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From Casual To Upscale, Here Are Six Metro-Detroit Locations Worthy of Your Time ...

Andiamo River Front

Overlooking the Detroit River, Andiamo Riverfront is a stunning place to visit if you want a uniquely Detroit New Year's experience. Andiamo restaurants are staples of the metro-Detroit area, and this specific location in the heart of the city offers a fantastic view — in addition to exceptional cuisine. The pasta alone is reason to go! The dining options range from five course meals and seafood dishes, to handmade pastas and classic Caesar salads. This year, Andiamo Riverfront will be offering a special NYE menu and live entertainment by Notorious. New Year's Eve party favors and a complimentary champagne toast will be given to guests right at the stroke of midnight. If you want to embrace Detroit tradition while welcoming the start of something new, Andiamo is where to spend your New Year's Eve.



Bayside Bar & GRILL

Walled Lake's Bayside Bar is bumping New Year's Eve this year by bringing in Scoot Magoo, one of the top rated cover bands in the area. They are offering packages that include discounted rates at the nearby Hampton Inn and a shuttle to and from the hotel, dinner for two with wine and a champagne toast at midnight. Also they have a shuttle for the local partiers who party a little too hardy and can't drive back. We hear that this is going to be a "party till your pants come off" kind of night, so bring an extra pair. A clean pair please.



Big Rock Chophouse

Birmingham's Big Rock Chophouse is going to be as swanky as always this New Year's Eve. Start off the night with their strolling buffet of delectable eats including a Mushroom Sauté that



piqued our interest. Later that evening enjoy the open bar and a champagne toast at midnight. Dress to impress and enjoy dancing to the Royce and Jenn Band who will be playing that evening. Big Rock is also offering a package deal at the

Townsend Hotel for those who would like to keep the party going a little longer and want to wake up in 2010 surrounded by elegance. Reservations are required for this one, so call them right away if you are interested.

Mon Jin Lau

Celebrate the New Year with an exotic culinary experience. Mon Jin Lau in Troy is Michigan's premiere eatery for elegant Asian Fusion cuisine. Offering a selection of one-of-a-kind dishes inspired by China, Japan, Korea, Thailand and Vietnam, Mon Jin Lau is guaranteed to provide an exciting dining experience for an exciting New Year. Fresh ingredients, beautiful presentations and an elegant atmosphere make this menu and location an ideal setting to begin a new year in style. Go see and be seen.



Gaicho

Lucky for Detroiters who have a love of ethnic cuisine, Gaicho in Northville brings Brazilian fare to the Midwest. For two years, Gaicho has been serving fire-roasted meats and an



array of traditional side dishes in an authentic Brazilian Rodizio manner. (You've never seen a salad bar like this.) Ring in the New Year while dining on Linguica (Brazilian sausage) or Costela de Cordeiro (lamb chops). A set dining price allows servers to continue bringing 15 varieties of meat to your table until you indicate that you're finished. And the Brazilian drinks are some of the best we've ever had.

SaltWater at MGM

Gray and white mosaic tile ceiling illuminated by an 1890 reproduction of Edison Bulbs help set an elegant setting at SaltWater. As one of MGM Casino's signature restaurants, this is a cozy and very special place to celebrate the New Year with that special person or a few close friends. While the menu has recently changed, their signature dish, the market priced lobster pot pie made with a pound-and-a-half of Maine lobster, remains. The menu Michael Mina created features contemporary seafood and American cuisine that is sure to be your heart's delight as you are out with the old and in with the new. | **RDW**



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