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Dinner shows to shared bites, Palm Beach County restaurants define what's next

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Dining is evolving, and 2026 promises to amplify what's hot while introducing fresh ideas.

Resy, the American Express-owned reservation platform that tracks where and how we eat, just dropped its annual retrospective, blending reservation data, editorial insights and industry interviews to forecast what's next. Expect immersive experiences like tableside theatrics and omakase counters to keep thriving, while nostalgic flavors such as mortadella gain new fans.

Social dining returns with communal tables, and shareable bites including fish dip are everywhere. Meanwhile, listening bars and izakayas are reshaping nightlife with curated soundtracks and casual Japanese fare. These aren't just meals, they're cultural signals for the next year and here's where to find them right now.

Communal tables where sharing stories can get interesting



Communal tables, including Bourbon Steak's, offer a chance to share good food and conversation. According to Resy, it can also lead to dates! Provided By The Seagate

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At The Seagate hotel, James Beard Award-winning chef Michael Mina elevates group dining at Bourbon Steak, where communal tables and curated menus turn a night out into a shared experience.

Like Resy, Mina predicts communal tables will surge in 2026, saying: “Going out to dinner is now about more than just the meal. It’s about the ambiance, the entertainment, and the overall feeling from the moment you step in the door.”

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