

## Best Of Bella 2020

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Family, friends, fun...summer is prime time to make memories, and now more than ever to celebrate who and what we love most. Once again, we scoured the country to bring you the very best sips, trips, eats, and treats. Here are our favorite ways to make the most of the season right now or in the very near future—with winners in 19 categories!

### *Best Luxury Inn*



The new **South Harbor Inn** in Southold, NY, is a small luxury inn that includes only four guest accommodations, affording innkeeper owners Alex Azcona and Daniel DeVito the luxury of greater control over their intimate and welcoming environment. With only one housekeep-ing staff member and the absence of a bar and restaurant, foot traffic and density of people are kept to a minimum.

<https://bellamag.co/best-of-bella-2020/>

Unwind in elegant accommodations, stylish public areas, outdoor sitting areas, walking distance to the harbor, and complimentary house-made breakfast. The region also offers beaches, scenic walking routes, and outdoor farmers markets.

565 S HARBOR ROAD, SOUTHOLD, NY

[SouthHarborInn.com](http://SouthHarborInn.com)

## ***BEST (UNDER-THE-RADAR) COASTAL ESCAPE***



Located within a day's drive of most places along the east coast, the family-friendly seaside destinations of **Corolla and Corova, North Carolina** await. You won't find theme parks or superstores here, but you will find miles of soft sand beaches and wild Spanish mustangs roaming the dune lines. Explore historic Corolla Park, climb 220 steps to the top of the Currituck Lighthouse for a stunning view, or take a drive on the four-wheel drive beaches. These need to be added to your bucket list!

[VisitCurrituck.com](http://VisitCurrituck.com)

## ***BEST ROOFTOP TERRACE***



Meatpacking staple and known celeb hangout, **Catch Roof** is located on the rooftop of Catch NYC and is open all year long. Up for a drink soon? Enjoy the 3,000-square-foot indoor/outdoor penthouse space with panoramic views and ultra-chic atmosphere. Take advantage of the rooftop for lunch, dinner, and late night, as well as for brunch on the weekends. Sip on signature cocktails, including the Detox Retox, One Too Many, and Mango Haze.

21 NINTH AVENUE, NYC

[CatchRestaurants.com](http://CatchRestaurants.com)

## ***BEST HOLISTIC RETREAT***



Rejuvenate in physical activity and the power of water! Nestled in the Sonoran Desert, **CIVANA** resort aims to make holistic wellness more approachable for all travelers by focusing on four pathways: healthy cuisine, movement, discovery, and the healing arts. Relax at the spa, take a fitness class, and catch stunning sunsets over the mountains. Every day you're invited to participate in more than a dozen complimentary movement and fitness classes—everything from a morning hike and aerial yoga to myofascial release and TRX training. The resort's state-of-the-art spa has 22 treatment rooms, offering a wide range of therapeutic and rejuvenating treatments focused on healing through water.

37220 MULE TRAIN ROAD, CAREFREE, AZ

[CivanaCarefree.com](http://CivanaCarefree.com)

## ***BEST WATERFRONT RESTAURANT***



Located on the waterfront in Greenport, Long Island, the iconic **Claudio's Restaurant** is celebrating 150 years in operation this year. While soaking in views of the waterfront, you can sip on signature cocktails and enjoy crave-worthy seafood favorites by Culinary Director Franklin Becker and Executive Chef Kevin. The menu features popular dishes like Claudio's Famous Baked Clams, New England Clam Chowder, Lobster Roll, and a selection of One Pot Wonders. Good food, good fun...and the rest is history!

111 MAIN STREET, GREENPORT, NY

[Claudios.com](http://Claudios.com)

## ***BEST COFFEE SHOP***



Known for its iconic vanilla lattes and beloved matcha, and touted by the stars like Kendall Jenner, Hailey Bieber, Selena Gomez, and more, **Alfred** is a Los Angeles staple. With chic decor, including the ever-so-famous neon But First, Coffee signs and innovative drink menus (complete with seasonal, trend-mapping menus), Alfred will satisfy your caffeine cravings. Alfred has 10 Los Angeles locations, with additional locations in Austin, Texas, and Japan.

