

THE MILLENNIUM PHILCON RESTAURANT GUIDE



Welcome

Welcome to the Millennium Philcon Restaurant Guide. When Philadelphia was bidding for the worldcon, one of the things we promised you was good food at the convention and we're going to deliver. Philadelphia is a true restaurant town.

Herein we hope you will find a useful listing of restaurants near the convention center. This guide is not a comprehensive listing of all the restaurants in the city; that would not be practical. (If you take a look at the Yellow Pages restaurant listings you will see overwhelming numbers of restaurants.) Knowledable locals will certainly be able to suggest good restaurants that we were unable to list. This is a basic pocket-sized guide to get you good food without making you travel very far.

If you do choose to go farther from the convention center in search of good food, there are many, many restaurants that will reward you. Areas you may want to check out are Manyunk, Chestnut Hill, the Main Line, the Italian Market, and New Jersey. South Philadelphia is full of good Italian restaurants. The Delaware River is lined with nightclubs, restaurants and bars. For information about these areas we suggest you stop by the Millennium Philcon Information Desk, or look on the Web in the Internet Room or through your own access. There are some useful web addresses listed elsewhere in this guide.

We have reprinted Lew Bryson's beer guide for your imbibing convenience.

Good Eating!

—Mark Trebing

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The Best Beer in Philadelphia

By Lew Bryson

I moved to the Philadelphia area ten years ago and pretty much stayed out in the suburbs for the first three years. I had come from drinking beer in New England and California: Anchor in San Francisco, Sierra Nevada in Chico, Geary's in Portland, Guinness in Boston. What did Philadelphia know about beer?

Turns out they knew a lot! Philly is one of America's hotspots for traditional, cask-conditioned "real ale," drinks down Belgian imports like no other town and even the town's mainstream beer drinkers often choose regional powerhouse Yuengling's beers over national brands. As Grey Lodge Pub owner Mike Scotese says, "Any town where a regional amber lager [like Yuengling] has Budweiser on the run is a great beer town." Philadelphia is simply the hottest town in America for beer variety.

First, Philly's brewpubs. The oldest and newest is Dock Street, with the original at 18th & Cherry, and the newest at 12th & Market (across from the Reading Terminal Market, which you GOTTA visit: great fresh regional food and incredible sweets); both are good places for food and drink if a bit trendy/pricey. Nodding Head (1516 Sansom St.) is serving very traditional English ales in an informal snug setting. Manayunk Brewing Co. (4120 Main St. in the Manayunk neighborhood) has some damned good beers these days (grab the Grand Cru or Monster Island IPA), but is often swarming with

blonde-ale-drinking yupsters. Out of town it's Valley Forge BC (610/687-8700), very near the end of the Schuylkill Expressway in Devon, with a killer Imperial Stout, and Victory in Downingtown (610/873-0881), which has TOP-NOTCH WORLD-CLASS beers and is absolutely worth the drive (but call for directions-you'll need 'em).

On to the bars! There are five really dense pockets of good beer in Philly. The first is in Center City (what other cities call "downtown"), and I've worked up a little walking tour to hit the best places. I did this in 70 minutes, but I was on a mission!

Your first stop is Philly's oldest continually operating bar, McGillin's Old Ale House at 1310 Drury Lane. They've been serving beer here since 1860. Drury Lane can be hard to find. It's half a block north of Sansom Street, but only in the 1300 block! You'll find mainstream beers and Guinness, local faves Yuengling and Honey Brown, and microbeers from Yards, Stoudt's, Victory, Flying Fish, and Dogfish Head. Food's great, and for greasy, irresistible barfood, you can't beat the curly-fry nachos.

Turn right out of the door, then right on 13th St., then take a left on Sansom St. to Fergie's Pub, at 1214 Sansom. This is the home of one of the top jars of Guinness in Philly. They've also got a handpump that usually has local fave Yards ESA on and six other taps with a mix of mainstream and micro. It's an Irish welcome without the hard-sweating "Bigawd, we're IRISH!" feel of too many "pubs." Food's authentic and filling.

Cross the street from Fergie's and go left to the next block for Ludwig's Garten, at 1315 Sansom. This German restaurant and bar knocks you out with its taps: seventeen (soon to be twenty-one) of them, all

German but one, with a solid bank of five Paulaner taps and notables such as Optimator, Aventinus and Schneiderweisse, and Kostritzer Schwarzbier. The exception is a German-style beer brewed exclusively for Ludwig's by local brewer Victory: Mad King's Weiss. There are also tons of German bottled beers. There's an authentic German menu, lederhosen-clad servers, and the dining room looks right out of Bavaria. This place has quickly established itself as one of the best selections of German beer in the U.S.

Turn right out of the door, then left at 15th St. McGlinchey's is down at 259 S. 15th. McGlinchey's may not look like much — one big room dominated by a big U-shaped bar, plain hand-lettered signs — but you'll never feel left out here. Add to that some of the cheapest prices for good beers in town (\$4.75 for a 12-oz. bottle of Chimay Red, \$1.90 for a 12-oz. mug of Yuengling Porter) and you'll see why McGlinchey's is so popular. It's a good place for lunch, too; I got a thick liverwurst and onion on rye for \$1.75. The woman who made it delivered it on a paper plate, and as I counted the money out let me know bluntly, "You know, our tips are separate." Such honest self-interest could not go unrewarded. People are what they are here, and that's valuable.

As you leave McGlinchey's, turn left, then take your first right over to 16th Street. Cross over and turn right, and there is your final stop, nirvana at 264 S. 16th St.: Monk's Cafe. This is one of the very best beer bars in the country and the world, really, with an absolutely astonishing array of rare and wonderful draft beers and an increasingly impressive cellar of vintage beers, as well as a wide selection of bourbons and single malts. The concentration is on Belgium, and you'll find draft and bottled Belgian beers of every type. Food is

tremendous; Philly's best burger (*Philadelphia Magazine*, two years running) and delicious pots of steamed mussels with real Belgian frites and garlic-bourbon mayonnaise.

The second density is over in Northern Liberties, just north and west of the intersection of I-95 and I-676 (the Vine St. Expressway). You'll find a bunch of Irish pubs, if you're interested, but the big draws for beer lovers are 700 (700 N. 2nd St.) and the Standard Tap (one block north of 700 on the opposite corner). These two bars are really cool places, and have an amazing selection of beers you won't find many other places in the city. 700 has good taps, an excellent bottle (and half-decent spirits) selection; Standard has only local, draft, excellent beer and great, great food (recently selected as one of the 50 best menus in the city by *Philadelphia Magazine*). When beer writers like Michael Jackson and Stephen Beaumont come to town, they want to go to Monk's and Standard Tap.

The third density is south of Standard Tap about eight blocks on 2nd St. As you head south on 2nd, you'll pass Christ Church, a Philly landmark at the corner of Church St. Park near there. Church St. runs west from 2nd, and that's where you'll find Sugar Mom's Church Street Lounge (225 Church, back from the street, look for the red sign), with an eclectic set of taps and bottles, great tunes, and good eats. Then come back out to 2nd and continue south. The next block has Brownie's Pub and the Khyber Pass, both excellent bars; the Khyber is a funky little hobbit house stuck into the street's facade, and has a more adventurous tap selection.

The fourth density is in Fairmount Park, down by the art museum. Bridgid's (726 N. 24th St.) and Cuvee Notredame (1701 Green St.) are two very

good, very different Belgian restaurants. Cuvee is just a tiny bit more pricey and sophisticated, but you get value for the bucks; Bridgid's is a lot more cozy and Bohemian. Either one is a good call—just depends on what you want. London Grill (2301 Fairmount Ave.) has a good selection and two handpumps, and is on the southwest corner of a parking lot. On the northwest corner Rembrandt's usually has a small but decent selection (both are more upscale), and on the southeast corner is Jack's Firehouse, where there are some good beers, an outstanding selection of bourbon (perhaps the best in the city), excellent food, and really cool atmosphere.

The fifth density is in Manayunk. Manayunk Brewing Co. will have at least three good beers and great food. There are fun bars all along Main Street in Manayunk, but if you're really beer-hunting, you want to go to Dawson Street Pub (all the way east on Dawson St.—do yourself a favor and call for directions at 215/482-5677), where they have three handpumps and an excellent array of taps and bottles. You're also not TOO far away from McMenamin's Tavern, an exceptionally good beer bar where they haven't lost their neighborhood bar feel (7170 Germantown Ave.). They've also added a really good menu and a chef who understands beer. The food has gotten very good in the past year, from bar food to full-menu stuff like seafood risotto.

What else? The Grey Lodge Pub, 6235 Frankford Avenue, is not in any of these "densities". In fact, it's way up in Northeast Philly, but it's definitely worth the trip. Why? It's a corner bar (in the middle of the block) that's covered in Twin Peaks references, and serves outstanding local and imported beer along with Bud, Coors Light, and Old Mill 40s.

Everyone gets along here, plays darts and flash bowling, and uses the amazingly beer-decorated bathrooms. A wonderful, wonderful bar. And right around the corner is Chickie's and Pete's, a Philly institution where you can get great steamed crabs, or you can walk north on Frankford to the Red Robin diner to get an omelette after a night of drinking.

Beer to look for on all those taps:

YUENGLING — America's oldest brewery, Yuengling (say "YING-ling") had 400% growth through the 1990s and is now a regional power with over 15% of the total Philly-area beer market, mostly on sales of Traditional Lager. With a large new brewing facility coming online, national brewery reps have to be dreading the long-threatened onslaught of Yuengling Light. Even beer snobs like their Porter.

