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■ Not even the Atlantic Ocean could keep this couple from staying close at Guglhupf.

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blivious to the chatter inside Guglhupf Bakery, Patisserie & Café's lunchtime crowd, Dr. Adriana Vidal would enjoy a Mediterranean salad, sip organic Peruvian Penachi coffee and chat with her husband, Martin Crompton. A typical scene at the popular eatery, with one exception: Martin was 3,000 miles away in England. Over six years, Adriana would sit at one of her favorite tables — either downstairs close to the side entrance, or a sun-drenched spot upstairs — and communicate with her sweetheart via video chat and email. "It's really computer and Internet friendly," says Adriana, a research scientist. She chatted with Martin so much that the German bakery's founder and owner, Claudia Kemmet-Cooper, would stop at the table to wave hello to Martin and ask when he was returning. Because Adriana is from Argentina and Martin is from England, Guglhupf's international staff and array of globally influenced pastries and entrées provides a level of cultural diversity the couple enjoys. "You get people from all over the world," says Martin, a sales and marketing director and property investor. Now that the couple permanently resides in Forest Hills with 14-year-old daughter, Sofia, Guglhupf is like a second home to them. "We eat there, we drink there, we socialize there, we work there on our computers," Martin says. "The only thing I have not done in Guglhupf is sleep there." DM