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NEW YORK

PIZZA

A GUIDE THAT DOESN'T SUCK

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This is a list of what I believe to be some of the best pizza in NYC, broken down by neighborhood, as well as style and delivery options.

I've eaten at a lot of these places more than once, so one of my factors for inclusion is consistency in taste/quality. I give you my personal faves (or the "Skinny Pig Pick") on a few of them as well.

If you know me, you know that I've been a pizza enthusiast for a very long time, and have been writing about food in this city for an even longer time. Please see the next page for a little more about me!

And THANK YOU for downloading this guide!!!

Nice to Meet You

Hi friend! I'm Dara - born and raised New Yorker by way of Queens (no BS here) and I'm one of the OG food bloggers in NYC.

I started my blog, [The Skinny Pig NYC](#), in 2008, reviewing restaurants and shooting food (the latter was done poorly at first), and I couldn't get enough. As I continued to write and develop my photo skills, I started Instagram in 2014 under the moniker @skinnypignyc (now I'm just me, [@darapollak](#)). Foodporn and funny captions were my bread and butter (or pizza and tomato sauce?), and I grew my following to 60K in one year (back when IG was cool). Now, I run The Skinny Pig Inc. (DBA Misfit Creatives), a social media and creative consultancy, working primarily with restaurants in NYC.

All this is to say...I know my shit and you can trust me.

Let's dive in to one of my favorite topics: PIZZA. I also happen to have a pizza tattoo on my arm, so you know I really mean it.

A Quick Note

When it comes to pizza in New York, there are a few things to ask yourself when selecting which spots you want to visit.

1

Are you going for the classic NYC slice? Aka a little triangle of happiness? Or are you looking for more creative options?

2

What matters most to you? Crust? Sauce? Cheese? You're probably thinking all 3, but I have learned over my many years of pizza-hoovering, that this is subjective. I love a good sauce and a crisp crust, unless it's Neopolitan style, in which case, "chewy yet crisp" is king.

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NYC is a pricey place, no doubt, but when it comes to pizza, the range can go from cheap(ish) to very expensive. If you're looking to try more places, I'd choose the ones that have slices available (see legend at the bottom of the page for what the graphics mean)!

PART 1

MANHATTAN

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Downtown

1 Joe's Pizza
150 East 14th Street
(212) 388-9474
joespizzanyc.com



A classic NYC triangle slice, perfect any time of day. Seriously I would eat it for breakfast.

2 Ribalta
48 E 12th Street
(212) 777-7781
ribaltapizzarestaurant.com



Neopolitan style pies, really light and chewy crust. Nice place to eat inside, too.

3 Prince Street Pizza
27 Prince Street A
(212) 966-4100
princestreetpizzamenu.com



You'll wait during peak times but it will be 200% worth it.

SKINNY PIG PICK

Get the Spicy Spring (square slice with pepperoni).

4 Rubirosa
235 Mulberry Street
((212) 965-0500
rubirosanyc.com



Super-thin and crispy crust. Prepare to wait!

SKINNY PIG PICK

Get the Vodka Pie.

5 Pasquale Jones
187 Mulberry Street
(917) 453-0339 (text only)
pasqualejones.com



Wood-fired pizzas. Dining in is fun if you like an upscale experience (and good wine).

SKINNY PIG PICK


Try the Clam Pie.

Legend

 Slices Available

 Whole Pies Available

 Offers Delivery

 Multiple Locations



Joe's Pizza

The Pepperoni and the Cheese Pizza

Downtown



6 Una Pizza Napoletana

175 Orchard Street
(646) 476-4457
unapizza.com



Brick oven, rustic pie – chewy and doughy. Recently named best pizza in the world by TimeOut. And one of my personal faves!

7 Scarr's

22 Orchard Street
212-334-3481
scarrspizza.com



Classic, crispy, NYC-style triangle slice shop. If you're into Joe's, you'll love Scarr's.

8 Adrienne's Pizzabar

54 Stone Street
(212) 248-3838
www.adriennespizzabarnyc.com



I normally dislike a lot of stuff in the Stone Street area (a plethora of Patagonia vests), but the thin crust bar pies at Adrienne's make the trip worth it.

Uptown



9 **Made in New York**
421 Amsterdam Avenue
(646) 484-6200
madeinnewyorkpizza.com



Square slice with pepperoni – similar to Prince Street Pizza. Heavy but damn it's good.

10 **Mama's Too**
2750 Broadway
(212) 510-7256
mamastoo.com



Square pies are very popular, but I truly liked the regular pie better with fresh basil and charred bottom.