YARDS — Yards flagship ESA was the first beer to hit it big as cask-conditioned "real ale" in Philly, and remains the leader. With locals drinking up all the specialties like Love Stout (brewed with an addition of oysters!), and their spicy Saison, Yards is a well-kept Philly secret. Look for their new "Trubbel de Yards," a Belgian dubbel-style knockoff: delicious, devastating beer.

FLYING FISH — Just across the river in Cherry Hill, NJ, Flying Fish sells a lot of beer in Philadelphia. Their Porter is a dark standby, and their crisp, light Farmhouse Ale is selling fast, a great summertime beer.

VICTORY — Highly trained and experienced brewers who refuse to compromise make Victory's beers some of the boldest, cleanest ones in America; their HopDevil is the hot ticket. But they still have a

deft hand with subtlety, as shown by their delicate Dark Lager and buoyant Sunrise Weiss.

STOUDT'S — Brewing since 1987 and carrying a fistful of awards to prove it, Stoudt's is a veteran of the Philly market that is finally hitting some bigger numbers. Their American Pale Ale is a hoppy, bright favorite. I favor their traditional, soft Pils.

DOGFISH HEAD — These Delaware brewers make bizarre, ethereal, wonderful beers, spiked with honeys, fruits, spices, sugars, and herbs. Though they have gained critical acclaim nationwide, Philadelphia has taken them to heart. Look for Chicory Stout, 60 Minute IPA, and the huge, menacing Immort Ale.

HEAVYWEIGHT — A new player, Heavyweight is a one-man operation from New Jersey that has cracked the Philadelphia market with Perkuno's Hammer, a huge "Baltic porter" I named and helped formulate; Two Druids Gruit, an herbal beer like no other you've had, and Lunacy, a big golden Belgian-style ale.

NEW ROAD — A daring brewpub in the far suburbs, New Road is pushing some fantastic beer into Philly. Look for their Dry Stout or Lusty Gnome Scotch Ale at Standard Tap or the Grey Lodge.

Alphabetical Restaurant Listing

12th Street Cantina

Reading Terminal Market

(215) 625-0321

Mon-Sat 8:00 am–6:00 pm

Homemade Mexican food & groceries

Alyan's

603 S. Fourth St. (South St.)

South St.

(215) 922-3553

Lunch, Dinner

7 days: 12:00 am–11:00 pm

Middle Eastern

\$12, takeout, BYOB, reservations required for groups

Many vegetarian dishes, highly rated french-fries (with peppers and onions!). The falafel and baklava get high ratings too.

Cafe Amara

105 S. 22nd St. (between Chestnut & Sansom Sts.)

Center City (West of Broad St.)

(215) 564-6976

Lunch, Dinner:

Mon-Fri 9:00 am–12:00 am and 5:30 pm–9:30 pm

Sat-Sun 5:30 pm–9:30 pm

Dress: casual

Thai, Vietnamese, Vegetarian Choices

\$15-20, BYOB, reservations required

Mix-and-match menu, very popular spring rolls. Try anything with peanuts or coconut. Small.

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4 blocks

Center City (East of Broad St.)

1210 Walnut St. (between 12th & 13th Sts.)

(215) 985- 1838

Mon-Fri 5:00 pm-10:30 pm

Sun 4:30 pm-10:30 pm

Japanese

\$11 to \$20

Bamboo sushi bar. The miso soup is recommended. Hot entrees are limited to beef, chicken teriyaki and tempura, and salmon hibachi with ginger and mustard sauces. Desserts include red bean and green tea ice cream.

Aso Sushi

719 Walnut, in Jeweler's Row

(215) 351-9166,

Mon-Thur 11:30 am-10:30 pm

Fri-Sat 11:30 am-11:30 pm

Japanese, Sushi

\$24, BYOB, lunch boxes for \$8.95

All-you-can-eat sushi for \$20

Astral Plane

Center City (West of Broad St.)

1708 Lombard St. (between 17th & 18th Sts.)

(215) 546-6230

www.astralplane.citysearch.com

Lunch: Mon-Fri 11:30 am-2:30 pm

Dinner: Mon-Thu 5:00 pm-11:00 pm

Dress: casual

New American

\$30, Prix Fixe, Takeout

Has been around 20 years, and still going strong. Decor is described by some as "romantic", by others as "grandma's attic." Enormous salads and don't-miss desserts. On Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7:00 pm-12:00 pm "psychic advisor" Gina Georgianafor reads tarot cards.

Audrey Claire

Center City (West of Broad St.)

276 S. 20th St. (Spruce St.)

(215) 731- 1222

Tue.-Thu. 5:45 pm–10 pm;

Fri.-Sat 5:45 pm–10:30 pm;

Sun. 5:15 pm–9:30 pm

Dress: casual

Mediterranean

Moderate—\$28, no credit cards, BYOB, outdoor dining

Serving such fare as roast chicken with pomegranate molasses and falafel-crusted snapper. Reservations are available Tuesday-Thursday and on Sunday, at other times arrive early. Very popular.

Avenue B

Center City

260 S. Broad St. (Spruce St.)

(215) 790-0705

Dining Room: Mon-Thu 11:00 am–3:00 pm and 5:00 pm–11:00 pm, Fri. 11:00 am–3:00 pm and 5:00 pm–12 pm; Sat 5:00 pm–12:00 am; Sun 5:00 pm–10:00 pm.

Cafe: Mon-Thu 11:30 am–12:00 am; Fri-Sat 11:30 am–1:00 am; Sun 5:00 pm–11:00 pm

Dress: upscale

Northern Italian

Expensive—\$41 and up; \$25 prix fixe lunch menu, reservations required

Tuscan dishes such as saddle of wild boar, and risotto with saffron and shellfish. Extensive wine list. The more casual cafe serves soups, salads, and thin-crust pizzas, and does not require reservations.

A-B

Azafran

South Street Area

617 S. Third St. (between Bainbridge & South Sts.)

(215) 928-4019

Dinner: Tue-Thu 5:00 pm–10:00 pm; Fri-Sat 5:00 pm–11:00 pm; Sun 4:30 pm–9:30 pm

Dress: casual

South American/Nuevo Latino

Moderate—\$25, BYOB, takeout

Features “exotically appealing” dishes such as fried yucca, chicken with raisins, olives and sofrito, and arepas (deep-fried cornmeal and cheese cakes).

Azalea Room

Old City

401 Chestnut St. (between 4th & 5th Sts.)

(215) 931-4260

American

Expensive—\$40, entertainment, dancing, Sunday brunch

Bao Bao Hao

Chinatown

1004 Race Street

(215) 351-7811

Open 7 days 4:00 pm–3:00 am

Chinese

Bar Noir

Center City

112 S. 18th St.

(215) 569-9333

Mon 6:00 pm–2:00 am

Tue-Sat 11:30 am–2:00 am

Inexpensive, entertainment

Dark atmosphere. TVs show “Casablanca” and other classic films. Light lunch menu is pannini-heavy. DJs play retro dance-pop (like Depeche Mode and Erasure).

Barrymore Room

Center City

200 S. Broad St. (Walnut St.) In the Park Hyatt at the Bellevue
(215) 790-2814

Dress: casual

Continental

Moderate—\$21 prix fixe

High tea Thu-Sun. "Belle epoque" decor.

Basic 4 Vegetarian Snack Bar

Reading Terminal Market

(215) 440-0991

Mon-Sat 8:00 am–6:00 pm

Vegetarian & natural foods plus baked goods

Bassett's Ice Cream

Reading Terminal Market

Mon-Sat 8:00 am–6:00 pm

World famous ice cream, milkshakes, frozen yogurt, sherbet

Beau Monde

South Street

624 S. Sixth St. (Bainbridge St.)

(215) 592-0656

Brunch, Lunch, Dinner

Tue-Fri 12 pm-11 pm Sat

10 am-11 pm Sun 10 am-10 pm

Dress: casual

French

Moderate—\$22

Romantic atmosphere with fireplaces, mahogany and gold leaf. Crepes are the specialty and the menu has a long list.

On Thursday evenings, an accordionist plays French favorites.

B

Bertucci's Brick Oven Pizzeria

Center City

1515 Locust St.

(215) 731- 1400

Mon-Sat 11:00 am-10:00 pm

Sun 12:00 pm-10:00 pm

Pizza, Italian

Inexpensive—\$10-\$20

Famous brick oven pizza. Other Italian favorites.

Best Cuisine Chinese Restaurant

Chinatown

915-917 Race Street

(215) 925-9388 (215) 925-9788

Mon-Thur 11:00 am-10:00 pm

Saturday 12:00 noon-11:00 pm

Sunday 12:00 noon-10:00 pm

Chinese

10% discount for seniors and students Friday and Saturday

Black Sheep Pub & Restaurant

Center City

17th & Latimer Sts.

(215) 545-9473

Brunch, Lunch, Dinner

7 days: 11:30 am– 11:00 pm

Sun Brunch 11:30 am–5:00 pm

Dress: casual

American

Inexpensive—\$10 to \$20; on Saturdays only the pub menu is available.

Homey Irish Pub with lots of TV screens. "Well-prepared comfort food."

Bleu American Bistro in Rittenhouse Hotel

Center City (Rittenhouse Square)

227 S 18th St.

(215) 545-0342

Mon-Sat 11:00 am–2:00 am

Sun 11:00 am–12:00 am

French Bistro

Inexpensive to Moderate—\$16 to \$30; outdoor dining

Does the basics well (Cobb salad, whole fish, burgers).

Lively.

Bistro La Baia

Center City

1700 Lombard St. (17th St.)

(215) 546-0496

Italian, Seafood

Moderate—\$26; reservations required, takeout, no credit cards

On the small side, but “just like being in Italy.”

