

# TripAdvisor Reveals the Top Restaurant Chains in America for 2019

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Eddie V's Prime Seafood, The Capital Grille and Ruth's Chris Steak House Best Reviewed Small, Medium and Large Chains in the U.S.

NEEDHAM, Mass., Dec. 18, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- <u>TripAdvisor</u>, the world's largest travel site, today announced a new ranking revealing the top restaurant chains in the U.S. for 2019 based on millions of reviews and opinions from TripAdvisor diners. In this first-ever list, TripAdvisor highlights 30 restaurant chains of all types – inclusive of fine dining, casual dining, quick service and fast casual. Honorees are organized into three categories based on the number of property locations listed on TripAdvisor: small, medium and large.



Rankings for each restaurant chain were determined using an algorithm that took into account the quality, quantity and recency of reviews from all of a chain's property locations that were listed on TripAdvisor during a 12-month period.

"Chain restaurants are integral to the American dining experience as they offer consumers convenient and satisfying meals for all occasions," said Bertrand Jelensperger, senior vice president for TripAdvisor Restaurants. "For the first time, TripAdvisor is ranking restaurant chains that provide exemplary food, service and value to diners. Every company featured in these rankings should be proud of the recognition they are receiving from TripAdvisor's community of millions of travelers and locals searching our site for a great place to eat."

### **Best U.S. Restaurant Chains**

## Top 10 Small Chains (10-50 locations)

- 1. Eddie V's Prime Seafood
- 2. <u>Seasons 52</u>
- 3. Houston's
- 4. Ocean Prime
- 5. J. Alexander's
- 6. Fogo de Chão
- 7. Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen
- 8. Half Shell Oyster House
- 9. Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano
- 10. Maggiano's Little Italy

### Top 10 Medium Chains (51-100 locations)

- 1. The Capital Grille
- 2. Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar
- 3. Texas de Brazil
- 4. Yard House
- 5. BRIO Tuscan Grille
- 6. Portillo's
- 7. Morton's The Steakhouse
- 8. The Melting Pot
- 9. Sweet Tomatoes
- 10. Another Broken Egg Cafe

### Top 10 Large Chains (101+ locations)

- 1. Ruth's Chris Steak House
- 2. The Cheesecake Factory
- 3. Bonefish Grill

- 4. Texas Roadhouse
- 5. Mellow Mushroom
- 6. In-N-Out Burger
- 7. First Watch The Daytime Cafe
- 8. Jason's Deli
- 9. Corner Bakery Cafe
- 10. Blaze Pizza

#### Methodology

Top U.S. Restaurant Chain rankings are based on the quality, quantity and recency of reviews from TripAdvisor diners from December 1, 2017 through November 30, 2018 for each chain's property locations and/or franchised businesses listed on TripAdvisor. Recognized chains have a minimum average rating of 4 out of 5 bubbles across all properties listed on TripAdvisor and an average of at least 100 reviews per property and/or franchise location listed on TripAdvisor.

Small chains are classified as those with 10-50 U.S. locations listed on TripAdvisor, medium chains have 51-100 U.S. locations listed on TripAdvisor, and large chains have 101 or more U.S. locations listed on TripAdvisor.

### **About TripAdvisor**

TripAdvisor, the world's largest travel site\*, enables travelers to unleash the full potential of every trip. With 702 million reviews and opinions covering the world's largest selection of travel listings worldwide – covering 8 million accommodations, airlines, experiences, and restaurants -- TripAdvisor provides travelers with the wisdom of the crowds to help them decide where to stay, how to fly, what to do and where to eat. TripAdvisor also compares prices from more than 200 hotel booking sites so travelers can find the lowest price on the hotel that's right for them. TripAdvisor-branded sites are available in 49 markets, and are home to the world's largest travel community of 490 million average monthly unique visitors\*\*, all looking to get the most out of every trip. TripAdvisor: Know better. Book better. Go better.

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- \* Source: Jumpshot for TripAdvisor Sites, worldwide, September 2018
- \*\* 2018 Source: TripAdvisor log files, average monthly unique visitors, Q3 2018

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