

Omaha Restaurant Guide



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Welcome to Omaha!

We have lovingly prepared this guide because we are lovers of Omaha cuisine.

All of it—the classic Reuben (invented here!), the steaks (Omaha cut, of course!) and the ice cream. *Food and Wine* magazine named Omaha one of America's Next Great Food Cities, and it's no longer a secret.

Since we hope you will be spending the next four years of your life here, we wanted to get you started on your foodie expedition.

Whether you seek sushi, are venturing out for vegetarian or want to treat yourself and your family to a world-class steak, it all begins just a couple of blocks off campus.

Bon appétit!

OLD MARKET

Block 16

home-spun street food, sandwiches, burgers, gyros

A James Beard finalist chef, guaranteed to knock your socks off.

Blue Sushi Sake Grill

traditional sushi with an American attitude

Fun atmosphere, great sushi, and frequent happy hour specials.

Café Postale

quick-serve restaurant featuring a fresh take on café classics for breakfast and lunch

Historic ambiance of this former Burlington Mail Terminal, loads of vintage charm.

Hiro 88

sushi, Asian fusion cuisine and tapas

Delicious bento boxes, tuna poke, and sesame chicken.

Jams Old Market

American grill, cold drinks and creative cocktails

Omaha restaurant legacy with a melting pot of different styles and varieties of food dishes.

Kitchen Table

inventive sandwiches made with fresh ingredients

Check their Facebook page for daily specials. Consistent vegetarian options.

Omaha Tap House

gourmet burgers and other elevated pub grub, plus craft beers on tap

More than a dozen burgers on the menu. Enough said.

Plank Seafood Provisions

oyster bar and restaurant with a broad seafood menu

Great if you like oysters or not. Variety of seafood and delicious options.

Spaghetti Works

Italian cuisine

Omaha institution for over 40 years, offering a unique dining experience in a restored warehouse.

Ted and Wally's

old-fashioned, homemade ice cream

Daily specials and unique flavor combinations. Sometimes has a long line, but well worth the wait.

Trini's

tex-mex chow and margaritas by the pitcher

Locally owned restaurant nestled in the Old Market Passageway.

Twisted Fork Bar and Grill

contemporary American food with a cowboy twist

Try the chicken pot pie and chili relleno dishes. Consider the white truffle risotto as a side.



Upstream Brewing Company

local brewery featuring American varieties

Plenty of options for everyone. Try their homemade root beer!

V. Mertz

contemporary American restaurant emphasizing the use of local food

Located in the Old Market Passageway, so you can't see it from the street. (*Dinner only*)

Zio's Pizzeria

New York-style pizza, by the slice

Great lunch specials, excellent Thai pizza and calzones.



NORTH DOWNTOWN

Blatt Beer and Table

elevated bar food, on-tap craft beers, and a seasonal rooftop beer garden

Named after Rosenblatt Stadium, where College World Series was previously held.

DJs Dugout

Voted Omaha's #1 Sports Bar

1/2-pound Angus beef burgers, wings, steaks, sandwiches, nachos and more.

Hook and Lime

seafood-centric, Mexican-inspired tacos, small plates, and tequila

Fantastic carnitas and mahi mahi tacos.



The Old Mattress Factory Bar and Grill

American pub chow

Sports bar in an 1883 venue with live music and special events.

Pettit's Pastry

premier supplier of fresh-baked donuts, pastries, cakes, and cookies

What may be lacking in flair is more than made up for as soon as a fresh doughnut melts in your mouth.

MIDTOWN CROSSING

Modern Love

swanky vegan comfort food made with love and a modern twist

It's a vegan restaurant, but there is something for everyone.

Pickleman's Gourmet Café

gourmet sandwich shop

Offers freshly toasted sandwiches, chopped salads, thin-crust pizzas, and gourmet soups.

Smokin' Oak Wood-Fired Pizza and Taproom

Texas-style barbecue restaurant and bar with Texas roots

High-quality smoked meats, craft cocktails, beers and wines.

BLACKSTONE



Artemis Tea and Botanical *hand-crafted, small-batch tea blends*

Teas arouse the senses, stimulate imagination, and promote total wellness.

The Blackstone Meatball *industrial bar/eatery with creative meatball dishes and handmade sides*

A menu that revolves around meatballs. Yes, please.

Cheeseburgers

guess their specialty?

Burgers—hot dogs—chicken fingers rounded off with fries and a shake or malt.



Coneflower Creamery

handmade ice cream from local ingredients

Tour guide favorite and staple for local ice cream.

