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Your Very Last-Minute Guide to Thanksgiving in New York City Whether you're going out or just need to pick up a really well-made bird.

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hether you procrastinated or simply forgot, Thanksgiving is a week from today and if you're not cooking, then you're going to dinner at one of the city's world-class restaurants or getting a fantastic meal to-go. The bad news is that some reservations (i.e. Gramercy Tavern) are long gone, but that doesn't mean there aren't still some truly wonderful options out there. Below, we've put together a list of remaining Turkey Day reservations (the leftovers, if you will), whether you're looking for a super traditional meal or something a little more off the beaten track, plus tips on where you can pick up turkey, sides, and pies if you'd rather eat at home. Here's where (and how) to eat this Thanksgiving in New York City.

If you want a traditional Thanksgiving meal ...

Bubby's

How Much: \$75/adult and \$50/child under 10 for a family-style meal

Both the Tribeca and High Line locations of this homey spot will be serving huge Thanksgiving meals complete with buttermilk biscuits, candied sweet potatoes, roasted turkey, glazed ham, cornbread sausage stuffing, ambrosia salad, and FOUR kinds of pie. The next day, you can drop by for a leftovers sandwich featuring cornbread stuffing, turkey, gravy, and sweet, tart cranberry sauce on sourdough. Grab a reservation here,

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The Dutch

How Much: \$130/person or \$60/child under 10

You could spend every holiday eating at the Dutch and Thanksgiving is no exception: This year, the restaurant will play all the hits, from organic roast turkey to sweet-potato casserole to Brussels sprouts with bottarga, but there will also be some more off-center offerings like tuna poke, oysters on the half shell, and Thanksgiving buffalo wings for those who are tired of the same old song and dance. Find reservations here.

Fedora and Jeffrey's Grocery

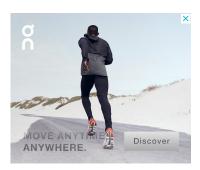
How Much: \$75/person (Jeffrey's Grocery) and \$95/person (Fedora) for a family-style meal

One neighborhood, three opportunities to eat Thanksgiving dinner. As usual, Happy Cooking Hospitality will be firing on all cylinders at these three adjacent restaurants, where you'll find family-style meals each with their own twist. Fedora will have ricotta cavatelli and roasted turkey with herbes de Provence on the table, while seafood enthusiasts will want to head to Jeffrey's Grocery for clam chowder, whole lobster, and a raw bar.

The Grill and the Pool

How Much: \$195/person

This upscale restaurant duo in the Seagram Building is the perfect place for *Succession* cosplay and a properly over-the-top Thanksgiving meal. As usual, the Grill and the Pool are pulling out all the stops: smoked leg stuffing, turkey with bourbon gravy flambé, and a dessert cart overflowing with pies and tarts. For an additional \$79, you can throw that icon of Waspy dining into the mix: prime rib. Grab a spot for you (and up to 19 of your closest friends and family) here.



Holy Ground

How Much: \$60/person for a family-style dinner

Blood-red banquets meet barbecue at this downtown steakhouse, which makes it perfect for anyone who wants a meal that evokes memories of Midwestern supper clubs. All night long, the kitchen will be slinging a family-style spread with smoked turkey, mashed sweet potatoes, and a pumpkin pie straight from the kitchen of chef Nathan Lithgow's grandmother. For another \$45 they'll even throw in a turkey leg, the only part of the turkey that really matters. Lock down a table here.

Leonelli Taberna

How Much: \$28/person for a plate

Yes, you could eat a meal prepared by a Michelin-starred chef for less than \$30 this Thanksgiving. How? Well, this won't be the kind of gut-busting, multicourse meal that's popular time of year, but a plate heaping with turkey, Brussels sprouts, focaccia stuffing, cranberry mostarda, and sage gravy. Grab a reservation here.

