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**IT'S A BAKERY LOVER'S PARADISE IN CHINATOWN NEW YORK CITY**

*Treat Your Taste Buds to Fresh Buns, Tarts, Cakes and Cookies*

**NEW YORK, NY** – From sweet to savory, meat-filled, red-bean flavored or made with coconut, there is a taste for every palate when it comes to Chinese pastries. Typically, the sweet aroma of a Chinatown bakery can be sensed even before the store is in sight. Visitors to Chinatown cannot help but notice the multitude of bakeries that are scattered around this two-square-mile neighborhood. Most of the bakeries carry classic Chinese baked goods such as egg tarts and almond cookies, but several offer exceptional creations and specialty items not found anywhere else in the city. Proximity to Little Italy, and the cultural blend of American and Chinese heritage means that some bakery items bear a fresh, continental twist.

**The Best Baked Goodies to Try:**

**Cock's Tail Buns (*gai mei bao*)** – in the shape of a cock's tail, these buns are filled with a sweet coconut paste

**Coconut Tarts (*ye tot*)** – yellow tarts made with coconut, usually garnished with a cherry on top

**Custard Egg Tarts (*dan tot*)** – a Chinatown favorite, they are made with egg custard baked in a flaky crust

**Hot Dog Buns (*cheung zai bao*)** – a tasty combo of both NYC and Chinatown – these are buns with a hot dog enveloped in sweet, fluffy bread and in some cases topped with a honey glaze

**Pineapple Buns (*bo lo bao*)** – a delicious bakery staple but don't let the name fool you; these buns resemble pineapples but do not contain any pineapple ingredients. Instead, they are filled with a sweet mild custard filling or made plain

**Red Bean Paste Buns (*hong dau sa bao*)** – contains a smooth red bean paste filling, has an exotic semi-sweet flavor and is made with sweet bread

**Roast Pork Buns (*char siu chan bao*)** – whether steamed or baked, these delicious buns blend the sweetness of the bread with the savory taste of Chinese BBQ-flavored roast pork

Easily overlooked, **Wing Wah Bakery Inc.** (244 Grand Street) offers fresh, authentic goods. For a mere 100 pennies - pair a legendary pineapple bun with milk tea for a delicious snack. Bite into another bargain: loaves of fresh, white bread baked daily, sell for only a dollar.

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**Maria's Bakery** (42 Mott Street) specializes in wedding cakes, birthday cakes, and gourmet buns, but “Chinatowners” know this tiny, hole-in-the-wall bakery is the place to go for winter melon cakes, known as “wife cakes” in Chinese. It is believed that women who bake or purchase these flaky pastries on the fifteenth day of the eighth lunar month will be blessed with children.

With a stylish interior and beautifully arranged pastries and cakes, the Hong Kong-style **Fay Da Bakery Corp.** (83 Mott Street, 191 Center Street, and 214-216 Grand Street) offers everything from tapioca bubble tea to curry puffs. The tiramisu, fruit, chocolate, and almond crème cakes are especially reasonable in comparison to other New York bakeries. Similar in style is the **Manna House Bakery Inc.** (217 Grand Street, 125 Mott Street, and 87 East Broadway). Here visitors should try the delicious egg tarts and cock's tail buns. Other bakeries to try are: **Tai Pan Bakery** (194 Canal Street), **King's Bakery** (49 Bayard Street), and **K and D Bakery** (143A Mott Street).

### **About Chinatown New York City**

Chinatown New York City, combines authentic Asian-American culture with the energy and influence of the most exciting city in the world. With over 200 restaurants, numerous Asian bakeries and tea houses, jewelry shops, arts and antique stores, an active nightlife and dozens of cultural attractions and landmarks, Chinatown stands as a world within a city. Whether dining, shopping, or strolling down the charming, narrow streets, visitors to Chinatown New York City, will find virtually limitless opportunities for new experiences and added insight.

Located on the east side of Lower Manhattan, Chinatown New York City, is the largest in the United States. The neighborhood has been growing steadily since the mid-1800s, and today stands as a vibrant community offering the opportunity to enjoy and explore Asian-American culture. Chinatown New York City is easily accessible via many New York City MTA subways and buses, as well as several convenient area parking garages. For more information, visit [www.ExploreChinatown.com](http://www.ExploreChinatown.com).

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