11 **Patsy's**
2287 1st Avenue
(212) 534-9783
patsys.com



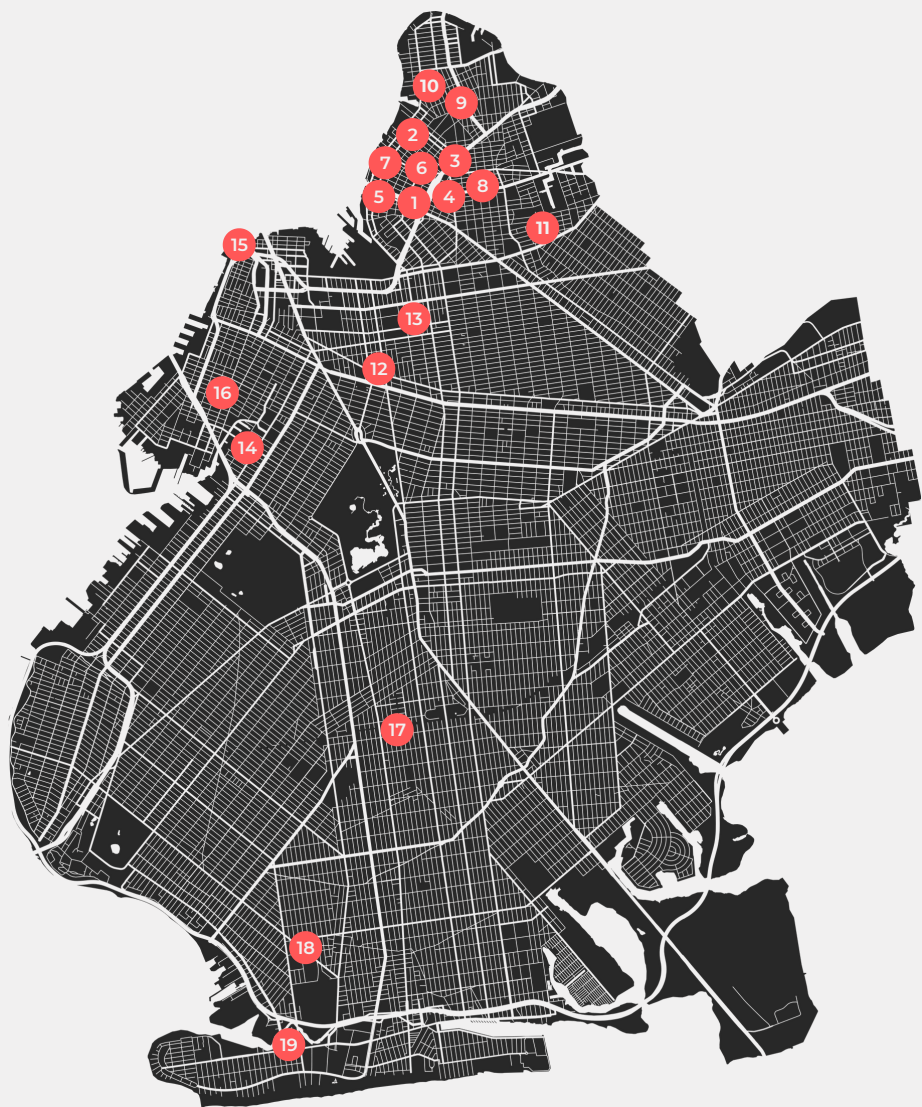
An NYC institution with coal-oven pies. Nice crust with good sauce/cheese ratio - can't go wrong here.



Mama's Too
The Pepperoni Pizza

PART 2

BROOKLYN



Restaurants

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North

1 L'Industrie
254 S 2nd Street
(718) 599-0002
www.lindustriebk.com



Honestly, one of my new faves. Like classic NY-style mixed with brick oven pizza. Airy and crispy.

SKINNY PIG PICK

Try the burrata slice, it's heaven.

2 Ace's Pizza
637 Driggs Avenue
(718) 764-8200
acespizzaspot.com



Detroit style pies with a retro vibe inside. Make sure you get a side of their homemade ranch for dunking.

3 Mo's General
620 Lorimer Street
hello@mosgeneral.com
mosgeneral.com



Really solid square pepperoni slice here, but do NOT sleep on the "fried cheese" aka mozzarella sticks either.

4 Emmy Squared
364 Grand Street
(718) 360-4535
emmysquaredpizza.com



Sister restaurant to Emily. Detroit style, square pie with a super cheesy crust. Like, you will need a nap after.

5 Motorino
139 Broadway
(718) 599-8899
motorinony.com




Neopolitan style, been around forever and usually doesn't disappoint.

SKINNY PIG PICK


Try the brussels sprouts pie (seriously).

