

The Best Places To Eat On The Lower East Side

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The Lower East Side may be best known to you as the home of rowdy, rollicking nightlife, but that adventure extends to the food scene as well. Restaurants here tend to be as tiny and crowded as bars, but see it as an excuse to meet new people and try new things before you even hit the party scene. You might know iconic spots like Katz's Delicatessen or bagel heaven Russ & Daughters, but it's time to venture outside your comfort zone. The immigrant heritage of the LES colours its cuisine, leading to some fascinating hybrids — Chinese-Italian? French-Asian-American fusion? It all makes sense here.

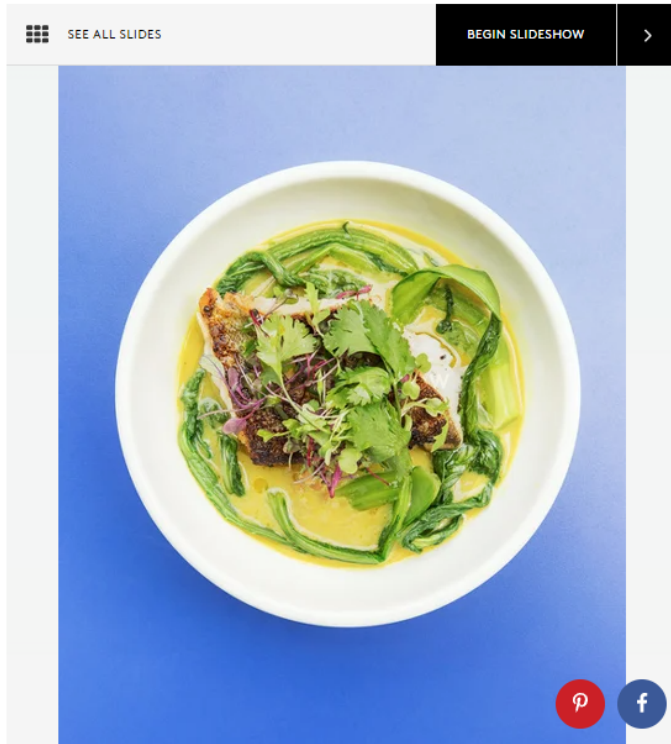


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Thelma on Clinton

Chef Melissa O'Donnell opened Salt Bar in this locale in 2003, and closed it at the decade mark to rebrand. Her newly reinvented space is Thelma on Clinton, and it aims to "reflect the diversity of the Lower East Side." What's that look like? A sort of French-Asian-American fusion, like a soy-poached chicken with bok choy, or smoked duck breast with a dried fruit compote. Very cool, and very yummy.

Thelma on Clinton, 29A Clinton Street (between East Houston and Stanton streets); 212-979-8471.

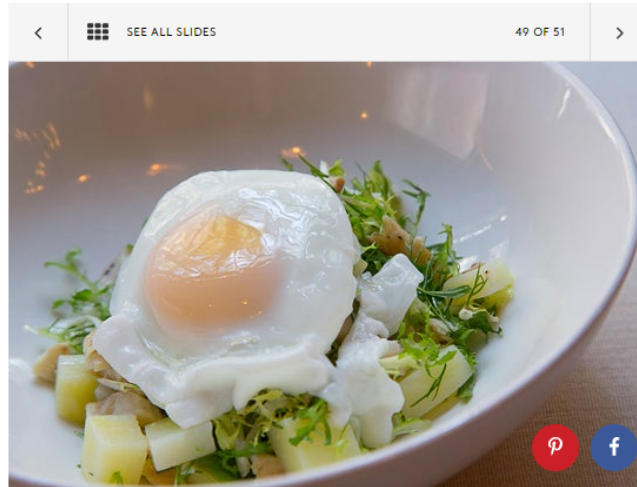


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