Little Park

How Much: \$95/person or \$140 with beverage pairings

If you love vegetables more than anything else, spend Thanksgiving at this Andrew Caramellini joint. As usual, greens will take center stage in the form of celery root soup, kohlrabi with garlic and hazelnut, braised Swiss chard, and roasted carrots that refuse to play second fiddle to the slow-roasted turkey. Get a reservation here

M. Wells Steakhouse

How Much: \$75/per person for a family-style meal

The best way to describe the Thanksgiving dinner that will be served at this Long Island City spot is Thanksgiving-plus: Plain old stuffing becomes foie gras stuffing (get it while you still can!), yams become multicolored yams, turkey becomes ballotine (a combination of birds), and the Parker House rolls don't change because you can't mess with perfection. There'll also be lots of culinary surprises throughout the day, so grab a seat here.

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The NoMad

How Much: \$170/person for three-course prix-fixe

In circles it might be considered sad to have Thanksgiving in a hotel restaurant, but not every hotel restaurant is the NoMad. This year, the Daniel Humm-run restaurant will offer a prix-fixe dinner with all the fixings and then some like seared foie gras, tagliatelle and shaved white truffles, bone marrow-crusted beef, and chestnut stuffing plus a dessert cart to end all dessert carts. Grab a table online or by calling 347-427-5660.

If you want Thanksgiving with a twist ...

Antica Pesa

How Much: À la carte

This Brooklyn restaurant is making the brave decision to go turkey-less on Thanksgiving. Instead, diners are invited to order cacio e pepe, pumpkin gnocchi with prawns, baked monkfish, and sweet potatoes drizzled with gorgonzola fondue. Grab a reservation, perfect if you want dinner closer to 7 p.m., here.

Benoit

How Much: \$85/person for a three-course prix-fixe meal

Alain Ducasse's old-school French bistro will have an equally French three-course dinner on offer this Turkey Day. Enjoy duck foie gras terrine or Maine-

lobster salad; turkey stuffed with foie gras and chestnuts or filet mignon; and then finish the whole thing with your choice of dessert, including cornbread and caramelized pineapple. Grab a reservation here.

Cote

How Much: \$85/person

Unsurprisingly, meat will be the star of the show at Cote on Thanksgiving Day, where the meal will start with turkey-stuffed Korean dumplings before transitioning to a so-called butcher's block of steak cuts, including hanger, 45-day ribeye, flatiron, and galbi. There'll also be galbi jjim, kimchi jiggae, egg soufflé, and glass noodles to drive the beauty of Korean cooking home.

Dante

How Much: \$90/person for a four-course prix-fixe meal

So, you just want to drink yourself silly this Thanksgiving, but you need a cover. Let Dante, the celebrated Greenwich Village bar, be that cover. This Turkey Day, the restaurant and bar will be serving burrata with roasted beets, fazzoletti with pesto Genovese, and other Italian-leaning delights alongside, you know, the world's finest cocktails, including a pear brandy- and calvados-based number that sounds downright autumnal. Reserve a table here

Floret

How Much: \$68/person for a family-style meal or \$98 with wine pairings

This Thanksgiving chef Joe Ogrodnek (formerly of Battersby and Dover) will be slinging a feast at his hotel restaurant, where a meal featuring grilled carrots with white sesame and honey, glazed short ribs, chocolate budino with coffee ice cream, and fried potato skins will served family style in the stylish Sister City. Grab a seat here.

The Fulton

How Much: \$128/person for three-course prix-fixe

Like every other day of the year, seafood will be the star of the show at Jean-Georges Vongerichten's latest restaurant. Yes, you'll find turkey and apple pie, but chef Noah Poses will also be preparing lobster with longevity noodles, crusted salmon, tuna tartare with yuzu-mustard sauce, and barely fried shrimp topped with grated bottarga roe. Call it Thanksgiving by the seaport. Reserve tables here.

Gotham

How Much: \$150/person for a four-course prix-fixe meal

Yes, this is one of the more pricey options, but what you get for it — fluke crudo, glazed Berkshire ham, turkey roulade with mustard greens, housemade cavatelli, prime rib (for another \$20), bourbon-pecan tart, and more — may truly justify that price tag. Reserve a table by calling 212-620-4020.

