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Pass the Salt: 5 Great NYC Spots for Margaritas

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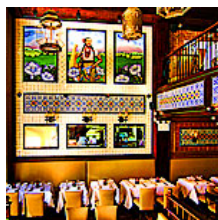
Named after the Spanish term for "Mexican party juice" (okay, we made that up), the mighty Margarita has been making bottom-shelf tequila drinkable for generations. Nowadays, there are some lovely 'ritas being made, as several city spots are infusing the summer staple with higher quality hooch and unexpected flavors. Others have proudly mastered the classic recipe with the sole goal of getting you goofy. Here are some go-to places for a great salt-rim job.



Las Chicas Locas

160 W. 25th St. (6th and 7th Aves.)
Chelsea
212.337.8301

You'll be crazy about the signature Blushing Chica (pictured), featuring agave nectar and, yes, a touch of Merlot. It's one upmarket margarita, and the perfect complement to a night of romantic Latin ambience.



Toloache

251 W. 50th St. (@ 8th Ave.)
Midtown
212.581.1818

The choices here read like the produce aisle at Whole Foods: hibiscus, prickly pear, cucumber, jicama. But these aren't just specialty flavors—they're the active ingredients of a Mexican love potion.



Mexican Radio

19 Cleveland Pl. # A (@ Kenmare St.)
NoLita
212.343.0140

The drink names can get a little cute...you may need a couple of "Short Waves" before you muster the panache to order one by name. But the ingredients are fresh and the results go down smooth; these 'ritas are much-loved for a reason.

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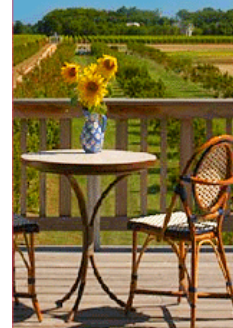
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gio says:

zocala in grand central has bangin, margaritas. they have good flavors and are strong and happy hour till 6 cost u 7.50, take one to go.

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Pookie says:

During summertime, or anytime really, there is nothing better than the fresh fruit watermelon/pineapple/canteloupe margaritas at El Rey de Sol.

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modelerr says:

Why not include pertinent FACTS and minimize the hype: across the board-how much do these venue Margs cost, and how strong are they? (Then let us consumers figure it out!)

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georgienyc says:

mexican radio is seriously fab, as is hula hooping at flats. ceviche is d e l i c i o u s at Manana on 61st. <http://mananarestaurantnyc.com/index2.html>

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jens says:

mon or tues if they have happy hr

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maria maria says:

I love margaritas! But you forgot barrio chino on the LES! Good luck getting a seat, but it's so yummy I could yell Arriba!

Tolaches a good one too!

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