

LGBT Couples Celebrate NYC Gay Pride With a Sexy Date Night

While traveling across the country to watch her stepsister marry the woman of her dreams, Appetite for Seduction owner Shani Delamor had a realization: the gay community still struggles for equality in other parts of the country.

"LGBT acceptance and love is not everywhere," says Delamor, whose company offers couple's cooking classes with a sultry twist. "Since I live in NYC, it doesn't feel like an issue to me, but I learned that equality and acceptance everywhere is not like it is here in the Big Apple."

She also realized it was important to show support for gay marriage and other LGBT issues. That is why Appetite for Seduction classes are open to everyone; "We welcome you whether you are gay or lesbian or straight to our classes."

In honor of NYC's 22nd annual Gay Pride week, which takes place June 25th to 29th, LGBT couples are invited to sign up for an evening of wine drinking, nibbling, romance, and sensuality.

Their innovative cooking classes are touted as an alternative date night idea that's enjoyable for even those who are usually unromantic. Each unique 3-hour class, which is shared with four other couples, includes lots of wine, a delectable meal, and plenty of sexy bonding time with your paramour.

Classes teach a variety of cuisines including French, Italian, and Mexican. And while cooking is central to the evening, the true focus is on sharing a fun experience as a couple. What's not to love?

Delamor is passionate about teaching the art of culinary seduction to all couples; "The team at Appetite for Seduction are proud allies of the LGBT community and the fight for marriage equality," she states, inviting gay couples to celebrate Pride this year with a romantic food adventure in one of their group or private classes. **Visit Appetite for Seduction online or call (646) 490-8774 to reserve your spot for romance!**

A Floral Tour of The Upper East Side's Yorkville Neighborhood

Removed from the hustle and bustle of midtown Manhattan, you'll find the welcoming neighborhood of Yorkville on the Upper East Side. Yorkville is a fashionable and hospitable community with much to offer. There you'll find many of NYC's long-established businesses, including local florist CitiFloral Inc., as well as excellent museums, historical landmarks, parks and more.

Curious what it's like to live in this remarkable neighborhood? We start our journey right in front of CitiFloral's store on York Avenue. A walk around Yorkville's tree-lined streets reveals a peaceful residential bouquet that includes coops, condominiums, apartment buildings and townhouses.

We stop at the window of a classic brownstone and spy a colorful arrangement of gerbera daisies. From the nearby school playground, we hear the joyful sounds of children. Yorkville's highly regarded private, charter and public schools are attracting more and more young families.

The tour continues with a stroll in nearby Carl Schurz Park, which features a walkway on the banks of the East River accommodating energetic runners and bicyclists alongside folks who enjoy a leisurely stroll or find their place in the sun among the grassy knolls bordered by colorful, vibrant seasonal plants. People from all walks of life happily coexist here from dawn till dusk. When night falls, couples and young people take romantic walks along John Finley Walk under the starry sky and a comforting breeze from the river.

Nestled right in the park is Gracie Mansion, the house built on a farm in 1799 before Yorkville existed. It is the official residence of New York City's mayor. The mansion rose to international prominence when Nelson Mandela stayed here during his triumphant visit to New York.

The heart of Yorkville is its main historical thoroughfare, 86th Street, once home to fine ethnic German restaurants, bakeries, dance halls and social institutions. This busy street--always filled with hustle and bustle--has always been evolving as a commercial center for fine stores, movie theaters, and eating and drinking establishments. You know you're in a vibrant city that retains its historical roots when you meander through Yorkville encountering nature's trees and plants, but never that bastion of suburbia--a mall.

Returning back to York Avenue, you'll find CitiFloral Inc.--which is in close proximity to the major world-renowned medical institutions-- New York Presbyterian Hospital, Mount Sinai Medical Center and Lenox Hill Hospital. So concentrated are these hospitals that York Avenue was affectionately called "Bedpan Alley."

Through their flower delivery service, this flower shop has formed long-term solid relationships with these hospitals. Customers and hospital employees know that their beautiful get well flowers will arrive in a timely, professional manner.

With the new Second Avenue Subway finally expected to be completed soon, Yorkville's popularity is on the rise. While the heart of CitiFloral Inc. beats on the Upper East Side, they are proud to deliver their stunning floral arrangements throughout NYC. **Visit them online or call (212) 410-0303 to place an order today.**