16 NYC Restaurants That Will Be Open On Christmas

Hello and welcome to New York City at Christmastime, the one time of year in which our overcrowded metropolis transforms into a comparatively empty oasis. For this approximately weeklong period, you'll find the usual sea of selfie sticks has sort of trickled out of tourist hotspots; you'll briefly enjoy the luxury of personal space as you walk down the sparsely populated sidewalks, swinging your arms wildly and only hitting a couple people, occasionally. Yes, you will really be living like a king — that is, until it comes time for dinner on Decembers 24th and 25th, and you remember you made neither eating plans nor time in your regal schedule for grocery shopping.

On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, restaurants will still be open, but definitely not as many restaurants, and to visit them you might need reservations. Yes you could probably just fire up the old Seamless and see who's operational, but as we've established, you're living like a king and you demand to feast as such! So, with that in mind, here are some options for you.

Ivy Lane (open December 24th and 25th)

116 E. 60th Street, New York, NY 10022

Alright settle down settle down, Ivy Lane is about to make it real festive in here. Eater reports that each table in this three-level joint will be festooned with "a colorful mini faux tree," plus there will be a roaring fire. There will also be a standard a la carte menu on offer, and also a take on the Feast of the Seven Fishes from Chef Sung Park: Seven Fish Stew, ft. "shrimp, monkfish, mussels, scallops, baby octopus, Arctic char, and cuttlefish," according to Town & Country, "in a tomato saffron lobster broth garnished with fingerling potatoes and roasted fennel," for $39.