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# Hot fun in the wintertime

Drinks to warm the soul and stomach

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A hot toddy in front of a roaring fireplace ... wait, wrong city! Here in the Big Apple, we demand maximum flavor and flair from our winter drinks. And some like it toasty. "Hot drinks are extra fun because the heat enhances alcohol's natural warming effect," says cocktail guru Jonathan Pogash. "They warm your paws, lips and heart." Here are some of New York's coolest hotties-in-a-glass.

**Café Sintra at Alfama**

551 Hudson St.  
212-645-2500  
alfamarestaurant.com

Mixmaster Tarcisio Costa whips up espresso, Godiva liqueur, Portuguese brandy and almond essence, \$16.

**Butterscotch White Hot Chocolate at Country**

90 Madison Ave.  
212-889-7100  
countryinnyc.com

Country's inviting hot treat, \$12, is thick with Valrhona white chocolate, Dewar's and Drambuie.

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**Big Apple Cider at Madison & Vine**

299 Madison Ave.  
212-865-5535, libraryhotel.com  
White wine, apple cider, rum and secret spices go into this \$12.50 hot number from cocktail kingpin Jonathan Pogash.



Dark, tall and steamy: The salty hot chocolate at Graffiti attracts a cool crowd and keeps the shivers away.

(Photos by Michael Casker)

**Cinnamon Apple Tea at Nikki Beach**

151 E. 50th St.  
212-753-1144,  
nikkibeach.com/newyork

Twelve bucks buy a Grand Marnier-spiked brew plus all the Euro-club vibe you can handle.

**Hot Buttered Rum at Belcourt**

84 E. 4th St.  
212-979-2034, belcourtnyc.com

The East Village's buzzy new "gastropub" serves up this rich, spicy blend made with Ron Zacapa rum, \$10.

**Jade Emperor at Huckleberry Bar**

588 Grand St., Williamsburg  
718-218-8555,  
huckleberrybar.com

Named for a peach-loving Chinese ruler, this \$10 warmer-upper involves whiskey and peach syrup. Fortune cookies not included.

**Salty Hot Chocolate at Graffiti**

224 E. 10th St.  
212-677-0695, graffiti NYC.com

Fans of dessert whiz Jehangir Mehta's trendy East Village boite love his \$8 hot chocolate with a salty tinge.

**NoChado at Aspen**

30 W. 22nd St.  
212-645-5040, aspen-nyc.com

This delish brew, savory with ginger-infused, super-strength Absolut 100, is \$13 at Flatiron's cozy lodge-style lounge.

**Autumnation at Allen & Delancey**

115 Allen St.  
212-253-5400  
allenanddelancey.net

At celeb chef Neil Ferguson's lair, \$12 gets you a generous mix of pear cider and Trinidadian 10 Cane rum.

**Hot Tango at Fireside**

19 E. 52nd St.  
212-754-5011, fireside-nyc.com

Malbec wine from Argentina, Laird's applejack brandy from New Jersey, and other steamy ingredients in this hot number will keep you stepping lively on the coldest night. \$10.

**Spanish Fire at Sangria 46**

338 W. 46th St.  
212-581-8482, sangria46.com

Aguardiente, or Spanish grappa, fortifies this Viking drink. A batch for three or more costs \$25.

**Vanilla Punch at 202**

75 Ninth Ave. (Chelsea Market)  
646-638-1173

This tasty \$14 tippie, by bar star Stefan Trummer, has Hennessy cognac and delicious Navan liqueur.



Salty, sweet, good to eat: cocoa, pretzels, Frangelico.

## Happy hours!

**ZANZIBAR: 645 NINTH AVE., 212-957-9197** Like its namesake island, Zanzibar combines different cultures in the Fireplace, Garden and Zebra lounges. Expect fruity cocktails at this midtown haven. On nice evenings, a wall of windows opens onto Ninth Avenue.

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