



# NYC Lifestyle

## *Cozy Outdoor Dining*

While the weather outside is almost frightful, outdoor dining is still delightful – as long as there's a reliable heater or an enclosure to offer some warmth. We've gathered some of the coziest restaurants around town to enjoy al fresco dining all autumn long.

### Zona de Cuba | The Bronx

[Zona de Cuba](#) describes itself as an authentic culinary experience for dinners looking for a tasty piece of the Caribbean island. Perched atop a former post office, the restaurant's outdoor patio features ample seating and intimate igloos for small parties. We recommend going on a weekend for the live music.

### Illili | NoMad

[Illili](#) is a magical Lebanese eatery with impeccable interiors and even better food. Their outdoor tables are fully enclosed mini-cabins and comfortably seat up to six guests. We recommend bringing the whole crew and ordering as much as you can to share.

### Pata Papean | Elmhurst

[Pata Papean](#) is a local favorite for southern Thai cuisine, inexpensive cocktails, and friendly staff. Their enclosed outdoor dining space is also one of the prettiest in the borough featuring a cascade of flowers and vines. If you're up for an adventure, make it a day trip and stop by [French Toast Bakery](#) for dessert.

### Old Tblisi Garden | West Village

[Old Tblisi Garden](#) is one of the top-rated destinations for authentic Georgian cuisine, and as the name suggests, there's a lush, heated garden at the back of the restaurant. Never had Georgian food? Start with Ajaruli Khachapuri, a hot bread bowl stuffed with melted cheese, then try the Khinkali, which are basically giant soup dumplings.



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### Lilia | Williamsburg

[Lilia's](#) outdoor, yurt-style dining has some of the coolest and most competitive tables in all of Brooklyn. Here's why. The Michelin-quality Italian plates would make any Nonna proud, the canvas-covered yurts can comfortably seat up to five guests, and when you're done, there are scores of bars in the neighborhood for a night cap. Make sure to book your reservations in advance.

### Silvana | South Harlem

[Silvana](#) is another neighborhood favorite serving some of the best falafel, Za'atar chips, and frozen margaritas in the neighborhood. In addition to an enclosed sidewalk attachment, the restaurant has a speakeasy jazz club in the basement which we highly recommend.

### Sweet Afton | Astoria

Sometimes, all you need is a great burger, a heap of fries, and a beer to make the day right. The burger at [Sweet Afton](#) is often lauded as the best in the neighborhood and can be upgraded with a half-dozen toppers to truly make it your way. To help you stay warm, the patio in the back is covered to keep you comfortable from happy hour into the late night.

### Joanne Trattoria | Upper West Side

While celebrity-owned restaurants are often second-par, Lady Gaga's [Joanne Trattoria](#) is a welcomed surprise. The menu focuses on classic Italian staples, without the frou-frou or big price tags. The back patio is covered, heated, and a great date spot. Just be sure to make a reservation, as the patio tends to fill-up first.