Bistro St. Tropez

Center City

2400 Market St., 4th fl. (23rd St.) In the Marketplace Design Center

(215) 569-9269

<http://bistrosttropez.citysearch.com/>

Lunch, Dinner

Lunch: Mon-Fri 11:00 am–3:00 pm

Dinner: Mon, Tue, Fri, Sat 5:30 pm–9:30 pm, Wed-Thu

5:30:pm–10:30 pm, closed on Sundays

Dress: upscale

French Bistro

Moderate to Expensive—\$34; prix fixe menus, free parking, on-street parking after 8:00 pm

Views of Schuylkill River. Romantic atmosphere. Good wine list starting at \$15, with a special reserve Robert Ampeau list.

Sometimes hard to find—the building is painted with whales and borders the Schuylkill. Dinner before 6:30 pm is a prix fixe of \$16.95 for three courses.

B

The Blue Angel

Center City

706 Chestnut St. (7th St.)

(215) 925-6889

<http://www.blueangel.citysearch.com>

Mon-Fri 11:30 am-3:00 pm

Fri-Sat 5:00 pm-12:00 am

Sun-Thu 5:00 pm-11:00 pm

Dress: upscale casual

French Bistro

Expensive—\$39; reservations required, brunch, valet parking, game in season

An “in” and “happening” new place with highly rated food and service. It draws crowds, but some don’t like its noisiness.

Blue in Green

Center City

7 N. Third St. (Market St.)

(215) 928-5880

Breakfast, Brunch, Lunch

Mon-Fri 7 am-3 pm Sat-Sun 9 am-3 pm

719 Sansom St. (between 7th & 8th Sts.)

(215) 923-6883

Breakfast, Lunch

Mon-Fri 8 am-2:45 pm; Sat-Sun 9 am-2:45 pm

Dress: casual

American, Coffee Shop, Diner

Inexpensive—\$14

Eccentric—but good—omelettes like chili and cheddar or apple and walnuts. Worth the wait on weekends. The Sansom Street outpost has a liquor license.

Boathouse Row at Rittenhouse Square

Center City (Rittenhouse Square)

210 W. Rittenhouse Square in Rittenhouse Hotel

(215) 546-9000

Mon-Fri 11:30 am-11:30 pm

Sat 11:30 am-2:00 am

Sun 11:30 am-11:30 pm

American

Upscale light food

Bookbinders 15th Street Seafood House

Old City

215 S 15th St.

(215) 545-1137

Dress: upscale casual

Mon-Fri 4:00 pm-11:00 pm

Sat-Sun 11:30 am-10:00 pm

Seafood

Expensive—\$31-\$40

Basic crab cakes, filet mignon, salmon and lobster with a choice of two sides. Not related to Old Original Bookbinders

Brasil's Restaurant and Bar

Old City

112 Chestnut St.

(215) 413- 1700, 1701

Dinner

Tue-Sat 5:00 pm-10:00 pm, Sun 4:00 pm-9:00 pm

Brazilian

Moderate—\$15-\$20; entertainment, dancing, under 21 not admitted

Waterfalls, tropical fish and rain forest mural. Menu features national dishes, seafood, poultry and steaks. On Thursdays you can try the Rodizio: homemade sausage, chicken, pork loin and sirloin tips grilled over charcoal, served on authentic Brazilian swords and accompanied by rice, beans and fried bananas. Live Brazilian and Latin music. Dancing upstairs.

B

Brasserie Perrier

Center City

1619 Walnut St.

(215) 568-3000

Lunch, Dinner

Mon-Sat 11:30 am–2:30 pm and 5:30 pm–1:00 pm

Sunday 5:30 pm–10:00 pm

Dress: upscale

French (with Asian and Italian influences)

Expensive—\$50; entertainment, reservations required, prix fixe menus

The less expensive, more casual brother to Le Bec Fin. Very highly regarded. Discount wines and free hors d'ouvres on Fridays after 5:00 pm

Burger King

Center City

The Gallery

2 Penn Center Plaza

15 S. 8th St.

Fast Food

Inexpensive

by george!

Reading Terminal Market

(215) 829-9391

Mon-Sat 8:00 am–6:00 pm

Brick oven pizza, strombolis, lasagnas, salads, sandwiches

Cafe Habana

Center City

102 S. 21st St. (between Chestnut & Sansom Sts.)

(215) 561-2822

Tue-Thu 5:30 pm–10:00 pm

Fri-Sat 5:30 pm–2:00 am

Sun 5:30 pm–10:00 pm

Dress: casual

Cuban

Moderate—\$21-\$30

Tropically styled, serving traditionally prepared Cuban dishes (roast pork, empanadas, picadillos, tamales). Nearly as many appetizers (\$4.50-\$9.75) as main dishes, if you're in the mood for tapas.

Cafe Spice

Old City

35 S. Second St. (between Chestnut & Market Sts.)

(215) 627-6273

Brunch, Lunch, Dinner

Mon-Fri 11:30 am-3pm

Sat-Sun 11:30 am-4pm

Sun-Thu 5 pm-10:30 pm

Fri-Sat 5 pm-11:30 pm

Dress: casual

Indian

Moderate—\$21-\$30

Described as a "chic Indian bistro". Has an open kitchen featuring twin tandoor ovens. Features traditional Indian favorites like samosas, kebabs and tandoori meats, most toned down in the heat department. Serves Indian beer.

C

Capital Grille

Center City

1338 Chestnut St. (Broad St.)

(215) 545-9588

Lunch, Dinner

Mon-Fri 11:30 am–3 pm

Mon-Thu 5 pm–10 pm

Fri-Sat 5 pm–11pm

Sun 4 pm–10 pm

Dress: upscale

Expensive—\$41 and up

Steakhouse

Massive aged porterhouse steaks, lobster, other meat. Over 300 bottles on wine list.

Capital Vietnam

1008 Race St. (between 10th & 11th Sts.)

(215) 925-2477

Vietnamese

Moderate—\$17; prix fixe Menus, Reservations Required

Phil the waiter helps novices with choices.

Caribou Cafe

4 blocks

Center City

1126 Walnut St. (between 11th & 12th Sts.)

(215) 625-9535

Lunch, Dinner, Sunday Brunch

7 days: 10:30 am–12:00 am

Dress: upscale casual

French Bistro

Moderate—\$24, live music

Appetizers and desserts get raves, many of the entrees don't.

Bar stool dinners (such as ham and melted brie on baguette, goat cheese puff pastry over crispy green beans and fries with Dijon remoulade) are \$5-\$10.

Champion's Sports Bar

Center City

1201 Market St. (12th St.) in the Marriott Hotel

(215) 625-6066

Moderate—\$18, cigars allowed, open past 12:30 am, takeout, valet parking

The food is not highly rated, but it's a lively place to watch a game.

Charles Plaza

Chinatown

234-236 N. 10th St. (Vine St.)

(215) 829-4383

Chinese, Vegetarian entrees

Moderate—\$19

Chart House

Delaware Riverfront

555 S. Columbus Blvd

(215) 625-8383

www.chart-house.com

Brunch, Dinner

Brunch: Sun: 11:00 am- 2:30 pm.

Dinner: Mon-Thu: 5:00 pm.- 10:00 pm.

Fri: 5:00 pm-11:00 pm

Sat: 4:00 pm-12:00 am

Sun: 12:00 pm - 10:00 pm.

Seafood, Continental

Expensive—\$30 and up

Sweeping views of the Delaware River. Very romantic atmosphere. National chain with 40 locations.

C

Cheap Art Cafe

4 Blocks

Center City

260 S. 12th St., between Locust and Spruce Sts.

(215) 735-6050

Open 24 hours

Vegetarian, Other (American? Bar food?)

Inexpensive—under \$10; takeout

Advertises as “gay/straight friendly”. Full menu available as takeout .

Cherry Street Chinese Vegetarian

Chinatown

1010 Cherry St. (between 10th & 11th Sts.)

(215) 923-3663

Mon-Thu-11:30 am-10:00 pm

Fri-Sat-11:30 am-11:00 pm

Sun-12:30 am-10:00 pm

Chinese, Kosher, Vegetarian

Moderate—\$18, BYOB

Gourmet vegetarian, macrobiotic and Pritikin menus with Chinese influences. Brown rice available.

Cherry Street Tavern

Center City

129 N. 22nd St.

(215) 561-5683

Mon-Sat 11:00 am-2:00 am

Bar Food

Inexpensive—under \$15

Ideal neighborhood bar which retains much of the antique tappings. The chili and hot sandwiches here are reputed to be great.

Chez Colette

Center City

120 S. 17th St. in Sofitel Hotel

(215) 569-8300

7 days: 6:00 am–to 11:00 pm

Breakfast 6:00 am–11:30 pm

Lunch 12:00 pm–4:00 pm

Dinner 4:00 pm–11:00 pm

Dress: upscale casual

French

Expensive—\$31 to \$40

Opulent setting. Some recommend the charcuterie. Several negative reviews regarding food and service. Small wine list. Usually not crowded.

China Castle

Chinatown

939 Race St. (between 9th & 10th Sts.)

(215) 925-7072

Chinese

Inexpensive—\$14; open past 12:30 am, valet parking

Ciboulette

Center City

Famous but...Temporarily Closed!

Cibucan

Center City

2025 Sansom St.

(215) 231-9895

Lunch, Dinner

Lunch: Sun-Fri 12:00 pm–3:00 pm

Dinner: Sat-Sun 5:00 pm–11:00 pm

Upstairs bar serves limited menu until 12:30 pm

Latin Fusion

Inexpensive, Moderate—\$10-\$20

Food served with lots of style. Minimalistic décor.

