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The Farmhouse restaurant at the Bedford Post inn

THE HOT 10

best new romantic getaways

Liven up your winter with a quick trip to these spots that have stellar food, a warm welcome, and a certain off-the-beaten-path appeal. ANDREW KNOWLTON

cabane à sucre au pied de cochon

SAINT-BENOÎT DE MIRABEL, QUÉBEC
29 MILES FROM MONTRÉAL

Martin Picard of Montréal's Au Pied de Cochon celebrates maple syrup season with this "sugar shack" (open March 11 to May) featuring dishes like buckwheat crepes and a smoked-mackerel omelet. 11382 rang de la Fresnière; 450-258-1732; cabaneasucreaupieddecochon.com

the hil PALMETTO, GEORGIA

33 MILES FROM ATLANTA

Located in a sustainable living community, The Hil serves a mean chicken pot pie with a side of okra stew. 9110 Selborne Lane; 770-463-6040; the-hil.com

june PEORIA HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS

155 MILES FROM CHICAGO

Alinea alum chef Josh Adams has opened a farm-to-table restaurant with a molecular gastronomy twist. Think

roasted eggplant pierogi with carrot curry emulsion. 4450 North Prospect Road; 877-682-5863; junerestaurant.com

justus drugstore, a restaurant

SMITHVILLE, MISSOURI

21 MILES FROM KANSAS CITY

At husband and wife Jonathan Justus and Camille Eklof's place set in a former pharmacy, the old soda fountain is now a bar dispensing inventive cocktails and signature dishes, including pork two ways and mead-poached pear. 106 West Main Street; 816-532-2300; drugstorereastaurant.com

the farmhouse

BEDFORD, NEW YORK

48 MILES FROM NEW YORK CITY

Chef Brian Lewis oversees the luxe Bedford Post inn's two restaurants. The Farmhouse's dinner, including soft farm egg ravioli and buttered Maine

lobster with sweet corn pudding, is a meal worth the trip. 954 Old Post Road; 914-234-7800; bedfordpostinn.com

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WATERBURY, VERMONT

27 MILES FROM BURLINGTON

Set in a former gristmill along a brook, this rustic New American restaurant charms. Chef and co-owner Eric Warnstedt's namesake dish, a hen-of-the-woods mushroom tartine with Vermont bacon, is a must-order. 92 Stowe Street; 802-244-7300; henofthewood.com

big sur bakery & restaurant

BIG SUR, CALIFORNIA

168 MILES FROM SAN FRANCISCO

Spectacular views, wood-burning-oven pizzas, and butter-braised halibut make this funky spot worth a journey. 47540 Highway 1; 831-667-0520; bigsurbakery.com

trummer's on main

CLIFTON, VIRGINIA

25 MILES FROM WASHINGTON, D.C.

Former NYC bartender Stephan Trummer and his wife, Victoria, run this lovely spot where Clayton Miller cooks regional American fare like Dorsey Farm suckling pig. 7134 Main Street; 703-266-1623; trummersonmain.com

new sammy's cowboy bistro

TALENT, OREGON

178 MILES FROM EUGENE

Vernon and Charlene Rollins (they met at Chez Panisse) run this quirky restaurant serving dishes like black-cod-and-sorrel terrine and grilled Umpqua Valley lamb chops. 2210 South Pacific Highway; 541-535-2779

town house CHILHOWIE, VIRGINIA

128 MILES FROM WINSTON-SALEM,

NORTH CAROLINA

In Chilhowie (population 1,827), former Charlie Trotter chefs John B. Shields and Karen Urie Shields create dishes like beef short ribs with pickled lychee and smoked cucumber. 132 East Main Street; 276-646-8787; townhouseva.com ■