

Popover Cafe
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I tend not to want to review restaurants based on just one dish or one visit. I have been to Popover Cafe several times over the years and I always have gotten the same dish. On a recent dreary fall morning, I found myself in the neighborhood and in need of a good breakfast. I stopped into Popover and am happy to report that the food is just as good as I had remembered.

While the menu offers a number of tempting breakfast choices, which are served all day, I reverted to my old standby, which is called the Special Scramble. It is a delicious combination of three scrambled eggs, smoked salmon, cream cheese, and chives. These ingredients are perfect together and come with the restaurant's signature popover, which looks like a croissant on steroids. It is a flaky, buttery cousin of Yorkshire pudding and is served with a side of strawberry butter, which tastes just like strawberry ice cream. I alternated between having bites of popover with my eggs and then having some with the butter.

If I could eat here everyday for a week, I would want to try their Kobe corned beef hash served with eggs, as well as some of their wide selection of salads, sandwiches, and entrees. The service was attentive but not overbearing. I asked for my eggs to be cooked soft (i.e. not overcooked) and five minutes later I had the ideal breakfast, one that I ate slowly to make each savory bite last. A good cup of coffee was the only other thing I needed.

With tip, it cost me \$20.15, more than I would normally spend for breakfast, but this was a treat. And for brunch, you can't expect to get food this good for under twenty bucks anyway. So if you find yourself on the Upper West Side, pop on in to the Popover Cafe.

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