C

Circa

Center City

1518 Walnut St.

(215) 545-6800

Lunch, Dinner

Mon-Wed 5 pm-10 pm

Tue-Fri 11:30 am-2:30 pm

Thu-Sat 5 pm-11 pm

Sun 4:30 pm-9:30 pm

Expensive—\$31 to \$40; cigar friendly, reservations required

New American

This former bank building with vaulted ceiling and Romanesque arches greets you with rows of votive candles and hanging tapestries as you enter. Downstairs in the vault, you can dine among ex-safety deposit boxes. The setting is spectacular, but the food is the best reason to come. Prince Edward Island mussels with spicy coconut curry sauce, sesame-crusted charred Ahi tuna and the fire-grilled filet mignon in red Zinfandel reduction are all recommended. Extensive wine list.

City Tavern

Old City

138 S Second St

(215) 413- 1443

www.citytavern.com

Lunch, Dinner

7 days: 11:30 am-10:00 pm

Dress: upscale casual

American (Regional and Traditional)

Expensive—\$31-\$41; game in season

The building is a reproduction of the famous tavern that stood on this spot in the late 18th century. Many meetings of the founding fathers took place here. The menu features historically based dishes such as turkey pot pie in sherry cream sauce, West Indies pepperpot soup, and roasted duckling. The waiters, cooks and proprietor dress in period clothing. Serves draft brews from the Yards microbrewery as well as a house-brew made according to a recipe from George Washington.

Coastal Cave Trading Company

Reading Terminal Market

(215) 627-0568

Mon-Sat 8:00 am–6:00 pm

Lobster and seafood platters. Sandwiches. Raw bar.

D'Angelo's Ristorante and Lounge

Center City (Rittenhouse Square)

256 S 20th St. (20th and Rittenhouse Square)

(215) 546-3935

Mon-Fri 11:30 am–3:30 pm

Mon-Sat 5:00 pm–12:00 am

Italian

Moderate—\$15 to \$20

Northern Italian, Rome and Sicilian styles. Lots of home-made pastas, sauteed veal, steaks. Romantic ambiance, courteous staff.

Davio's

Center City

111 S. 17th St.

(215) 563-4810

Dress: upscale

Lunch, Dinner

Mon-Sun 11:30 am–4:00 pm and 5:00 pm–11:00 pm

Italian (Northern), Steakhouse

Expensive—\$35

Steakhouse in Provident Bank Building. Stark décor with winning steaks.

Delilah's at the Terminal

Reading Terminal Market

(215) 574-0929

Mon-Sat 8:00 am–6:00 pm

Southern cuisine; lunches and catering

D

Deux Cheminees

Center City

1221 Locust St. (between 12th & 13th Sts.)

(215) 790-0200

Tue-Sat 5:30 pm–9:00 pm, dinner only

Dress: upscale

French

Very Expensive—\$80 prix fixe, dinner only

A “stunning”, “romantic” classic French restaurant in a Center City brownstone (designed by Frank Furness). Gets four stars from the Mobil Guide, four diamonds from AAA, and was rated one of the 30 best restaurants in America by *Condé Nast Traveler* in 1994 and Philadelphia’s top restaurant by *Money Magazine* in 1993. Some visitors have mentioned “attitude” from the staff.

Devon’s

Center City (Rittenhouse Square)

225 S. 18th St.

(215) 546-5940

Mon-Thur 4:00 pm–11:00 pm

Fri-Sat 4:00 pm–12:00 am (bar open until 1)

Sunday 4:00 pm–10:00 pm

Seafood

Expensive—\$35

Beautiful open-air sidewalk façade overlooking Rittenhouse Square. A “Best of Philly” winner.

Dmitri’s

Center City

795 S. 3rd St.

(215) 625-0556

Mon-Sat 5:30 pm–11:00 pm

Sun 5:00 pm–10:00 pm

Greek, Seafood

Moderate—\$20-\$30; BYOB

Avocado citrus salad (romaine lettuce with sections of pink grapefruit, avocado and tangerine, topped with toasted almonds, salt and pepper) is a favorite of fans. The hummus “puts others to shame.” There’s always a line—they don’t take reservations—and the wait can be over two hours.

DiNic's

Reading Terminal Market

(215) 923-6175

Mon-Sat 8:00 am–6:00 pm

Hot roast beef, pork & veal sandwiches

Dock St. Brasserie

Center City

2 Logan Sq.

(215) 496-0413

Mon-Thu 11:30 am-12 am; Fri 11:30 am-2 am; Sat 2 pm-2 am;

Sun 11am-11pm.

Dress: upscale casual

French Bistro, Brew Pub

Expensive—\$30-\$40

French bistro meets brew pub for the “best of both worlds”.

Upwards of 70 brews available at the full bar. A “Best of Philly” pick.

Down Home Diner

Reading Terminal Market

(215) 627- 1955

Mon-Sat 8:00 am–10:00 pm

Country recipes—booth service—dinner every nite til 8 pm

Effie's

Center City

1127 Pine St. (Quince St.)

(215) 592-8333

Dinner

Sun-Thu 5:00 pm–10:00 pm;

Fri-Sat 5:00 pm–11:00 pm

Greek

Moderate—\$21; BYOB, no credit cards, outdoor dining, takeout, reservations required for groups

Their horiatiki salad, (romaine lettuce, fresh feta, green kalamata olives, hard-boiled egg and cucumber) is a meal in itself. Come early if you want to eat on the patio.

E-F

El Azteca

Center City

714 Chestnut St. (between 7th & 8th Sts.)

(215) 733-0895

Dress: casual

Mexican/Tex-Mex

Inexpensive—\$15

Mexican street food in a “fiesta” atmosphere.

Elephant & Castle Pub and Resturant

Center City

18th & Market Sts. in Crown Plaza Hotel

(215) 751-9977

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

7 days: Breakfast 6:00 am–12:00 pm Lunch 12:00 pm–5:00 pm

Dinner 5:00 pm–11:00 pm The bar closes at 12:00 am.

English Pub

Moderate—\$20

Basic pub grub is so-so. Most people go here for a drink. “A jolly good place for a beer.”

Fergie’s Pub

Center City

214 Sansom Street

(215) 928-8118

Lunch, Dinner

Mon-Fri 11am- 2 am; Sat-Sun 5 pm-2 am

Casual

Irish Pub

\$20 or less

Good pints, cheap pub food, good atmosphere, good juke-box, no TV. “The perfect pub.” Downstairs has large wooden bar and small tables. Upstairs are long tables and booths.

Founders at the Bellevue

Center City

Broad & Walnut Sts. in the Bellevue, 19th floor

(215) 790-2814

Continental

Brunch, Lunch, Dinner

Mon-Fri 11:30 am-2 pm

Fri-Sat 8 am-11:30 pm

Sat-Sun 11 am-2 pm

Dress: upscale

Very expensive—\$50 up; wheelchair accessible

Great place to go for a celebration. Main courses arrive under a silver dome. Great food, great view, great price.

Fountain Restaurant at The Four Seasons

Center City

1 Logan Sq. (between Race and 19th Sts.)

(215) 963-1500

7 days: 5:45 pm-10 pm

Mon-Sat 11:30 am-2:30 pm

Sun 11 am-2:30 pm

Dress: upscale (jacket required)

French

Expensive—\$40 and up; Sunday brunch, afternoon tea, Fri and Sat dessert buffet

Great food, noted for the steaks. Upscale and priced like it. Special prix fixe menu features 6-course meals that begin at \$105.

Fireworks!

Reading Terminal Market

(215) 592-9008

Mon-Sat 8:00 am-6:00 pm

Charcoal grilled chicken, wings, hamburgers, lamb & tuna

F

Four Rivers

Chinatown

936 Race St.

(215) 629-8385

Sun-Thu — 11:30 am-11:30 pm

Fri & Sat — 11:30 am-12:00 midnite

Closed Tuesday

Franks A-Lot!

Reading Terminal Market

(215) 625-9991

Mon-Sat 8:00 am-6:00 pm

Hot dogs, sausages, B-B-Q chicken wings & more

Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Center City

261 S. 21 St. (between Locust & Spruce Sts.)

(215) 546-4232

Tue-Fri 11:30 am-2:30 pm

Mon-Sat 5:30 pm-10:30 pm

Sun 5 pm-10 pm

Dress: upscale casual

New American

Expensive—\$33

Winning entrees include basic crab cakes with salsa verde and garlic aoli; tilapia breaded with a hint of horseradish; and herb-crusted rack of lamb. Bargain Wine List. Romantic spot.

Fuji Mountain

Center City

2030 Chestnut St.

(215) 751-0939

Lunch, Dinner

Mon-Fri lunch 11:45 am-2:15 pm dinner 5:00 pm-10:30 pm

Sat- Sun dinner 5:00 pm-1:15 pm. Bar open with limited menu until 2:00 pm.

Japanese, Sushi

Moderate—\$18

Wide sushi selection. Japanese soup.

The Gallery at Market East

4 Blocks

Center City

9th & 10th & Market Sts.

Food Courts

Mon, Tue, Thur 10:00 am-7:00 pm

Wed, Fri, Sat 10:00 am-8:00 pm

Sun 10:00 am-5:00 pm

Inexpensive

Nearly every fast food chain you can think of, and then some. Ambiance? You're eating in a mall.

Genji Japanese Restaurant

Center City

1720 Sansom St.

(215) 564-1720

Mon-Fri 12 pm-2:30 pm

Mon-Fri 5:30 pm-10 pm

Sat 5 pm-10 pm

Sun 5 pm-9 pm

Dress: casual

Sushi

Moderate—\$21-\$30

Great sushi; the anago and hamachi are recommended by fans.

