



A Family Affair



"We're a family-run business, and when customers are here we want them to feel like family," says Kosovar Hoti, general manager at **LA VISTA RISTORANTE**. That theme is evident throughout the restaurant's food, service, and overall ambience.

La Vista, which has been open for a year and a half, has a look that is—as Mr. Hoti put it—"traditional with a fresh feeling." In the spring and summer, French doors are swung wide open and guests can see the gardens—the source of fresh vegetables that eventually make their way into many of the dishes.

Ramy Hoti, owner and head chef (and family patriarch) notes, "I grew up on a farm, so I believe in cooking organic whenever possible and using the bounty of the season." Every meal starts with a plate of cheeses, olives, and a spicy pepper on the table, along with a delicious tomato spread and bread. We shared an abundant appetizer of lightly fried calamari, and our chicken and veal entrees were excellent—with creamy polenta and vegetables on the side. Tableside-prepared zabaglione and after-dinner Limoncello was the perfect end to the meal. Once you dine with the Hoti family, you'll want to return again and again. — **ABBE WICHMAN**

La Vista Ristorante 335 Smith Ridge Road, South Salem
914-533-2671 lavistaristorante.com **M**

BEDFORD

The Barn and Campagna at Bedford Post Inn

Michael White's Altamarea Group manages the restaurants at Richard Gere's Bedford Post Inn. While The Barn offers salads, sandwiches, and Sunday brunch, Campagna's dining room features White's celebrated pasta dishes and grilled meats in a relaxed setting.

954 Old Post Rd. / 914-234-7800
bedfordpostinn.com **E**

Bedford 234

Nestled beside the Bedford Playhouse, Bedford 234 offers a brand new take on sophisticated, farm-to-table, comfort food. Lively bar scene.

635 Old Post Rd. / 914-234-5656
bedford234.com **E**

La Crémaillère Restaurant

While ties are no longer required, this old school French country restaurant may make you want to wear one. With a massive wine cellar and upscale atmosphere, this is a perfect date-night or special occasion destination.

46 Bedford-Banksville Rd.
914-234-9647 / cremaillere.com **E**

The Outpost

John Ubaldo of John Boy's Farm fame owns this cafe/market that serves breakfast, lunch, and dinners-to-go. Everything is either non-GMO or organic. Customers clamor for Ubaldo's signature bacon, egg, and cheese sandwich, French toast, salads, and soups, as well as rotisserie chicken and pulled pork. Take out/ dine in.

1 Court Rd. / 914-205-3900
johnboysoutpost.com **M-E**

Ristorante Lucia

Serves authentic, Italian comfort food in a convenient, attractive setting. Take out/ delivery/ dine in.

454 Old Post Rd. / 914-234-7600
ristorantelucia.com **M**

Truck

Inspired by the down-home cooking of northern New Mexico, Truck serves up tacos, enchiladas, and signature salads with locally

grown ingredients. Decadent house-made desserts, too!
391 Old Post Rd. / 914-234-8900
truckrestaurant.com **M**

BEDFORD HILLS

Gianfranco's Pizza & Pasta

Pizza, pasta, and salads, but the buzz is all about the Boss Wrap. Take out/ delivery/ dine in.

740 Bedford Rd. / 914-666-9341
gianfrancospizza.com **M**

Kicho

Known for good-quality sushi, Kicho wings, and teriyaki dishes. Take out/ delivery/ dine in.

352 N. Bedford Rd. / 914-666-3332
kichokicho.com **M**

Nino's

Across from the train station, this upscale tavern offers an extensive wine list and homemade northern Italian cuisine. Party room for special occasions.

13 Adams St. / 914-864-0400
ninosrestaurantofbedford.com

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Sette e Venti

Authentic southern Italian cuisine from the owner of Ginafranco's Pizza & Pasta.

720 N. Bedford Rd. / 914-218-8321
setteeventi.com **M**

CROSS RIVER

Bacio Trattoria

This longtime favorite at the cross roads in Cross River has reopened with a brand new look. The food is better than ever, including customer favorites, like pasta with seafood, cannelloni, osso buco, and game meats. Ten-seat bar for cocktails or eating.

12 North Salem Rd. / 914-763-2233
baciotrattoria.com **M**

KATONAH

Blue Dolphin

A broad range of well-priced, flavorful Italian favorites (with a focus on Amalfi Coast fare) continues to draw locals.

175 Katonah Ave. / 914-232-4791
thebluedolphinny.com **M**

I = Inexpensive **M** = Moderate **E** = Expensive