[Alfred.la](https://alfred.la)

## ***BEST CRAFT BREWERY***



Portland, Maine has long been on the map as a top destination for foodies and craft beer lovers, but travel a bit north and you'll be rewarded with creative cuisine and inventive brews at **Mason's Brewing Company**. Located in the small town of Brewer on the beautiful Penobscot River, this 350-seat pub and craft brewery offers indoor and outdoor seating with a view of downtown Bangor and mountains in the distance. Mason's most popular brew is Hipster Apocalypse IPA, a piney and tropical dry-hopped American IPA that continues to prove a favorite of locals.

[MasonsBrewingCompany.com](https://masonsbrewingcompany.com)

## ***BEST ADIRONDACK GREAT CAMP***



Situated in the dense forests of the Adirondacks, **Lake Kora** (as with most Great Camps of their day) provided owner families and their guests a remote and healthy private fall retreats from overcrowded and polluted cities in the late 19th- and early 20th-centuries. Rich in natural beauty, the historic location still serves as a remote, safe sanctuary today. Lake Kora is widely known as the most picturesque, elaborate, and well-appointed Great Camp, and is available only by exclusive reservation. The season opens July 1 to October 15, 2020.

1185 SAGAMORE ROAD, RAQUETTE LAKE, NEW YORK

[Lakekora.com](http://Lakekora.com)

## ***BEST HOMEMADE ICE CREAM***



Hands down, this is the most swoon- and spoon-worthy ice cream you'll ever try! **McNulty's Homemade Ice Cream Parlor** is a family-run treasure nestled in the heart of Miller Place Historic District . They've been scooping up homemade ice cream since 1992. One amazing creation (totally worth ditching your diet for!) is the Whoopie Pie Sundae made with soft-serve vanilla, Snickers, hot fudge, peanut butter, whipped cream, and of course, a cherry on top. The cakes and shakes are heavenly as well, so you may need a few trips!

153 NORTH COUNTRY ROAD, MILLER PLACE, NY

[McNultysIceCream.com](http://McNultysIceCream.com)

## ***BEST LOBSTER ROLL***



Top-notch lobster rolls delivered right to your door? Yes, indeed! **Lobster Anywhere** can ship overnight to anywhere in the US, and their much-raved-about lobster rolls can be made two ways: hot and buttered, or with mayo! Two pounds of premium lobster meat, plus top split rolls make up to eight crustacean-packed sandwiches. You'll want to get your claws on these!

[LobsterAnywhere.com](http://LobsterAnywhere.com)

## ***BEST GIRLFRIEND GETAWAY***



Located in one of Atlanta's major thoroughfares, **Waldorf Astoria Atlanta Buckhead** is distinguished by its 15,000-square-foot Waldorf Astoria Spa. Inspired by the lush, green canopy that embraces the city, Waldorf Astoria Atlanta Buckhead is a true oasis, offering respite from the rigors of urban living and everyday stress. The new spa program is the perfect place for girlfriends to discover a transformative spa and wellness experience within, while enjoying a dose of luxe pampering.

3376 PEACHTREE RD, NE, ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

[WaldorfAstoria3.hilton.com](http://WaldorfAstoria3.hilton.com)

## ***BEST FRENCH PASTRIES***



Oh la la! The elegant French cafe and bakery **Patisserie Chanson**, located in New York City's Flatiron District, is known for its phenomenal pastries, including Kouign Amann with seasonal flavors like Black Sesame and Strawberry Cream, Eclair, Messy Chocolate Croissant, and Sourdough Pancakes. The combination of classic European coffee shop and French bakery ambience with a wide selection of breakfast and brunch options is très magnifique!

20 WEST 23RD STREET, NYC

[PatisserieChanson.com](https://patisseriechanson.com)

## ***BEST SOLO GETAWAY***



Tucked away on Palm Beach Island, **The Brazilian Court** is an 80-room boutique hotel seductively hidden amongst elegant mansions and curtains of cascading bougainvillea. Across the threshold, a cloistered world unto itself with lush gardens, intricate courtyards, and a beautifully landscaped pool. The hotel is home to The Brazilian Court Salon and Chef Daniel Boulud's Cafe Boulud, and resides just steps from famed shopping destination Worth Avenue. It's the perfect spot for some much needed (and deserved!) post-quarantine bonding time with your bestie.