Legend

 Slices Available

 Whole Pies Available

 Offers Delivery

 Multiple Locations



Ace's Pizza

The Cheese Pizza

North



6 Fini
305 Bedford Ave
(929) 969-3073
finipizza.com



From Sean Feeney, co-owner of Lilia and Misi. Nuff said?

SKINNY PIG PICK

Tomato slice w breadcrumbs or White slice (it has gorgonzola!)

7 Rosa's
374 Metropolitan Avenue
(718) 963-2378
rosaspizzanyc.com



Get the Upside Down slice and don't ask questions.

8 Ainslie
76 Ainslie Street
(347) 725-3400
ainsliebk.com



Brick oven goodness. Gorgeous space if you want to eat inside.

SKINNY PIG PICK

The Diavola pie with spicy salami, kalamata olives, mozz, and oregano.

North



9 Fornino
849 Manhattan Avenue
(718) 389-5300
fornino.com



Neopolitan style, great chewy crust and very unique topping combos.

10 Paulie Gee's
60 Greenpoint Avenue
(347) 987-3747
pauliegee.com



Neopolitan style, and you'll wait a bit. Or try their Slice Shop in Greenpoint!

SKINNY PIG PICK

The Hellboy w Mike's Hot Honey.

11 Roberta's
261 Moore Street
(718) 417-1118
robertaspizza.com



Neopolitan style with great outdoor space in the warmer weather.

SKINNY PIG PICK
















Get the Bee Sting pie (w soppressata and hot honey)




Speedy Romeo


The White Album Pizza

Central


- 12 Emily**
919 Fulton Street
(347) 844-9588
pizzalovesemily.com
   
- Perfect, thin and crispy crust with amazing topping combos.
- SKINNY PIG PICK**
Try The Colony w pepperoni and hot honey.
- 13 Speedy Romeo**
376 Classon Ave
(646) 542-1848
speedyromeo.com
   
- Brick oven, unique/creative toppings.
- SKINNY PIG PICK**
Try The White Album pie w toasted garlic chips.
- 14 F&F Pizza**
459 Court Street
(718) 407-6575
franks.pizza
  
- Sourdough crust, really unique flavor and delicious for a classic NYC style slice. Highly recommend.
- 15 Juliana's**
19 Old Fulton Street
((718) 596-6700
julianaspizza.com
 
- That perfect, light, bubbly-charred crust. And a great place to sit outside in the nice weather!
- 16 Lucali**
575 Henry Street
(718) 858-4086
lucali.com
 
- Neopolitan style, perfect crispy crust, freshest pizza ever. And calzones. That's literally all they serve and you will wait a long while before getting in.

Legend

 Slices Available

 Whole Pies Available

 Offers Delivery

 Multiple Locations

South



17 Di Fara
1424 Avenue J
(718) 258-1367
difarapizzany.com



Arguably one of the best in NYC, but you will PAY (\$6 for a slice) and wait a while. Plus, it's a trek. Worth it maybe if you're from out of town.

18 L&B Spumoni Gardens
2725 86th Street
(718) 449-1230
spumonigardens.com



Square slice, heavy on the sauce (on top, cheese on bottom). Delicious. Use the pick up window if you can't get inside.

19 Totunno's
1524 Neptune Avenue
(718) 372-8606
www.totonnosconeyisland.com



Thin crust since 1924. A hike, but a classic! And if you're in Coney already, not a hike.

SKINNY PIG PICK

Get the margherita pie w lots of fresh basil.

PART 3

ELSEWHERE

Elsewhere



Umberto's

633 Jericho Turnpike
New Hyde Park, NY 11040
(516) 437-7698
umbertosfamily.com



I love Umberto's for the old school Italian food, but the pizza is awesome too.

SKINNY PIG PICK

The Grandma pie is the move.

Rizzo's

30-13 Steinway Street
Queens, NY 11103
(718) 721-9862



Since 1959 in Astoria, thin crust, square pie with a great red sauce.

Amore


30-27 Stratton Street
Queens, NY 11354
(718) 445-0579




Classic NYC slice that will burn the roof of your mouth if you're not careful. But so good.

Legend

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Elsewhere



Saverio's

929 N Broadway
North Massapequa, NY 11758
(516) 799-0091
saveriospizza.com



Neapolitan style, and there's an Italian shop connected to it

SKINNY PIG PICK

The Saverio's Margherita or Alla Vodka Pie is perfect.

Milkflower

34-12 31st Avenue
Astoria, NY 11106
(718) 204-1300
milkflownyc.com



Delicious Neapolitan style with lots of veggie options. Nice spot to eat inside too!