Lamalo

How Much: \$55/person for a family-style meal

When this restaurant opened over the summer, the promise was that family-style meals would always be at the center of a meal and Thanksgiving is no exception. On the last Thursday of the month, Lamalo will serve Turkey Day faves with a Middle Eastern spin, like sweet potato with ras el hanout, pumpkin tershi (savory mashed pumpkin), roasted Moroccan carrots, and grilled turkey skewers. Make your reservation here.

Legacy Records

How Much: \$98/person or \$173/person with a wine pairing for a four-course meal

Over on the far west side, Legacy Records is putting together a wine-fueled feast based around small plates shared family-style (hamachi with yuzu, autumn chicories with candied pecans, tortelli with smoked ricotta, etc.) and solo mains, including dry-aged rib eye, honey-lacquered duck, and, of course, turkey. Grab a table here.

Leuca

How Much: 95/person and 40/child under 10 for a family-style meal

It's not a sad Thanksgiving at a hotel if that hotel is the William Vale and the restaurant serving the meal is Leuca. As usual, Leuca will serve a Southern Italian spin on the holiday with a smoked-beet salad with Cara Cara oranges, a misticanza salad with sesame vinaigrette and grana Padano cheese, roasted turkey with smoked acorn squash, and a pumpkin crostata to close out the family-style meal. Book reservations hetero.

Miss Lily's

How Much: \$54/person for three-course prix-fixe

This Thanksgiving, Caribbean-leaning restaurant Miss Lily's will add some island flair to the traditional spread with jerk turkey, baked mac and cheese, Jamaican greens, and cranberry chutney, plus pumpkin pie and banana pudding. Find reservations here.

Olmsted

How Much: \$75/person for family-style brunch and \$125/person for family-style dinner

So, Olmsted is actually closed on Thanksgiving. But! For the entire weekend following Thanksgiving, the restaurant will serve two special "leftovers" menus at brunch and dinner, featuring dishes like cranberry-and-scallion ricotta, pumpkin-and-chestnut bread, grilled radicchio salad, and grilled turkey breast with trumpet-mushroom gravy, just in case you're not quite ready to give up Turkey Day after Thursday. Grab a reservation here.

Rosemary's

How Much: \$65/person for a family-style meal or \$110 with wine pairings

You'd be hard-pressed to come up with a more cozy spot for holiday eating than this West Village restaurant. As usual, the team will serve up Thanksgiving with an Italian twist, meaning salumi and formaggi to start, gemelli with butternut squash, smoked turkey thigh and breast with cranberry mostarda, and pumpkin tiramisu and salted-caramel gelato for dessert. Reserve your table here.

Wayan

How Much: À la carte

Chef Cedric Vongerichten will go all-in on Thanksgiving albeit with a special plate that's influenced by French and Indonesian cooking. Starting until 11 a.m. and until 5 p.m., Vongerichten and his wife, Ochi, will sling Indonesian roast turkey with Brussels sprout urap (a grated salad served with shaved coconut), potato fritter, or perkedel, stuffing, and long pepper gravy in addition to the usual menu of Franco-Indonesian delights. Find reservations here

If you want to get Thanksgiving dinner to-go ...

The Beatrice Inn

Order By: November 24

Angie Mar won't be making your entire Thanksgiving meal, but what her kitchen team will do is roast an entire duck that you can take to-go on November 25 or November 26 (for \$140) plus a signed copy of Mar's new book Butcher + Beast. And that book is a meal in and of itself. Reserve your duck here.

Bklyn Larder

Order By: Orders based on availability

This Park Slope spot is getting in on the catering game with an extensive menu of Thanksgiving bites that you can mix and match. Brined and roasted turkey is going for \$150 while sides and platters like giblet gravy, herb stuffing, mac and cheese, crudités platters, chicories and citrus salad, and more can be added on and bought in small or large serving sizes. There's also bread from local bakeries like Amy's and Bien Cuit and pumpkin babka. Place an order by calling 718-783-1250 or emailing catering@bklynlarder.com.

