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Innovative eateries, chic shops and even cutting-edge art are now flooding the South Street Seaport, finally making it a destination for real New Yorkers



Paula Barbarosa, a server at new restaurant Ambrose Beer and Lobster, delivers tasty seafood to hungry diners on Fulton Street in the Seaport

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LONG disassembled as a salty tourist trap, and more recently ravaged by Hurricane Sandy, the South Street Seaport's ship has finally come in. A fleet of vibrant new stores and restaurants have dropped anchor alongside such historic haunts as the Paris Cafe, a legendary watering hole on South Street for nearly 150 years. "There's a rising-tide feeling down there that's really interesting right now," says Eric Demby, co-founder of Smorgasburg food market, which set up in 2013 to help reinvigorate the area, post-Sandy. After skipping last summer, the Brooklyn-based foodie favorite has returned with some of its top-selling purveyors. While work continues on the Pier 17 shopping center, slated to reopen in 2017, design darlings such as William Okpo and Brother Vellies have opened shop on Fulton Street in the last few months. Seaport Studios — a highly anticipated pop-up shop featuring high-end designers — debuts Friday. "You are surrounded by skyscrapers, but it's a unique little pocket that has been preserved," Demby says. "We love the marketlike feeling and atmosphere in a place that has historically been a place of commerce."

In fact, developers are calling it the "Seaport District" to give it a shiny, new priny feel with a nod to its past — minus the pervasive aroma from the Fulton Fish Market, which closed in 2005. "We're really trying to put this seaport back together," says Amanda Zink, a Seaport-area resident for 20 years who owns the Sally Paw grooming emporium on Peck Slip. "I think there's a way to mix the old and the new spots." On the following pages are some of the best new spots, along with some old faithfuls, that are making this waterfront nook something wonderful.



The South Street Seaport neighborhood, seen here in a photo from 1908, is one of NYC's oldest.

SET SAIL FOR THE SEAPORT

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The sleek, new 5,000-square-foot **Industry Kitchen** looks out onto the Brooklyn skyline and slings delicious pizza from a wood-burning oven. Locals praise its vegetable lasagna, too. *70 South St.;* 212-487-9600



There's a buzzy scene at Industry Kitchen — and not just because it's right under the FDR Drive.

SOUTH STREET SEAPORT

- 1. Paris Cafe
- 2. Fresh Salt
- 3. Emily Thompson Flowers
- 4. Smorgasburg
- 5. Seaport Studios
- 6. El Luchador
- 7. Ambrose Beer and Lobster
- 8. Whisper Editions
- 9. Brother Vellies
- 10. Industry Kitchen

