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From Portland to New York and from coffee carts to the oldest Starbucks, here are 22 places to get the perfect cup of jo.

Americans have always taken their coffee culture very seriously, but caffeine no longer serves solely as a way of waking up in the morning. Craft coffee shops are brewing in urban areas across the country, spurring creativity from within and offering community gathering spaces to meet, work, or just enjoy a well-made caffeinated beverage to-go. From a city that was known for the most famous tea party in history (before it turned to coffee) to a city that "never sleeps" (so of course, it needs an ample supply of caffeine)—here is a lineup of some of the best coffee destinations in the U.S.



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Providence, Rhode Island

Rhode Island is named "coffee milk" after its official state drink. The concoction is unique to The Ocean State, consisting of a sugary syrup (Autocrat is the state's go-to) added to a glass of milk, which is then stirred and thoroughly enjoyed. Providence boasts shops like Dave's Coffee, located along the Providence River, and Bolt Coffee which serves up artisanal blends in Downtown Providence. The Nitro Cart is known for its creamy cold brew, beginning as one coffee cart hand-made from scrap wood and since expanding to operate three carts and 50 (and counting). Be sure to visit White Electric Coffee, a worker-owned cooperative café, as well as Sin Bakery, appropriately named for its sinfully delicious treats and coffee drinks. New Harvest Coffee & Spirits offers locally-roasted New Harvest coffees and a curated cocktail menu perfect for a pick-me-up or a nightcap.