Geno's Steaks

South Philadelphia

1219 S. 9th St.

(215) 389-0659

7 days, 24 hours

Cheesesteaks

Inexpensive—\$10 and under

Like its archrival Pat's (across the street), service is brusque and you are expected to order quickly. First, state your cheese of preference (provolone, American or CheezWhiz, the classic option) and then whether you want it with or without griddle-fried onions. While the debate over whether Geno's or Pat's makes a better steak will probably go on forever, most will agree that Geno's makes better fries.

G

Girasole Ristorante

Center City

1305 Locust St. (Broad St.)

(215) 985-4659

Lunch, Dinner

Mon-Thu 12:00 pm–2:30 pm and 5:00 pm–10:30 pm

Fri 12:00 pm–2:30 pm and 5:00 pm–11:00 pm

Sat 5 pm–11 pm

Sun 4:30 pm–9:30 pm

Dress: casual

Italian (Northern and Southern)

Expensive—\$34, valet parking

Mixed opinions. Some love it, but others feel the service is poor and the food overpriced.

Globar

Center City

1234 Locust St.

(215) 545-8878

Dinner

Tue-Sun 5 pm–2 am

Dress: upscale casual

Asian Fusion, Vegetarian choices

Expensive—\$30, entertainment (late night DJs), wheelchair accessible

A review recommends the chilled tomato-strawberry soup and the hamburgers, and suggests you skip their tuna saku, crab cakes and mahi-mahi.

Golden Bowl

Reading Terminal Market

(215) 925-3495

Mon-Sat 8:00 am–6:00 pm

Mandarin & Szechuan Chinese cooking

Golden Pond Chinese Restaurant

Chinatown

1006 Race St.

(215) 923-0303

Lunch, Dinner

Chinese

Inexpensive—\$10-\$15; no MSG

Great American Grill

4 blocks

Center City

1100 Arch St. in the Hilton Garden Hotel

(215) 923-0100

7 days: Breakfast 6:30 am–11:30

Lunch 11:30 am–5:00 pm

Dinner 5:00 pm–11:30 pm

American

Inexpensive, Moderate—\$8 to \$20.

Good simple fare.

H. K. Golden Phoenix

Chinatown

911 Race St. (between 9th & 10th Sts.)

(215) 629-4988

Chinese, "Hong-Kong style"

Moderate—\$19; open late, valet parking, reservations required

Considered by some to have the best dim sum in town.

H-I

Hard Rock Cafe

Center City

1113-31 Market St. (12th St.)

(215) 238-1000

American, Hamburgers

Inexpensive—\$20

The food is nothing special. The attraction here is the rock memorabilia. Very noisy.

Harmony Vegetarian

Chinatown

135 N. 9th St. (between Cherry & Race Sts.)

(215) 627-4520

Chinese Vegetarian, BYOB

Moderate—\$19

Many fake meat dishes. Loved by tofu fans.

Hot Tamales

Old City & Center City

703 Walnut St. & 114 S 20th

(215) 574-8372

Mon-Sat 11:00 am–9:00 pm

Sun 11:00 am–3:00 pm

Tex/Mex

Inexpensive

Good food, good prices. Small dining area.

House of Chen

Chinatown

932 Race St. (between 9th & 10th Sts.)

(215) 925-4248

Moderate—\$18; open until 5:00 am, valet parking

Imperial Inn

146 N. 10th St. (between Cherry & Race Sts.)

(215) 627-5588

Lunch, Dinner 7 days: 11:00 am–12:00 pm

Chinese (Mandarin, Cantonese, Szechuan), Dim Sum

Moderate—\$19; open late, valet parking, discount parking, wheelchair accessible

Features live seafood.

Independence Brew Pub

Center City

1150 Filbert St. (between 11th & 12th Sts.)

(215) 922-4292

Brew Pub, American

Inexpensive

“High-energy” brew pub. Besides beer, they also serve a good menu of sandwiches, soups and salads.

The Inn Philadelphia

Center City

251 S. Camac St. (between 12th & 13th Sts.)

(215) 732-2339

Brunch, Dinner

Tue-Sat 5:00 pm–10:30 pm

Sun 11:00 am–3pm

Sun 5:00 pm–9:00 pm

Happy hour is 5 pm–7 pm, Tue through Sat with half-price appetizers.

Dress: upscale casual

American

Expensive—\$30-\$40; entertainment (piano bar), game in season, outdoor dining, prix fixe

Romantic, colonial atmosphere. The prix fixe chef’s menu costs \$50 (or up to \$75 with wine). Pianists play at the piano bar Wednesday through Sunday.

Irish Pub

Center City

1123 Walnut St.

(215) 568-5603

Lunch, Dinner

Irish Pub

Mon-Sat 11:00 am–2:00 am

Sun 10:00 am–2:00 am

Dress: casual

Inexpensive—under \$10

Good draught selection. Many say it’s not “authentically” Irish.

J

Jack's Firehouse

Center City

2130 Fairmount St. (between 21st & 22nd Sts.)

(215) 232-9000

Lunch, Dinner, Sunday Brunch

Regional American

Expensive—\$37; game in season

A former fire station featuring game dishes (venison, buffalo, bear). Jack's Firehouse is nationally known, and once had a very good reputation, but lately has been getting bad reviews for food and service. One of the editors ate there last year, and must agree the experience was not worth the price.

Jade Harbor

Chinatown

942 Race Street

(215) 928-0451

7 days: 4:00 pm–2:00 am

Chinese, Seafood

Live fish and lobsters

Jamaican Jerk Hut

Center City

1436 South St.

(215) 545-8664

Lunch, Dinner

Mon-Thu 11:00 am–10:00 pm

Fri-Sat 11:00 am–11:00 pm

Sun 5:00 pm–10:00 pm

Dress: casual

Jamaican

Inexpensive, Moderate—under \$20; outdoor dining, BYOB
Serving Island foods, such as Jerk chicken, goat, curried stews, and ackee and saltfish (a sweet and salty combination of a soft tropical fruit and cod). Vegetarians love the combination platter including tangy plantain stew and peanutty cooked spinach. Try the tropical juices.

Jill's Vorspeise

Reading Terminal Market

(215) 925-5415

Mon-Sat 8:00 am–6:00 pm

Fresh, healthful prepared food for lunch, takeout & catering.

Mostly vegetarian.

JW's Steakhouse

Center City

1201 Market St. in the Marriott

(215) 625-6074

Steakhouse

Expensive—\$47; cigar friendly, valet parking, outdoor dining

"Gigantic" cuts of Black Angus beef.

Joe's Peking Duck House

Chinatown

925 Race St. (between 9th & 10th Sts.)

(215) 922-3277

Lunch, Dinner

Chinese

Moderate—\$20; valet parking

Voted one of the 14 best Chinese restaurants nationwide by *USA Today*. Highly rated wonton soup.

Joseph Poon

Chinatown

1002 Arch St. (10th St.)

(215) 928-9333

Asian Fusion

Moderate—\$26; valet parking

\$11-or-less lunches. Serves game in season.

J-K

Joy Tsin Lau

Chinatown

1026 Race St. (between 10th & 11th Sts.)

(215) 592-7226

Mon-Thu: 11:00 am–12:00 midnite

Fri-Sat: 11:00 am–1:00 am

Sun: 10:30 am–12:00 midnite

Chinese, Dim Sum

Moderate—\$19; entertainment, valet parking

The dim sum gets high marks from regulars.

Kabul

4 blocks

Center City

1060 Chestnut St.

(215) 922-3676

Sun-Thu 4:30 pm–10:00 pm

Fri-Sat 5:00–11:00 pm

Dress: casual

Afghan, Vegetarian choices

Inexpensive—most entrees \$10-\$15; wheelchair accessible

Kabul's menu predominantly features uniquely spiced lamb, chicken and vegetarian main courses. To dine in traditional Afghan style, call in advance and reserve the taqh (a raised platform covered with Afghan rugs, cushions, and pillows) where you can remove your shoes and eat with your hands (silverware is optional).

Kamal's Middle Eastern Specialties

Reading Terminal Market

(215) 925-1511

Mon-Sat 8:00 am–6:00 pm

Lunch specials, felafel, fresh juices and desserts

Kentucky Fried Chicken

Center City

The Gallery

701 S. Broad St.

Fast Food

Inexpensive

Kim's Seafood

Reading Terminal Market

(215) 925-9028

Mon-Sat 8:00 am–6:00 pm

Freshly fried seafood platters to go!

