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Long Island restaurants open on Christmas, Christmas Eve

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It's not easy to find places to eat out on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, when restaurateurs are likely to give themselves and their staffs some time off.

To ensure that you don't go hungry, call before heading out to your favorite bistro or sushi bar. Fancier dining rooms offering fixed-price meals, including Restaurant Mirabelle in Stony Brook and Scarpetta Beach in Montauk, require reservations. For a quick or casual meal, ethnic eateries such as Fortune Wheel in Levittown and Ben's Kosher Delicatessen in Greenvale, Carle Place and Woodbury, which will be open for business as usual, are good bets.

Here are some choices:

Restaurant Mirabelle (150 Main St., Stony Brook; 631-751-0555) will be cooking a special three-course Christmas Eve dinner. The meal begins with an appetizer such as pan-seared foie gras or lobster bisque. Indulgent main courses include baby rack of lamb or prime rib. There will be a choice of dessert. And let the kiddies loose at "the candy store" for children only. \$65 for adults, half-price for children 10 and younger. Reservations required.