Dinosaur Bar-B-Que

Order By: November 22

This popular barbecue spot is dishing Thanksgiving dinners to go in both Brooklyn and Manhattan (Harlem to be specific). For \$160, folks can grab the Turkey Deluxe dinner (perfect for 8-12 guests) with pit-roasted turkey, turkey giblet gravy, cornbread stuffing, whipped sweet potatoes, and two homemade pies, or just get the bird and the gravy for \$85. Either way, it's better than slaving over the oven all day.

Eli Zabar

Order By: November 27

If you *really* want to push it, this shop from the globally minded Zabar brother, Eli, is accepting Thanksgiving orders right until the day before the holiday. The shop's Thanksgiving *catalogue* runs the gamut, offering turkey, chicken, capon, smoked ham, and spiral cut ham as well as canapés, corn chowder, butternut squash and pumpkin soup, dinner rolls, cranberry bread pudding, sausage stuffing, and <u>more</u> than we can possibly list here. Order by calling 212-717-8100, extension 9.

Fleishers

Order By: November 21

Every year like clockwork, Fleishers and its four locations runs out of Thanksgiving turkeys and 2019 is sure to be no exception. As usual, the butcher won't cook the turkey for you, but they'll make sure you're getting one of the best birds you can (broad breasted, heritage breed, or Kelly Bronze heritage) and then provide you with the know-how for making the perfect bird. (They'll even spatchcock your turkey for an additional \$15!) Order your turkey and other accoutrements here.

The Gumbo Bros.

Order By: November 22

Southerners, or anyone who just loves Southern food, will want to make sure they order all their Thanksgiving catering from the experts at Gumbo Bros., where not only is Cajun-style turkey with all the classic fixings available, but you can also throw in some gumbo — seafood, chicken, and andouille sausage, or z'herbes — cornbread, buttermilk biscuits, and bourbon-pecan pie. Place your order here.

Katz's Delicatessen

Order by: November 25

Okay, the truth is Katz's will accept orders right up until the day before Thanksgiving, but according to an insider, you should really put in or order three days before and isn't that the nice thing to do anyway? While this legendary deli will be slinging turkey and cranberry sauce and gravy and apple pie (all of which can be ordered for \$275), this is also your opportunity to nosh your way through Thanksgiving on latkes, pastrami, knishes, rugalach, matzoh ball soup, and all manner of Jewish delights. Put in your order by calling 212-254-2246.

Le Coq Rico

Order By: November 21

If you want to take your bird home, Le Coq Rico is also offering à la carte Thanksgiving catering. For \$345 you can get a Thanksgiving turkey served with sauerkraut, crushed sweet potato, homemade honey-butter cornbread, and gravy; or the restaurant's beloved Brune Landais chicken to-go. There are also sides for sale, including Brussels sprouts, cranberry compote, and quinoa salad plus desserts. Order it all here.

Legacy Records

Order By: November 22-28

In addition to serving dinner at the restaurants, Legacy Records will be selling meals to go via Caviar, featuring honey-roasted turkey, chestnut stuffing with turkey sausage, whipped smoked potatoes and everything else you need to avoid getting off the couch all day. The whole thing will set you back \$48 per person for two to six people.

MáLà Project

Order By: November 28

If you're ordering Thanksgiving dinner for people who don't care much for Thanksgiving, this Sichuan hot spot will be slinging Thanksgiving-themed to-go dinners featuring MáLà turkey wings, taro, and cheesecake with red bean for \$36 before tax and tip. Order online the day of or a few days before here.

Marlow & Daughters

Order By: November 26

The idea at this Andrew Tarlow spot is that you can basically build the Thanksgiving of your dreams. Don't want a turkey? Order a rib roast or rack of lamb. Do want a turkey? They've got you covered on the front. Plus you can order sausage or cornbread stuffing, roasted sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, fresh baked She Wolf Bakery bread, and a Thanksgiving dinner for your dog (really) to go along with it. Order here

Mekelburg's

Order By: November 22

Whether you're picking up in Clinton Hill or Williamsburg, everyone's favorite beer shop and grocer is doing Thanksgiving right with an extensive catalog of options. But if you just want to set and forget it, \$399 will get you a perfect dinner for 8 with a roasted 12 pound turkey, gravy, apple-butternut bisque, sautéed string beans, sweet potato soufflé, and lard bread. Order by calling either location.