Kingdom of Vegetarians

Chinatown

129 N. 11th St. (between Arch & Race Sts.)

(215) 413-2290

Chinese, Kosher, Vegetarian, Dim Sum

Inexpensive—\$15; breakfast, brunch, buffet, BYOB, prix fixe menus

Le Bec Fin

Center City

1523 Walnut St.

(215) 567-1000

Mon-Thu 11:30 am–1:30 pm; and 6:00 pm–9:00 pm

Fri 11:30 am–2 pm and 6:00 pm–9:30 pm

Sat 6:00 pm–9:30 pm

Dress: upscale to formal

French

Very Expensive—Lunch, \$40 or \$65 for five-course tasting menu; Dinner is \$120, six courses; reservations required

“Swathed in salmon Scalamandre silk, Perrier’s dining room exudes Versailles opulence. Lavish flower arrangements,

gilded mirrors and formal, assiduous service achieve stage-set perfection.”—*City Search Restaurant Guide*. Le Bec Fin is

one of the most famous restaurants in America, operated by world-renowned chef Georges Perrier. The food is fabulous,

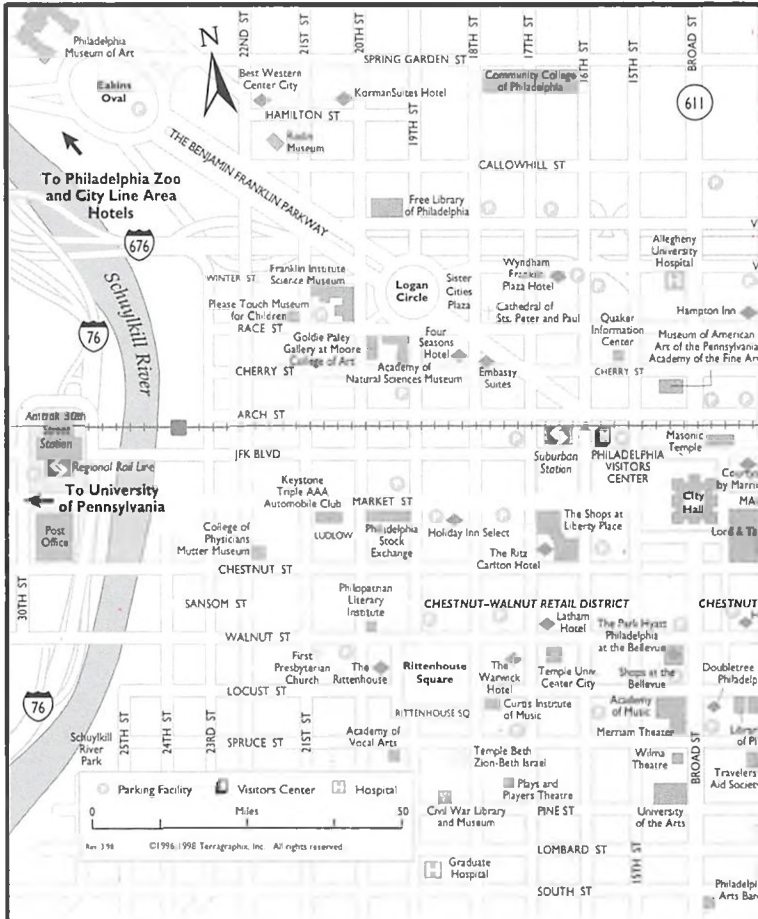
with incredible attention to detail. At one time Le Bec Fin was the only French Restaurant in the U.S. to hold five

Michelin Stars. Dinner can last three and a half hours.

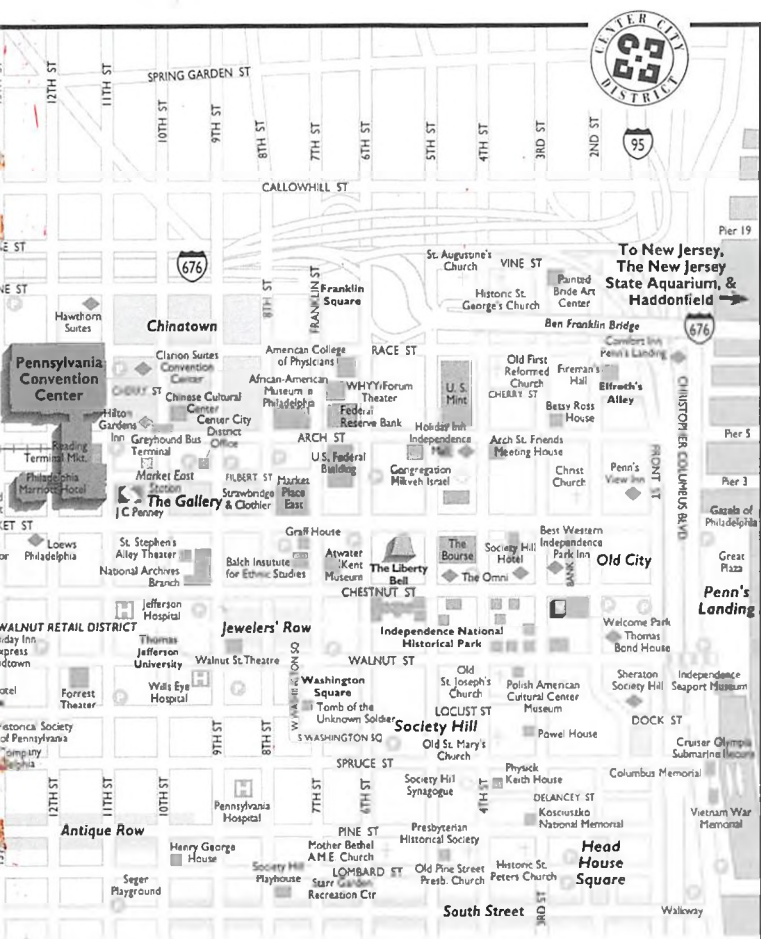
Legendary wine list.

The tiny Bar Lyonnais beneath the dining room offers less formal service, less expensive prices, and does not accept reservations.

Center City Ph



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Lee How Fook

Chinatown

219 N. 11th St. (between Race & Vine Sts.)

(215) 925-7266

Chinese

Moderate—\$19; BYOB

Regulars recommend the house ribs and the “best oyster hot pot anywhere.”

Little Pete’s

Center City

219 S. 17th St. (between Walnut & Locust Sts.)

(215) 545-5508

1904 Chestnut St.

(215) 563-2303

Greek, American

Breakfast, Brunch, Lunch, Dinner

24 hours

Breakfast is standard American fare in huge portions. Lunch and dinner menus offer hamburgers, Greek salads and appetizers. The “heavily breaded” onion rings are a standout.

Ludwig’s Garten

Center City

1315 Sansom St.

(215) 985-1525

Lunch, Dinner

Mon-Fri 11:30 am–12 pm

Sat 12:00 am–2:00 am

Sun 1:00 pm–12:00 pm

Dress: casual

German

Moderate—\$21-\$30

City Search calls Ludwig’s “one of the few authentic German restaurants in the region”, and says their sauerkraut’s the best in the city. The menu includes Wursts, Knödel, Spätzle (potato noodles) and any possible weighty variation on Kartoffeln. They play patriotic German music in the dining room.

Maccabean

4 Blocks

Center City

128 S. 12th St. (between Sansom & Walnut Sts.)

(215) 922-5922

Lunch, Dinner

Mon-Thu 11:00 am–8:00 pm

Fri 11:00 am–3:00 pm

Sun 12:00 pm–8:00 pm

Dress: casual

Israeli, Middle Eastern, Kosher

Inexpensive—\$14; BYOB, prix fixe menus, takeout

Gets praise for its salads and stuffed pita sandwiches. Glatt kosher (if it matters to you, then you know what it means.)

Maggiano's Little Italy

4 Blocks

Center City

1201 Filbert St.

(215) 367-2020

www.maggiano's.com

Italian (Southern)

Lunch, Dinner

Wheelchair accessible

Marathon Grill

4 blocks

Center City

121 S. 16th St. (Sansom St.) (215) 569-3278

1818 Market St. (18th St.) (215) 561-1818

1617 John F. Kennedy Blvd. (16th St.) (215) 564-4745

1339 Chestnut St. (13th St.) (215) 561-4660

2001 Market St. (between 20th & 21st Sts.) (215) 568-7766

American

Inexpensive—\$15; outdoor dining

Upscale diner food. Food gets medium ratings, but they're always crowded.

M

McCormick & Schmick

Center City

1 S. Broad St.

(215) 568-6888

Lunch, Dinner

Seafood

Moderate; \$1.95 happy hour, open til 1:00 am, wheelchair accessible

Well-priced, fresh-off-the-boat seafood in a luxe, Tiffany glass-and-mahogany setting;

McGillin's Olde Ale House

4 blocks

Center City

1310 Drury St. (between Chestnut & Sansom Sts.)

(215) 735-5562

Mon-Sat 11:00 am–2:00 am

Irish Pub

Moderate—\$16; cigar friendly, entertainment, open past 12:30 am, takeout

Has been around since 1860. Among the last “sit-at-the-bar” bars in Center City. “Solid” bar food and pitchers.

McDonalds

Center City

The Gallery

Fast Food

Inexpensive

Monk's Cafe

4 blocks

Center City

264 S. 16th St.

(215) 545-7005

Lunch, Dinner

Mon-Sat 11:30 am–2:00 am

Sun 11:00 am–2:00 am

Dress: casual

American, Beer

Moderate—\$21-\$30

Serves a wide range of salads, sandwiches and other light fare. The mussels (prepared at least five different ways, usually in beer) are a winner, along with the fries with bourbon mayonnaise which are a must for first-timers. Small, but very popular hamburgers. But the Trappist ales are the big draw, "possibly the best selection this side of Antwerp." There are also 18 premium imports and craft brew on tap.

More Than Just Ice Cream

Center City

1119 Locust St. (11th St.)

(215) 574-0586

Dress: casual

Brunch, Lunch, Dinner

7 days: 11:00 am–11:00 pm

American, Coffeehouse, Desserts

Inexpensive—\$14; brunch, outdoor dining, takeout

The bistro-like menu features omelets; sandwiches; big burgers (beef, turkey and veggie); and entrees such as salmon served with a coconut basmati rice.

Moshulu

Delaware Riverfront

735 S. Columbus Blvd.

(215) 923-2500

Continental

Dine on board a historic sailing ship. Food gets mixed reviews, but it's a really big historic ship.

M-N

Moriarty's

4 blocks

Center City

1116 Walnut St. (11th St.)

(215) 627-7676

7 days: 11:00 am–2:00 am

Hamburgers, Sandwiches

Moderate—\$18; entertainment, buffet, valet parking, prix fixe menus, takeout

Typical pub food, with 25 beers on tap. The wings get high praise. Noisy and smoky.