[TheBrazilianCourt.com](https://thebraziliancourt.com)

## ***BEST HISTORIC ATTRACTION***



The **Penn Museum** in Philadelphia transforms understanding of the human experience. It offers art, history, cultural heritage, and more by unlocking the wonder of the human story and fostering connection and empathy while creating more understanding in today's complex world. Its centerpiece is the 25,000-pound Sphinx of the Pharaoh Ramses II, which greets guests using the main entrance. Nearly 1 million objects are showcased through the Penn Museum's amazing gallery spaces, where visitors can explore ancient Egypt, Rome, Greece, the Middle East, Africa, Mexico, and Central America.

3260 SOUTH STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA

[Penn.Museum](#)

## ***BEST READY-TO-SIP SANGRIA***



Sweet, sunny sangria bliss! **Ragazzi Italian Kitchen & Bar** in Nesconset, NY (known for its delicious Italian dishes) serves up some spectacular home-made sangria to go. Fresh fruit with a refreshing boozy twist, their sangria is ready to pour and poised to make a splash either at home or at the beach. And while you're there, be sure to order up a batch of the Arancini Rice Balls. Cheesy on the inside, crispy on the outside...all-around amazing!

2950 MIDDLE COUNTRY ROAD, NESCONSET, NY

[Ragazzi-NY.com](#)

## ***BEST SPANISH PAELLA AND TAPAS***



Owned by Chef Lolo Manso, **Socarrat Paella Bar** is named after the crusty, crispy bottom of the paella that becomes caramelized and toasted on the bottom of the pan when it is cooking. Since 2008, this Spanish restaurant has impressed New Yorkers with its many versions of exquisite paellas, as well as tapas and ham and cheese boards. There's a paella for every taste; signature versions include the namesake paella with free-range bone-in chicken, chorizo, shrimp, white fish, squid, mussels, cockles, fava beans, peppers, and tomato sofrito.

3 NYC LOCATIONS

[SocarratNYC.com](http://SocarratNYC.com)

## ***BEST NYC TAKE OUT***



Rooted in traditional African home cooking that emphasizes African-grown ingredients, **Teranga** is a culinary journey into the depth, diversity, and deliciousness that the motherland has to offer. From the source to your bowl, the Harlem-based restaurant is committed to serving authentic dishes from across Africa, and promoting sustainably-grown African ingredients. Senegalese chef Pierre Thiam has designed an innovative and fresh menu, offering an adventurous change of pace from your average quarantine take-out: a fave is the Casamance salad featuring kale, mango, fonio, and a moringa dressing.

1280 5TH AVENUE, HARLEM, NEW YORK

[ItsTeranga.com](http://ItsTeranga.com)

## ***BEST WEST VILLAGE BURGER***



With special, high-quality ingredients, **27 Morton** is by far the best bite-worthy burger in the West Village. The makings are from the local bakery and butcher, bringing you a special-blend ground beef that sits atop a soft and tasty brioche bun. The additions to the always juicy and flavorful patty include a German-style brine bacon that's cured and smoked, leaving a soft texture and signature coating of blood. The lettuce, onions, and tomatoes come from local farms in the tri-state area and are always fresh, giving you an Eastern European farm-to-table experience at your desired temperature.

27 1/2 MORTON STREET, NYC

[27Morton.com](http://27Morton.com)

## ***BEST PRETZEL BITES***



Your summer snacking just got a serious upgrade! **Eastern Standard Provisions Co.'s Soft Pretzel Bites** are made using the same all-natural recipe as the Boston-based brand's popular hand-twisted soft pretzels, which have been ordered by tens of thousands of hungry customers in recent months. Perfect for snacking and available in three sizes, the gourmet pretzel bites are delivered fresh to your door. You can either "heat 'em and eat 'em" within two days of receipt, or—since the pretzels are individually wrapped- can be frozen and saved for future noshing.

[ESProvisions.com](http://ESProvisions.com)