



The 50 Best Foodie Towns in America Gallery

With such an expansive country and so many different cultures, America is bound to have [incredible food from coast to coast](#). Yes, there are the big cities like New York and San Francisco that consistently get accolades for their culinary offerings, but we can't forget about some of the [smaller cities that are also food-lovers' paradises](#). We've rounded up the 50 best cities for food in America, and we bet some of them will surprise you.

While some towns on our list might only have a population of a few thousand, that's not stopping many nationally and [internationally-recognized chefs](#) from venturing to these hidden gems to test out new concepts or return to their roots. There are also quite a few local food masters that don't have name recognition (yet) but could easily whip up [Michelin-quality](#) meals.

While there are dozens of ways to judge a city or town for its food — and everyone has an opinion — the variety of restaurants, for one, is certainly an important factor. But equally important is the [creativity of the dishes](#) coming out of these eateries, the chefs being drawn to the area, and how they're pushing the culinary envelope. A great food city or town is not defined by just one flavor or a big name, but rather a combination of many different factors. These are America's 50 best towns for food.



Providence, Rhode Island

As the smallest state in the country, [Rhode Island is often overlooked](#) in the culinary world. Little known, this fun-sized state packs a punch in the culinary world, with one of the most famous culinary schools, Johnson & Wales University, right at the city center. New restaurants in Providence are popping up every day like [Sarto](#), a Rhode Island-inspired Osteria & Salumeria offering a creative and modern take on rustic Italian fare. Recently opened [O'Boy](#) is a beautiful Asian/European restaurant led by chef Jae Choi, a graduate of Johnson & Wales. [Yoleni's](#), which launched in May, offers visitors a complete experience of authentic Greek gastronomy with a restaurant and cooking classes. And [Mare Rooftop](#) opened summer 2018 as the second rooftop restaurant in Providence serving a variety of Mediterranean cuisine. Can't decide where to start? Book a Rhode Island Red Food Tour to taste the best of fresh local foods.