per Se**, New York, N.Y., beats out the Zagat favorite, **Le Bernadin**, New York, N.Y., for the second spot.
- Tiny Walland, Tenn. (population 3,746) makes the list thanks to the exquisite Regional American cuisine at **The Barn at Blackberry Farm**.
- Looking for a new experience? **Alinea**, Chicago, Ill., features the nation's best Experimental Cuisine.
- In the always fierce battle between barbecue styles **Arthur Bryant's**, Kansas City, Mo., has the top spot. Texas and the Carolinas rank as well, but Memphis is left high and dry (rub).
- Head south if you want the best beef. **Bern's Steak House**, Tampa, Fla., tops the Steakhouse category.
- New York City features the best in Seafood, French, Asian, Italian, and Regional American cuisine, but go somewhere else to find the best Barbecue or Mexican cuisine.

The full list can be found at <http://www.thedailymeal.com/101-best-restaurants-america>.

About The Daily Meal

[The Daily Meal](http://TheDailyMeal.com) covers all things food and drink, creating a complete epicurean experience for cooks, food lovers, wine, beer and spirit connoisseurs, discerning diners and everyone in-between. Comprised of original content and video from Award winning editors, industry insiders, tastemakers and the user community, features range across the site's multiple channels: Cook, Eat/Dine, Drink, Travel, Entertain, Best Recipes, Holidays, Lists and Community. The Daily Meal also produces much-anticipated annual reports including the 50 Most Powerful People in Food, America's Most Successful Chefs, 101 Best Restaurants in America and 150 Best Bars in America. Additionally, The Daily Meal Shop, an online cookware store, offers over 7,000 kitchenware and specialty foods tailored specifically to The Daily Meal's hungry following of savvy food enthusiasts. Helmed by editorial director Colman Andrews, The Daily Meal is one of the largest food sites on the Web and the first property of Spanfeller Media Group, founded by Jim Spanfeller. Visit The Daily Meal on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/thedailymeal); follow us on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/thedailymeal).