

GUIDE:

The Best Places To Have Dinner For Around \$30 On The Upper East Side





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Some people think the Upper East Side is just where you go to drink a \$20 cocktail at The Carlyle and/or bid on a painting by Jackson Pollock. And, while you can technically do both of those things there, the neighborhood also has a lot affordable options. For some food that doesn't cost too much, try one of the spots on this guide. It has a bunch of great restaurants where you can eat a full meal (an entree and a drink, or an entree and an app) without having to spend more than \$30. These places are all perfect for weeknights, affordable dates, and any time in your life when you're trying to save money for your A/C bill or a new Jackson Pollock painting.

THE SPOTS

The Meatball Shop

Upper East Side

• 1462 2nd Ave



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Like Calexico, The Meatball Shop is a mini chain where you can spend less than \$20 on a meal. They specialize in meatballs here, and you can get yours one of several ways: on a roll, over a side (like spaghetti or polenta), or in a little bowl by themselves. There's also a vegetable plate called the "kitchen sink," and the vegetarian meatballs are surprisingly good. You can also add a cocktail or a few jello shots to your meal, and, for dessert, you can get cookie ice cream sandwich.

