

Top 7 Mexican Restaurants in New York City

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The Michelin Guide (Le Guide Michelin) is an annual guide book to hotels and restaurants in over a dozen countries published by Michelin (yes, the tire guys). Restaurants are awarded stars based on their quality with 3-stars considered the absolute pinnacle of perfection. Many European chefs live and die by this rating system. Michelin published its first guide to New York City in 2005.

Here is their top picks for Mexican restaurants in New York City. According to Michelin, "These restaurants offer authentic, Mexican cuisine in a festive atmosphere."

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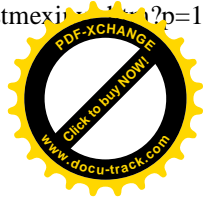
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per person.

111 West 17th St. (between Sixth & Seventh Aves.)

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4. [Rosa Mexicano](#)

Elegant decor with an open kitchen. Possibly the best margaritas in the city. Average Price: \$30-\$45 per person.

1063 First Ave. (at 58th St.)
New York City
212-753-7407

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5. [Zarela](#)

Owner Zarela Martinez has been credited with being one of the first people to expose New Yorkers to more diverse Mexican cuisine. Now 20 years old, *Zarela* is still one of the top Mexican restaurants in the city. Average Price: \$30-\$40 per person.

953 Second Ave. (between 50th & 51st Sts.)
New York City
212-644-6740

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7. [Mexicana Mama](#)

Mexicana Mama is a tiny place in the West Village with a cult-like following. Average Price: \$20-\$30 per person.

525 Hudson St. (between Charles & 10th St's)
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