

# The 10 best Italian restaurants on Long Island: Eat here now

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Italian cuisine is unquestionably Long Island's most popular. Whether offering Italian-American favorites or regional Italian specialties, the restaurants continue to grow. And almost every community hosts at least one. So the competition to rank in the top tier is intense. Here are the 10 best for 2017.



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Orto (90 North Country Rd., Miller Place): "Orto" is Italian for vegetable garden, and few Long Island chefs care as much for vegetables as chef-

owner Eric Lomando. His menu -- composed of Italian, Italian-American and basically Lomandian dishes -- changes with the market and the seasons, but might include peaches with stracciatella and balsamic vinegar, tomato gazpacho with marinated shrimp, beet gnocchi with poppy seed butter, sweet corn ravioli with tomato confit, duck with green farro and sweet-sour turnip, branzino with roasted eggplant puree. Housed in a gracious house that dates from the 1820s, Orto is a haven for oenophiles: There's no corkage fee and the short wine list is full of well-priced rarities. Cash only. More info: 631-473-0014, [restaurantorto.com](http://restaurantorto.com)