Momofuku Ssäm Bar

Order By: November 26

Ditch the entire traditional Thanksgiving feast and order the Bo Ssäm meal from Momofuku instead. Turkey becomes roasted pineapple glazed pork, mashed potatoes become scalloped potatoes with chickpea hozon, Brussels sprouts stay Brussels sprouts, albeit with country ham and xo sauce, and the pecan pie has cognac brown butter. Lockdown your \$385 feast here.

Pig Beach

Order By: November 25

Gowanus's Pig Beach has two options for Thanksgiving: a whole meal for \$250 with turkey or ham, giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, and your choice of two sides and one dessert; or you can order à la carte and just choose what you need. Either way, send an email to events@pigbeachnyc.com by Monday.

Three Owls Market

Order By: November 25

This West Village deli-meets-European gourmet market will be serving up herb-roasted turkeys for \$110 each, along with sides like buttered sweet corn with fresh mozzarella and onion, mashed potatoes with charred potato skin and bacon, and crispy brussel sprouts with honey piquillo pepper dressing, for \$12.99 per pound. Find the full menu here and order by emailing catering@threeowlsmarket.

Wegmans

Order By: November 27

Wegmaniacs swear by the prepared food at their favorite grocery store, and Thanksgiving is just the day to put that all to the test. The new location in Brooklyn will offer hand-carved turkey meals for groups of 6 or 12 (\$135 and \$239, respectively) or a more standard, ready to reheat meal for \$130 that perfect for ten guests. There'll also be options for ham dinner and rib roast dinner if the bird isn't doing it for you. Call 347-694-8535 or go online to lock down your dinner.

If you're in charge of bringing dessert ...

Bien Cuit

Order By: November 24

If you want pies that aren't typical, Bien Cuit, which recently opened a new location in Crown Heights, will be selling two that might pique your interest and impress guests: A miso-caramel pumpkin pie and topped with gingersnap streusel and a smoked chocolate custard pie featuring espresso caramel and wood-fired marshmallows. Both are going for \$42.

Bouchon Bakery

Order By: November 28

Thomas Keller's bakery is giving Thanksgiving desserts the French treatment with three options — pecan pie, pumpkin custard and ganache, and apple compote — served in 8-inch pie or 3-inch tart form in shortcrust shells. The pies are \$32 each or \$58 for two while the 3-inch pies are going for \$6.25.

Bourke Street Bakery

Order By: November 26

In these bakery-boom times, it can be hard to choose between all the new spots around town, but we say go with this Australian import, where you can order homey but creative takes on fall dessert favorites, including carrot and walnut cake with cream-cheese frosting; a gluten-free chocolate, almond, and date cake; spiced-pumpkin pie; or quince butter cake for \$40 to \$60.

Breads Bakery

Order By: November 27

There isn't a holiday Breads Bakery *doesn't* deliver on with great baked goods, so have faith that whether you order the pecan pie with vanilla bourbon filling or the babka pie or the cranberry gouda rolls or the pumpkin tarte tatin, everyone at the Thanksgiving table will be thoroughly impressed. Order your pie from either location <u>here</u>.

Bubby's

Order By: November 22

In addition to serving dinner, Bubby's will have homemade pies to-go in such outstanding flavors as double-crust apple, sour cherry, pumpkin, pumpkin praline, apple-whiskey crumble, and pecan maple. Reserve your pie here

Ciao, Gloria

Order By: November 25

Unsurprisingly, Prospect Heights' hottest new café is getting in on the Thanksgiving pie game. This year, the shop will serve a limited number of three different pies — pecan pignoli, apple cranberry, and pumpkin — from \$38 to \$40. Preorder your pie by calling 716-666-CIAO (2426).

