

Kid-friendly restaurants in New York City

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A family outing into New York City is enough of a logistical challenge — getting there, finding parking, maneuvering the crowded streets — without worrying about where to eat. While the city abounds in restaurants, here are 10 that will keep the kids happy and satisfy their parents, too. Some of them even justify a special trip in their own right.

THE MEATBALL SHOP



(Credit: Meatball Shop)

THE MEATBALL SHOP, Five locations in Manhattan (plus one in Brooklyn), themeatballshop.com

What kid could resist a place called The Meatball Shop? Meatballs come in beef, pork, chicken or veggie and can be ordered with sauce, in heroes, atop pasta or with sides such as white beans or steamed spinach. Check off your menu choices with dry erase crayons, hand the order to your server, and wait for your meatballs. Save room for dessert: two-handed ice cream sandwiches are customizable, made with your favorite cookie (chocolate chip, oatmeal raisin, brownie nut and snickerdoodle) and ice cream (chocolate, vanilla, espresso, brown sugar).