Noodle Heaven

Center City

224 S. Broad St.

(215) 735-6191

Chinese

Nodding Head Brewpub & Restaurant

Center City

1516 Sansom St. (upstairs from the Sansom St. Oyster House)

(215) 569-9525

Lunch, Dinner

Mon-Sat 11:30 am-2:00 am

American, Brew Pub

Inexpensive

Most of the dishes are similar to Monk's burgers and moules-frites fare. The beers are the stars here. The home-made IPA is rich and full-bodied, not bitter. The Session Beer, designed to be simple and quaffable, is initially bitter but finishes clean. The Ich Bin Ein Berlinerweisse is a bold stab at an unusual German wheat beer.

Nice Chinese Noodle House

Chinatown

1038 Race St.

(215) 625-8393

Chinese

North Sea

Chinatown

153 N. 10th St. (Race St.)

(215) 925-1906

Chinese (Canton/Mandarin), Seafood

Moderate—\$20; open past 12:30 am, valet parking

Fans say it has the best seafood on the block, fresh from the tank.

Oasis

Center City

1709 Walnut St.

(215) 751-0888

7 days: 12:00 pm–4:00 pm and 5:00 pm–10:30 pm

Dress: casual

Japanese, Korean, Sushi

Lunch, Dinner

Inexpensive, Moderate—\$20 and under; wheelchair accessible

This two-level restaurant with waterfalls gets high marks for its sushi, sashimi and maki, but the hot entrees are described as “unremarkable to downright dry.” Good sake bar.

Ocean City Chinese Restaurant

Chinatown

234-236 N. 9th St

(215) 829-0688

Dress: casual

Chinese, Dim Sum

Lunch, Dinner

7 days: 11:00 am–12:00am

Inexpensive, Moderate—\$20 or less; takeout

Live fish, shrimp and frogs. The dim sum (at lunchtime) gets good reviews.

O

Ocean Garden

Chinatown

942 Race St.

(215) 928-0451

Lunch, Dinner

Chinese (Cantonese, Szechuan and Mandarin), Seafood

Moderate—\$15-\$20; open late

Live seafood and fish plus lobster, crab, oysters, clams and mussels.

Ocean Harbor

Chinatown

1023 Race St.

(215) 574-1398

7 days: 11:30 am–12:00 pm

Chinese, Seafood, Dim Sum

Old Original Bookbinders

Old City

125 Walnut St

(215) 925-7027

Dress: upscale casual

Seafood

Lunch, Dinner

Mon-Sat 4:00 pm–10:00 pm

Sun 3:00 pm– 9:00 pm

Expensive—\$40 and up

The walls are full of celebrity photos, it's been around since 1865, and everyone's heard of it, but it rarely gets good reviews anymore. Standard surf and turf menu. The Bookbinders on 15th St. is not connected to Old Original Bookbinders. (It's the result of a bitter family split.)

Olympic Gyro

Reading Terminal Market

(215) 629-9775

Mon-Sat 8:00 am–6:00 pm

Greek specialties, gyro, souvlaki, pizza & more

Opus 251

Center City

251 S. 18th St., at the Art Alliance

(215) 735-6787

Dress: upscale

Brunch, Lunch, Dinner

Mon-Fri 11:30 am–2:30 pm

Mon-Thu 5:00 pm–10:00 pm

Fri-Sat 5:00 pm–11:00 pm

Sat 11:00 am–2:00 pm

Sun 11:00 am–2:30 pm

Sun 5:00 pm–8:30 pm

American

Lunch, Dinner

Expensive—\$41 and up; wheelchair accessible, outdoor dining (make reservations)

Favorite entrees include seared ahi tuna and grilled veal chop in a Mediera jus. Very hungry diners may want to try the dry-aged sirloin served with smoked bacon, shallot and red wine sauce. Opus' signature dessert is chocolate mousse served with creme brulée and parfait and topped with a lit candle.

The Original Turkey

Reading Terminal Market

(215) 925-5598

Mon-Sat 8:00 am–6:00 pm

Fresh roasted turkey sandwiches & platters

P

Palm at the Bellevue

Center City

200 S. Broad St.

(215) 546-7256

Dress: upscale

American, Steakhouse

Lunch, Dinner

Mon-Fri 11:30 am–11:00 pm

Sat 5:00 pm–11:00 pm

Sun 4:30 pm–9:00 pm

Expensive—\$41 and up; cigar friendly, wheelchair accessible
Classic big-meat and potatoes. Mammoth, double-size steaks
and chops, crab cakes, shrimp cocktails, creamed spinach,
and potatoes. The dessert tray includes old faithfuls like
cheesecake and key lime pie.

¡Pasion!

Center City

211 S. 15th St.

(215) 875-9895

Dress: upscale casual

Dinner

Mon-Thu 5:00 pm—10:00 pm

Fri-Sat 5:00 pm–11:00 pm

Sun 5:00 pm–9:00 pm

Latino

Expensive—\$41 and up; reservations required, wheelchair
accessible

Seviche (raw fish cured in citrus) is the house specialty.

Dinner entrees include grilled skirt steak with a dense,
spicy, garlicky chimichurri and shoestring yuca; and Chil-
ean sea bass in a hearty, brown tamarind and mushroom
sauce. Good wine list.

Passage to India

4 blocks

Center City

1320 Walnut St. (Juniper St.)

(215) 732-7300

Lunch, Dinner

Indian

Moderate—\$25; buffets, open late, sitar player Wed. evenings, piano player Fri.-Sat evenings

Pat's King of Steaks

South Philadelphia

237 E. Passyunk Ave.

(215) 468-1546

www.patskingofsteaks.com

7 days; 24 hours

Inexpensive—\$10 and under; outdoor dining

Legend has it that one day in 1930, Italian Market hot dog vendor Pat Olivier got tired of hot dogs and put some beef and onions on his grill and Philly's most famous food – the cheesesteak – was born! They have a variety of cheesesteaks, as well as sausage, hot dogs, pork roll and fish cakes. Remember these key terms, because you won't have a lot of time to order. Want a sandwich with American cheese instead of the default Cheez Whiz? Bark "American" at your server. Want fried onions? Just say "wit. If you grew up in South Philly you know the "which is best, Pat's or Geno's?" argument will never be settled (think Mets vs. Yankees). Decide for yourself. Geno's is right across the street.

Pearl's Oyster Bar

Reading Terminal Market

(215) 627-7250

Mon-Sat 8:00 am–6:00 pm

Broiled or fried fresh seafood platters & homemade snapper soup

P-R

Penang

Chinatown

117 N. 10th St.

(215) 413-2531 (215) 413-2532

7 days: 11:30 am–1:00 am

Malaysian

Pho Xe Lua (Viet Thai)

Chinatown

907 Race St. (9th St.)

(215) 627-8883

Closed Wednesdays

Chinese/Vietnamese

Moderate—\$15; valet parking

Known for their “wonderful”, “truly authentic” pho and seafood. Live crabs and lobsters.

Popeye's

Center City

The Gallery

Fast Food

Inexpensive

Portofino

4 blocks

Center City

1227 Walnut St. (between 12th & 13th Sts.)

(215) 923-8208

Lunch, Dinner, Closed Sunday

Italian (Northern)

Moderate—\$30; reservations required, valet parking, wheelchair accessible, takeout

Rangoon

Chinatown

112 N. 9th St. (between Arch & Cherry Sts.)

(215) 829-8939

Burmese

Moderate—\$19

Serves inexpensive lunch on weekdays.

Ray's Cafe & Tea House

Chinatown

141 N. 9th St. (between Cherry & Race Sts.)

(215) 922-5122

Chinese (Taiwanese), Coffeehouse, Diner

Moderate—\$19; BYOB, wheelchair accessible

The coffee (not cheap), other hot drinks, cookies and dumplings are very popular. Small.

Restaurant at PSFS

4 blocks

Center City

1200 Market St. (12th St.) in Loew's Hotel

(215) 231-7300

Lunch, Dinner

7 days: 6:00 pm–10:00 pm

Mon-Fri 11:00 am–2:00 pm

Sat-Sun 12:00 pm– 2:00 pm

American Regional

Expensive—\$41 and up; cigar friendly, entertainment, tasting menus

Art Deco-style decor. Focuses on updated classics like steak and pork chops. Good wine list.

Rick's Philly Steaks

Reading Terminal Market

(215) 925-4320

Mon-Sat 8:00 am–6:00 pm

Third generation of the original "Pat's Steaks" family.

Rocco's Famous Italian Hoagies

Reading Terminal Market

(215) 238-1223

Mon-Sat 8:00 am–6:00 pm

Authentic Italian hoagies & grinders

R-S

Ruth's Chris Steak House

Center City

260 S Broad St.

(215) 790-1515

Dress: upscale

Dinner

7 days: 5:00 pm—10:00 pm

Steakhouse

Expensive—\$49; cigar friendly, valet parking

A national chain that gets a lot of good reviews, but some say it's over priced.

Sahara Grill

Center City

334 Walnut St.

(215) 985-4155

Mediterranean

BYOB

Salad Express

Reading Terminal Market

(215) 928-9240

Mon-Sat 8:00 am—6:00 pm

Salad bar plus hot & cold buffet

Salumeria

Reading Terminal Market

(215) 592-8150

Mon-Sat 8:00 am—6:00 pm

Italian specialties. Hoagies, salads, sandwiches

Samosa Indian Vegetarian

Center City

1214 Walnut St.

(215) 544-7776

Dress: casual

Lunch, Dinner

7 days: 5:30 pm–9:30 pm

Mon-Sat 11:00 am–3:00 pm

Sun 12:00 pm–3:00 pm

Indian, Vegetarian

Inexpensive, Moderate—\$20 and under (\$4.00 lunches and \$7.95 dinners available); all-you-can-eat buffet

Lentil and rice pudding get praise.

