

New Report Unveils the World's Top Cities for Late-Night Dining

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SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA, September 3, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- A [new report](#) by Chef's Pencil reveals the cities where late-night dining thrives, offering food enthusiasts a look at the best global destinations for those who crave a meal well after dark. The study analyzed data from restaurant reservation apps for over 4,400 restaurants in 89 cities worldwide, focusing on the median last seating (or last food order) times to identify the top locations where booking a late dinner is easiest.

Cairo Takes the Crown

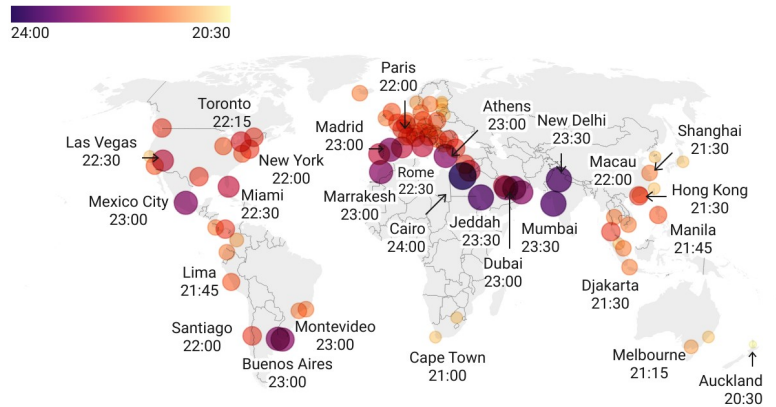
Cairo, Egypt, has emerged as the world's leading late-night dining capital, with restaurants typically accepting dinner reservations as late as midnight. This places Cairo at the top of the list, ahead of other global cities renowned for their vibrant nightlife.

Middle Eastern and Indian Cities Lead the Pack

After Cairo, other cities in the Middle East and India also rank highly. Jeddah

The World's Late Night Dining Capitals

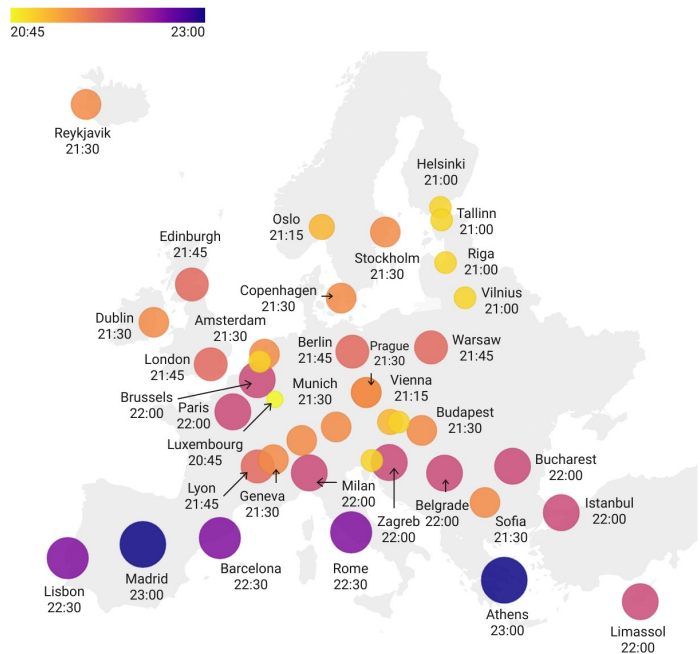
Ranking of 89 cities by last restaurant seating times on weekends (median values).



Median hourly values for last seating (or last food order). Analysis by Chef's Pencil. Source: Chef's Pencil • Created with Datawrapper

Europe's Late Night Dining Capitals

Ranking of 39 European cities by last restaurant seating times on weekends (median value)



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in Saudi Arabia and the Indian megacities of New Delhi and Mumbai are tied for second place, with average last seating times at 11:30 PM. These cities are known for their lively dining cultures, offering a wide variety of options for those who prefer to dine late into the night.

Three other Middle Eastern cities—Dubai, U.A.E., Doha, Qatar and Muscat, Oman—also rank among the world's top late-night dining capitals, with average last seating times around 11:00 PM, some of the latest globally.