Daily Provisions

Order By: November 25

Twice the locations now means twice the opportunities to pick up a pie from Danny Meyer's super-popular café. For Thanksgiving, the Flatiron and Upper West Side locations will be selling a pumpkin pie with vanilla whipped cream and salted pepitas as well as a black-and-white pie with a chocolate cookie crust, chocolate custard, cheesecake mousse, and cocoa nibs. Your family definitely won't see that second one coming. Order here.

The Dutch

Order By: November 27

In addition to serving an all-day feast, the Dutch will also be selling three different pies to-go: a black-bottom pecan pie with dark-chocolate ganache, pear and ginger crumble pie, and malted banana-cream pie. To place your order (with 24 hours notice) go here.

Four & Twenty Blackbirds

Order By: November 27

Every year Four & Twenty Blackbirds offers the same classic pies does to absolute perfection — bittersweet chocolate pecan, salty honey, brown butter pumpkin, and salted caramel apple — and every year, we must encourage you to one or all four of these pies (\$42 each) for your Thanksgiving table. You will not regret it.

Four Winters

Order By: November 22

Earlier this year, London-born dessert shop Four Winters brought its liquid nitrogen ice-cream talents to New York City, but they're also getting into the Thanksgiving pie game. The shop will offer six pies for pickup or delivery: apple-cranberry crumb, pumpkin, pecan, baklava ice cream, sweet-potato ice cream or chocolate cream ice cream with the added option of also ordering chocolate or vanilla ice cream if you want to go à la mode. Order here-

High Street on Hudson

Order By: November 25

For her first Thanksgiving at the helm of High Street on Hudson, Melissa Funk Weller isn't pulling out any of the stops. In addition to the expected pies — browned-butter pumpkin and apple crumble — the shop will be selling pumpkin sticky buns (\$30 for six) and Parker House rolls (\$9 for six), the latter of which you will definitely want to double or triple up on. Place orders here.

Leonelli Focacceria e Pasticceria

Order By: November 28

Jonathan Benno's bakery will have some Italian-inspired Thanksgiving desserts available to take home this fall, including a \$25 apple crostata with almond frangipani and vanilla glaze and a \$30 cranberry-ricotta cheesecake with marbled cranberry jam on a graham cracker crust. Grab them in-store, shoot an email to $\underline{cake orders@leonellirestauarants.com}, or call 212-451-9495 \ ext. \ 2005.$

Morgenstern's

Order By: November 25

Nick Morgenstern sells over-the-top desserts year-round, but his Thanksgiving offerings, many of them the size of our heads, are a whole other deal. This $year, you \ can \ put \ in \ an \ order \ for \ six \ different \ pies: \ peanut-butter \ chocolate \ ice-cream \ pie, \ lemon-meringue \ pie, \ pumpkin \ pie \ with \ sweet-butter \ crust, \ pecan \ peca$ pie with sweet-butter crust, burnt sage ice-cream pie, or pork-lard apple pie. Place your order here.

Palais by Perfect Pie

Order By: November 27

Unfortunately, we can't all have Thanksgiving with Barack Obama, but we can get pretty damn close by ordering a pie from his former pastry chef! At the recently opened Palais by Perfect Pie, former White House pastry chef Bill Yosses will be slinging pumpkin, pecan, apple salted caramel (\$25 each), and a $huckleberry\ pie\ (\$40)\ if\ you're\ looking\ to\ put\ a\ well-connected\ pie\ on\ the\ table.\ Order\ by\ calling\ 917-406-0347.$

Petee's Pie

Order By: November 24

We here at Grub believe the folks at Petee's Pie (with locations in Manhattan and Brooklyn) serve the absolute best pie in the city. Let that information guide you as you browse the 16 pies available for Thanksgiving, including maple-whiskey walnut, brown-butter honey pecan, salty-chocolate chess, coconut custard, as well as more standard offerings and all priced between \$35 and \$40. Order yours here.

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