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delicious deals

\$24.95 dinners at more than 200 restaurants

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Long Island becomes more edible Sunday. The sixth annual Long Island Restaurant Week starts on Nov. 6 and, during the popular promotion, more than 200 eateries in Nassau and Suffolk will offer \$24.95 three-course dinners.

They'll be available all night from Nov. 6 to Nov. 13, with the lone exception of Saturday, Nov. 12, after 7 p.m.

That's a lot of eating, at familiar restaurants and eateries that may have been under your radar or over your budget. The menus for Long Island Restaurant Week generally are more limited than what you'd find the rest of the year, but they do give you tastes of the places.

The full listing of restaurants offering the special meals is available at longislandrestaurantweek.com.

Questions?
Where can I find a spot with a view as good as the food?

Pine Island Grill at the Crescent Beach Club in Bayville is on a gentle curve of Long

Island Sound; Louie's Oyster Bar and Grille looks onto Manhasset Bay; Bistro Citron in Roslyn overlooks Roslyn Pond; Harbor Mist in Cold Spring Harbor has a perch across from the inner harbor; Wave Seafood Kitchen in Port Jefferson is harborside; Scrimshaw in Greenport gazes at Shelter Island; and Gulf Coast Kitchen is at the Montauk Yacht Club.

Since Kim Kardashian dumped Kris Humphries, where will she show up with an appetite?

Well, Nick & Toni's in East Hampton is a true celebrity haunt. And since assorted "Real Housewives" have appeared at Philippe in Southampton, the spillover might reach Philippe in Syosset.

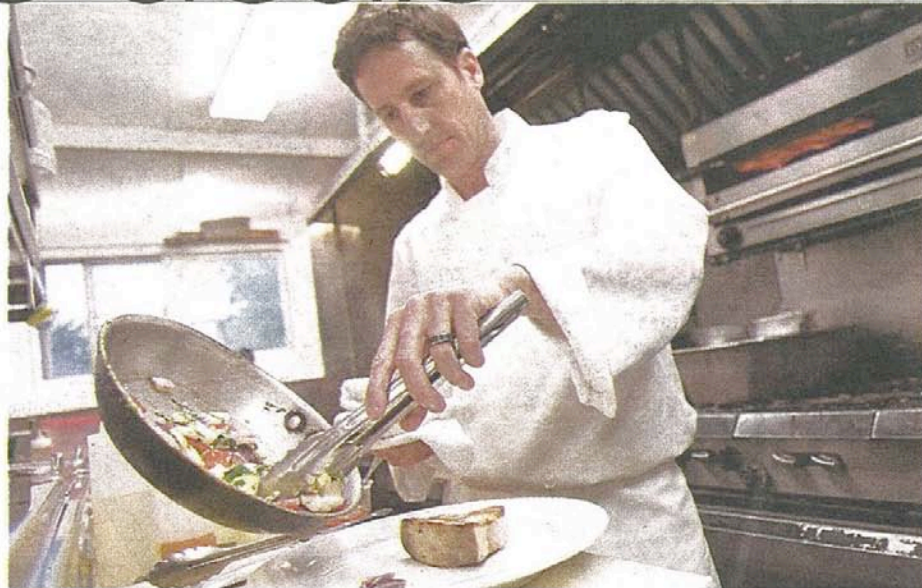


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Charles Bishop plates grilled swordfish at Squiretown in Hampton Bays, above; left, the applewood bacon fingerling potato salad at Jake's Steakhouse in East Meadow.



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We're looking for a dining room with a side of romance. Any fluttering out there?

The 1770 House in East Hampton is a cozy local landmark that has been hosting since, yes, 1770. Bistro Cassis in Huntington and Benny's in Westbury have traditional charm, French and Italian.



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Potato-and-onion-crusted fluke is served at the Cooperage Inn in Baiting Hollow.

Dazzle me with star chefs. Where?

Visit The North Fork Table & Inn in Southold, the Stone Creek Inn in East Quogue, Mirabelle in Stony Brook, Lola in Great Neck, Trata Estiatorio in Roslyn, The Living Room in East Hampton, Mitch and Toni's American Bistrotro in Albertson.

What if Lindsay Lohan asks me out?

Maybe a steakhouse. Try Burton & Doyle in Great Neck or Jake's Steakhouse in East Meadow. Or a hideaway — Blond in Miller Place, Mama Mia's in Ronkonkoma, La Maison Blanche

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Can you find child-friendly restaurants?

Cooperage Inn in Baiting Hollow is decked out for the season; Mamma Lombardi's in Holbrook and Legal Sea Foods in Huntington Station have patience plus enough variety for gourmets-in-training.

I hate trends. Indulge me.

Enjoy Alexandros, a warm, very good country Greek eatery in Mount Sinai; Iavarone Café in New Hyde Park for friendly Italian; RUB BBQ in East Meadow for blunt, meaty barbecue.

Gimme some glitter.

Two Steak & Sushi Den in New Hyde Park has a knockout setting and sharp food; so does its older relative, Four Food Studio in Melville. Likewise, Nisen Sushi, in Woodbury and in Commack.

Anything colorful?

Red in Huntington, little/red in Southampton, Red Fish Grille in Plainview, Blue Moon in Rockville Centre and, of course, Blue in Blue Point.

We're looking for someplace casual and really, really good. Is there one out there?

Left Coast Kitchen & Cocktails, the Merrick gastropub; Cedar Creek American Bar and Grill in Glen Cove; Squiretown in Hampton Bays; and Muse Restaurant and Aquatic Lounge in Water Mill.