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12 Swoon-Worthy Spots to Celebrate Valentine's Day in NYC

A guide to stunning dining rooms to book for the holiday

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Valentine's Day, regardless of its reputation as an overly commercialized Hallmark holiday, is one of the busiest nights of the year for restaurants. Many couples looking to celebrate often seek out dimly lit, romantic restaurants. Others want new, buzzy spots or a chance to splurge at places where luxury ingredients like succulent lobster, creamy uni sashimi, or a sizzling sirloin make the night feel like an occasion. With a little bit of planning, there's a table for any type of date, including at these 12 stunning spots.

Health experts consider dining out to be a high-risk activity for the unvaccinated; it may pose a risk for the vaccinated, especially in areas with substantial COVID transmission.

11. Estuary

159 Bridge Park Dr
Brooklyn, NY 11201

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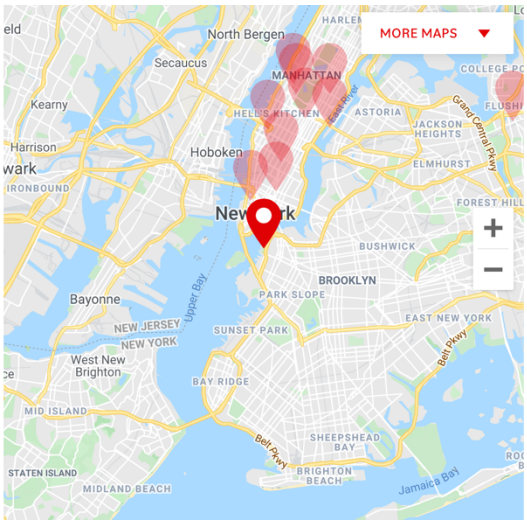
Sparkling downtown Manhattan skyline lights make quite an idyllic setting at this waterfront restaurant in Brooklyn Bridge Park, and to maximize the vibe, diners can choose to eat on one of the sofas by a cozy fireplace. The $95 Valentine's menu includes a glass of champagne followed by black angus NY strip steaks with truffled lobster mash; and cioppino with quinoa-stuffed acorn squash.

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