Madrid and Athens: Europe's Top Late-Night Dining Capitals

Madrid, synonymous with late-night culture, ranks fifth globally, while Athens, Greece's vibrant capital, shares the same ranking, with both cities boasting last seating times around 11:00 PM. They are joined by Rome (Italy), Lisbon (Portugal), and Barcelona (Spain), all of which have last seating times around 10:30 PM, reflecting the strong tradition of leisurely, late-night meals in Mediterranean and Southern Europe.

The Balkans and the Eastern Mediterranean are also excellent for late-night dining, with cities like Istanbul (Turkey), Bucharest (Romania), Zagreb (Croatia), Belgrade (Serbia), and Limassol (Cyprus) featured prominently. Paris (France), Brussels (Belgium), and Milan (Italy) also rank highly among European cities.

Latin America's Nightlife Capitals

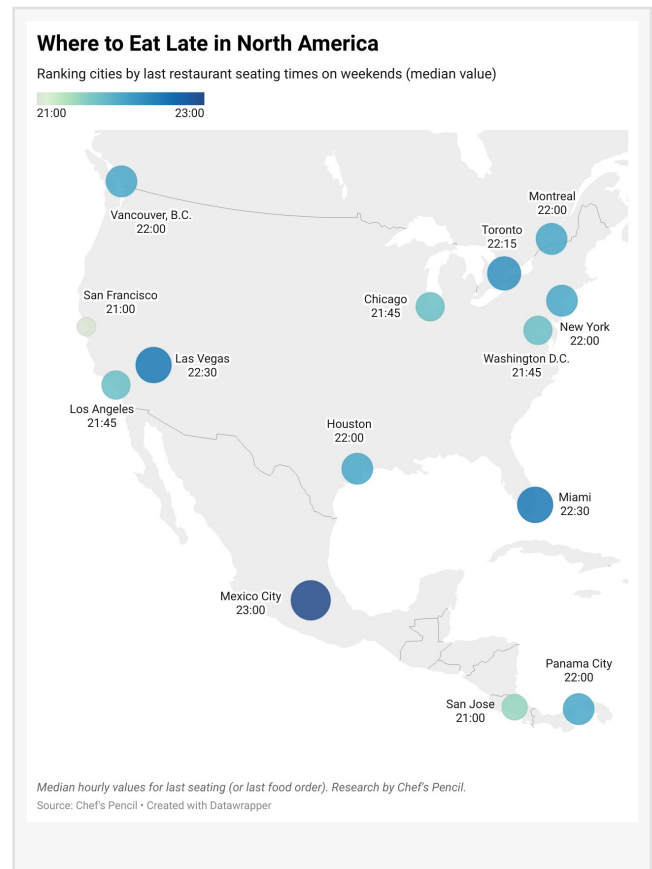
In Latin America, Mexico City (Mexico), Buenos Aires (Argentina), and Montevideo (Uruguay) stand out as top late-night dining destinations, with restaurants commonly staying open until 11:00 PM or later. These cities are famous for their bustling nightlife, where a late dinner is just the beginning of an evening out.

Late-Night Dining in the U.S.

In the U.S., Miami and Las Vegas lead with average last seating times at 10:30 PM, surpassing other major cities like New York, Houston and Los Angeles. Miami, in particular, reflects its diverse cultural influences, offering late-night dining experiences that cater to both locals and international visitors.

Late-Night Dining in East and Southeast Asia

Phuket, Thailand, and Macau SAR top the regional tables in Southeast Asia and East Asia, respectively. The last seating times in both cities average 10:00 PM, later than in Manila,



Philippines (9:45 PM), Bangkok, Thailand (9:30 PM), Jakarta, Indonesia (9:30 PM), Hong Kong (9:30 PM), or Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (9:00 PM).

A Contrast of Cultures

On the other end of the spectrum, cities like Auckland in New Zealand and Luxembourg City, Luxembourg have the earliest restaurant closing times, with last seatings as early as 8:30 PM. This trend is also prevalent in many Northern European capitals like Helsinki (Finland), Tallinn (Estonia), Riga (Latvia), and Vilnius (Lithuania). Other foodie hubs like San Francisco (U.S.), Sydney (Australia), Tokyo (Japan), and Seoul (South Korea) also rank among the earliest closers in the 89 cities analyzed. This contrast highlights the diverse dining habits across different cultures and regions.

For those planning their next culinary adventure, this report serves as a guide to the best cities around the globe for enjoying a late-night meal.

For more information and the complete list of cities, visit the Chef's Pencil report.

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