



The coolest ice cream sandwiches across the country

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America's sweetest ice cream sandwich spins

The Meatball Shop, with multiple locations in New York City, is known for its homemade ice cream sandwiches almost as much as for its meatballs. Select from various flavors of homemade cookies (chocolate chip, oatmeal raisin, snickerdoodle, brownie walnut and a special of the week) and ice cream (vanilla, chocolate, espresso, brown sugar and a special of the week) for an ideal (overflowing) combination. *courtesy of The Meatball Shop*



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Cold, creamy ice cream sandwiched between two cookies (or doughnuts, bread, macarons, waffles... you name it, it can be done) is quite possibly one of the greatest summer refreshments. With limitless flavor combinations, the possibilities are endless and ice cream makers, pastry chefs and cooks across the country are using their creative chops to come up

with innovative, fun and above all tasty concoctions.

"I think what makes for a good ice cream sandwich is the mix of textures and it's fun because you know it will get a little messy," says Sam Mason of OddFellows Ice Cream Co. in New York City.

From classic vanilla ice cream amid chocolate chip cookies to warm brioche bread encasing cornbread ice cream and blueberry compote, there's an ice cream sandwich to please everyone. And it's an ideal summer treat.

"Ice cream sandwiches are the perfect blend of ice cream and pastry," says Ken El, co-owner of New York City ice cream shop Ice & Vice. "You can use cookies, cakes, anything you want really, and load it up with toppings, while being perfectly on the go. It's whimsical and really brings you back to your childhood."

Ice cream sandwiches also present the perfect opportunity for collaboration, with many shops getting various parts of their sandwiches from neighboring businesses. For example, Ice & Vice often collaborates with Underwest Donuts, Daly Pie and Abigail's Bakeshop on quirky creations, like the Let's Pie Ball, made with Daly Pie's pie crust, filled with cardamom apple pie swirl ice cream and rolled in boozy candied pecan.