Sandwich Stand

Reading Terminal Market

(215) 625-0489

Mon-Sat 8:00 am–6:00 pm

Hoagies, cheesesteaks, turkey, meatloaf

Sang Kee Peking Duck House

Three locations:

Chinatown

238 N. 9th St. (Vine St.)

(215) 925-7532

Chinatown

51 N. 12th St.

(215) 922-3930

Reading Terminal Market

(215) 922-3930

Mon-Sat 8:00 am–6:00 pm (hours for Reading Terminal Market)

Chinese

Moderate—\$18

Gets high marks for dumplings and noodle soups. The Reading Terminal Market location has an abbreviated menu.

S

Sansom Street Oyster House

Center City

1516 Sansom St. (downstairs from Nodding Head Brewery)

(215) 567-7683

Dress: upscale casual

Seafood

Lunch, Dinner

Mon-Fri 11:00 am–10:00 pm

Sat 12:00 pm–10:00 pm

Moderate—\$21-\$30; wheelchair accessible

The menu of fresh fish changes daily, as does the selection of exotic oysters. Shellfish are restaurant's claim to fame, available in half-dozens, dozens and combinations of Chincoteague, Quilcene Bay, Westcott Bay, Long Island half-shells and more.

Shanghai Gourmet Restaurant

Reading Terminal Market

(215) 925-0520

Mon-Sat 8:00 am–6:00 pm

Cantonese, Mandarin & Szechuan soups & platters

Singapore Kosher Vegetarian

Chinatown

1006 Race St. (between 10th & 11th Sts.)

(215) 923-0303

Chinese, Kosher, Vegetarian

Moderate—\$18; BYOB, prix fixe menus

Siri's Peking Duck House

Chinatown

11 N. 10th St.

(215) 922-3075

7 days, until 6:00 pm

Siam Cuisine III

Chinatown

925 Arch St. (between 9th & 10th Sts.)

(215) 922-7135

1006 Race St. (between 10th & 11th Sts.)

(215) 923-0303

Thai

Moderate—\$24; BYOB, valet parking

South Street Souvlaki

South Street

509 South St.

(215) 925-3026

Greek

Moderate—\$19

"No-frills taverna" with classic, filling Greek food.

Southeast Chinese Restaurant

Chinatown

1000 Arch St.

(215) 629-1888.

Luncheon specials: Mon-Fri 11:30 am–3pm

Hours: Mon-Thu 11:30 am–11:00 pm

Fri-Sat 11:30 am–12:00 am

Sun 11:30 am–10 pm

Chinese (Cantonese and Szechuan)

Inexpensive—\$5-\$10; parking, takeout

Near the Chinese Arch. Macrobiotic, Pritikin and vegetarian menus available; also brown rice.

Spaghetti Warehouse

Center City

1026 Spring Garden St.

(215) 787-0784

Dress: casual

Italian

Inexpensive—\$17 and under

The restaurant is so huge it contains an actual old trolley car, which you can eat inside. This is a franchise restaurant; the food is "family" Italian (think Olive Garden). Good place for children. Mystery dinner theatre on Thu and Fri evenings.

S

Spataro's

Reading Terminal Market

(215) 925-6833

Mon-Sat 8:00 am-6:00 pm

Hoagies, sandwiches, soups and breakfast sandwiches

Striped Bass

Center City

500 Walnut St.

(215) 732-4444

Dress: upscale

Brunch, Lunch, Dinner

Mon-Fri 11:30 am-2:30 pm

Sun 11:00 am-2:30 pm

Mon-Thu 5:00 pm-11:00 pm

Fri-Sat 5:00 pm-11:30 pm

Sun 5:00 pm-10:00 pm

Seafood

Expensive—\$40 and up; wheelchair accessible

The opulent dining room "feels as if it were designed by a very hip pharaoh" with its thirty-foot ceilings and red marble columns towering over potted palms. With the exception of a few pasta dishes and salads, every appetizer and entrée incorporates fresh fish—either hand-selected from the boats that morning, or specially shipped from around the world. Nationally known, very highly rated restaurant.

Susanna Foo

Center City

1512 Walnut St.

(215) 545-2666

Dress: upscale

Lunch, Dinner, Dim Sum on weekends

Mon-Thu 11:30 am–2:15 pm and 5:00 pm–9:00 pm

Fri 11:30 am–2:15 pm and 5:00 pm–11:00 pm

Sat 5:00 pm–11:00 pm

Sun 5:00 pm–8:30 pm

Asian Fusion

Very Expensive—\$54; valet parking, prix fixe menus, tasting menus

The chef's signature dish is Eight Treasure Quails, made with Chinese sausage, lotus seeds, and sweet rice. The dim sum draws crowds – the pheasant dumplings with shiitake mushroom sauce are like no others anywhere. Very well known, highly rated restaurant.

Taco Bell

Center City

901 Market St.

515–517 South St.

Fast Food

Inexpensive

Taco House

4 blocks

Center City

1218 Pine St. (between 12th & 13th Sts.)

(215) 735-1880

Mexican, Tex-Mex

Inexpensive—\$10, BYOB

Tai Lake

Chinatown

134 N. 10th St. (between Cherry & Race Sts.)

(215) 922-0698

Chinese

Moderate—\$21; open past 12:30 am, valet parking

Fresh-from-the-tank seafood and "unusual dishes."

T

Tang Yean

Chinatown

220 N. 10th St. (between Race & Vine Sts.)

(215) 922-8636

Chinese, Seafood, Vegetarian

Moderate—\$18; BYOB, open late

Vegetarian dishes and seafood are their main focus. Featuring fake meat and brown rice.

Taste of Thai

Chinatown

101 N. 11th St. (opposite the Convention Center)

(215) 629-9939

Thai

Moderate—\$24; reservations required

Recommended for pad Thai, pineapple fried rice and an extremely fiery Thai salad.

Tenth St. Pour House

4 blocks

Center City

262 S. 10th St.

(215) 922-5626

New American, Cajun/Creole

Breakfast, Lunch

Inexpensive—\$12; BYOB, takeout

Dine to the sounds of New Orleans music. "Diverse menu."

Coffee gets high praise.

Ting Wong

Chinatown

138 N. 10th Street

(215) 928-1883 (215) 928-1880

Tokyo Sushi Bar

Reading Terminal Market

(215) 440-7970

Mon-Sat 8:00 am–6:00 pm

Seafood & vegetable sushi & sashimi, noodle dishes & hot foods

Tsui Hang Chun

Chinatown

911-913 Race St.

(215) 925-8901

Chinese, Dim Sum

Dim Sum: 7 days: 10:00 am–3:00 pm.

Dinner: 7 days: 3:00 pm–3:00 am.

Inexpensive—\$5-\$10; two hours free parking

Has been called the “most traditional restaurant in Chinatown.”

Valanni

4 blocks

Center City

1229 Spruce St. (between 12th & 13th Sts.)

(215) 790-9494

Dress: upscale casual

Mediterranean, Latino

Mon-Thu 5:00 pm–10:00 pm

Fri-Sat 5:00 pm–11:00 pm

Sun 5:00 pm–10:00 pm

The lounge features a light menu until 1:00 am.

Moderate; reservations required

The chefs call their cooking “med-latin fusion”. Features a “sophisticated small-plate menu.” The paella, beef carpaccio and caramelized black rum are among the favorites here.

V-W

Vetri

Center City

1312 Spruce St. (between Broad & 13th Sts.)

(215) 732-3478

Dress: upscale

Mon-Sat 6:00 pm–11:00 pm

Italian (Northern and Southern)

Expensive—\$41 and up; reservations required, tasting menus, prix fixe menus

Romantic and intimate atmosphere, very highly rated. The spinach gnocchi with shaved smoked ricotta and brown butter “may be the best dish in the city”. Other highly praised dishes include sea-infused langoustine and scallops in crustacean fumé, pasta dumplings with sage and pancetta, sweet onion crepe with white truffle fondue, and chestnut fettucine with wild boar ragu. Great wine list with 400-plus bottles

Vietnam

Chinatown

221 N. 11th St. (between Race & Vine Sts.)

(215) 592-1163

Vietnamese

Moderate—\$17

Vietnam Palace

Chinatown

222 N. 11th St. (between Race & Vine Sts.)

(215) 592-9596

Vietnamese

Moderate—\$17

Warsaw Cafe

Center City

306 S. 16th St.

(215) 546-0204

Eastern European

Expensive—\$31

If you're nostalgic for the Old Country, this is the place for you. Serves borscht, blinis, pierogis, etc. Has many fans, who say the food is fabulous.

Wendy's

Center City
1101 Walnut St.
Fast Food
Inexpensive

Xando/Cosi

4 blocks
Center City
1128 Walnut St. (12th St.)
(215) 413-1608;
Coffeehouse, Sandwiches, Desserts
Inexpensive—\$12; open late, outdoor dining

Zanzibar Blue

Center City
200 S. Broad St., under the Bellevue
(215) 732-4500
Dress: upscale
Dinner
Fri-Sat 5:30 pm–1:00 am, Sun-Thu 5:30 pm–12:00 am
Expensive—\$37; valet parking, entertainment, prix-fixe menus
American Regional, Cajun/Creole, Southern, Soul Food
Live jazz seven nights a week. Menu highlights include portobello mushroom Napoleon, crab cakes and rack of lamb with a red wine and mustard sauce. On weeknights they have a three-course prix-fixe meal based on a theme.

Zio Pizza

4 blocks
Center City
11 S. 13th St.
(215) 627-1615
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