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Top chefs reveal
food trends for
2012 — and where
they want to eat

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The new year is sure to bring new food trends to explore, restaurants to try and chefs to watch.

We asked culinary masters from around the country to predict those trends, but we also asked them about restaurants they want to visit and what their first meal of the year will be.

And while some chefs will go for bagels and lox, others, Hoppin' John and collards, most could agree on one thing: going local is *very* 2012.

Daniel Holzman,

co-owner and executive chef, The Meatball Shop, 64 Greenwich Ave., Manhattan

Trends: Grilled cheese is on the rise. Hopefully Little Muenster will open another shop. I'm also thinking gin will be the liquor of the year.

Restaurant: I think Per Se. So many chefs this year said it was their favorite meal that I guess it's time for me to spend the money and have a great meal there.

First meal: Fresh fruit. I'll be in Antigua so hopefully there will be some tasty fruit for breakfast!