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DineLA: LA's Restaurant Week Is Bigger Than Yours

A big lineup of 330 spots tempt LA diners

DineLA, Los Angeles' spin on restaurant week, kicks off today, July 15, and runs through July 26. And it's been making some big moves. For starters, it's now the country's largest restaurant week with 330 participating restaurants, even surpassing [New York City Restaurant Week](#) (which has fewer than 300, and which runs July 22-August 16).

While some food enthusiasts and chefs turn their noses up at the idea of a restaurant

"week" – many of which are now spreading out over two weeks or more – LA seems to embrace it. The city's best restaurants, both old and new, and its most acclaimed chefs, are getting involved in dineLA. Says Chef José Andrés of [The Bazaar](#), "We love being a part of this community – all these talented chefs, wine makers, sommeliers and farmers – and really supporting each other." Chef David Meyers of [Comme Ça](#) adds: "dineLA is the time of year where you really do see, and feel a sense of camaraderie. It's also a real showcase of LA's top culinary talent, but more importantly, it gives people who may not regularly dine out an easy opportunity to experience some of the best restaurants in the city."

Fuzzy feelings aside, dineLA and popular restaurant weeks in New York, Miami and elsewhere can polarize food obsessives, some of whom feel that these promotions dumb down great chefs' menus for the sake of generating a bit of extra revenue. But the weeks have been such a success in most cities, they won't be going away soon. Over the past three seasons, it's estimated that dineLA has contributed \$39 million to the city's economy.

So if you want to get in on the LA action, here's a brief dineLA guide to get you started:

Best Restaurants to Spot a Celeb

Bagatelle

Bouchon Beverly Hills

Mr. Chow (Malibu and Beverly Hills)

RivaBella

The Parish



José Andrés and his Bazaar are part of dineLA, which starts today. [+ ENLARGE](#)