

New York Restaurants Have Informal Ban on Food Photos



Some New York City restaurants have started to ban customers from taking photos of their food. (Flickr/Getty Images)

The Facts:

~ More and more restaurant-goers are pulling out their smartphones or digital cameras and taking photos of elaborate dishes at New York City restaurants.

~ This growing trend is known as foodstagram, a photo taken on a cellphone and quickly posted online.

~ Some people use large cameras, others use camera phones. Some use gorillapods — those small, flexible tripods to use on their tables. Some stand on chairs to get a good shot of their food. Some interrupt the staff to get a good shot of their dinner.



~ One writer's search for "food" on Flickr gave more than 11 million images.

~ Some restaurant owners are banning photography in their restaurants.

~ The New York Times reports that owners of upscale restaurants "discourage flash photography" by their guests.

~ Many people say that when others take pictures of their food, it is disturbing their meal. They say it has reached “epic proportions”. “Everybody wants to get their shot. They don’t care how it affects people around them.”

~ One NY chef instead invites guests into his kitchen for pictures.

~ Many food lovers say what they do is a tribute —and free advertising for the restaurants.

~ One NY restaurant is creating a way for diners to download professional pictures of their meals.

~ One frequent food-photo-taker said: “It’s shocking,” he said. “Is that even legal?”

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