Corkscrew Wine and Cheese

wine shop and wine bar under one roof

Choose from 700 wine options and order a cheese board, flatbread, salad or panini to go with it.

Crescent Moon Alehouse

burgers, wings, local and regional beers

Order the Reuben just blocks from where it originated (Blackstone Hotel.)

Early Bird

elevated breakfast, brunch, and cocktails 7 days a week
Get brunch every day of the week.
Recommended to call ahead.



Mula

street-style Mexican cuisine, handmade tortillas

A fresh, updated twist on Mexican tapas.

Noli's Pizzeria

combining traditional and artisan into a New York-style slice

Great. Authentic Italian ingredients.
Get the garlic knots!

Stirnella Bar and Kitchen

stylish gastropub with exposed brick and communal tables, serving elevated American and global cuisine

The menu is designed to be ordered family-style but can be eaten separately.

DUNDEE

Amsterdam Falafel and Kabob

snug sandwich counter serving Middle Eastern specialties

You can't go wrong with anything from here, but make sure to get curry fries too.

Avoli Osteria

simple, thoughtful dishes indigenous to Northern Italy

Outstanding cuisine—moderate to high-end. Great special date night or special occasion.

eCreamery

ice cream, gelato, and sorbet shop

Featured on the TV show "Shark Tank." They do 80% of their business online!

Good Lookin'

"Best part of your day café"

Great breakfast sandwiches and homemade pastries. Breakfast, brunch, and lunch on Wed-Sun.

Pitch Pizzeria

coal-fired pizza, and Italian cuisine

From pizza to pasta to brunch, you can't go wrong; reservations recommended.

AKSARBEN

Herbe Sainte

Cajun and Creole fare and drinks

Delicious jambalaya, etouffee, and grits. Weekend Brunch.

Inner Rail Food Hall

the place to go when no one can make up their mind on what to have.

The food hall includes nine vendors with a variety of cuisines, all surrounding a central bar. Good spot for vegan options and indoor and outdoor seating.

Le Peep

voted Omaha's best breakfast year after year

Features a menu that reads like a cookbook with line after line of intriguing food options.

Ponzu Sushi and Grill

a trendy spot for contemporary takes on sushi, Asian Fusion grilled plates and stylish cocktails.

Located in the heart of Aksarben and will please every palate.

Voodoo Taco

wicked good tacos with exotic, fresh ingredients

The smoked brisket taco is to die for! If you like it "spicy," try the Habanera Lightning sauce.



OTHER SPOTS AROUND OMAHA



Don Carmelo's Pizzeria

award-winning NY Style Pizza, authentic Stromboli and Calzones.

3rd generation (and Creighton grad) still cooking up their Sicilian family recipes at 2 locations around Omaha.

Greek Islands

you know you want to shout it. OPA!

An Omaha favorite for over 30 years, this is THE place for Greek cuisine.

La Casa Pizzeria

legendary pizza and pasta since 1953

Run by the third generation of Patane family members, still at the original location.

Lighthouse Pizza

contemporary pizza joint known for its oversized slices

Ridiculously large pizza slices, fries piled high, unique topping creations, and late-night hours.

Lisa's Radial Café

classic breakfast and lunch diner close to campus

Great breakfast place. Open early morning to 2 pm every day.

Salween Thai

some like it hot—go for a level 5 or above.

A favorite of students for the great food at fair prices and generous portions. Choose your spice level, 1-10. The Pad Thai is always a winner.

Stella's Bar and Grill

down-to-earth staple known for hand-pressed burgers served on napkins

Frequently listed as Omaha's best burger.

Sweet Magnolias Bake Shop

made-from-scratch bakery

Order the scones. Baked fresh daily—and they sell out quickly, so don't wait!

Taco Co

las recetas son de su abuela.

On the main street in the Benson neighborhood. Puffy shell tacos and sides that you can order family style.

OMAHA STEAKS

801 Chophouse

sharp, white-tablecloth spot serving a menu of upscale steakhouse classics including fresh seafood

Yes, you can find an 801 Chophouse in cities other than Omaha, but only in five, so we've included it on the list as it is a recurring favorite in the Big O.

Brother Sebastian's Steakhouse

choice cuts delivered by staff dressed as monks in cozy digs

Early California mission décor with great steaks. Perfect spot for a special dinner. Reservations recommended.

Cascio's Steakhouse

storied family-owned bar and grill offering steaks, pizza and Italian fare

Old-school place that never fails to deliver. Generations of the Cascio family have kept this steakhouse a perennial favorite in Omaha. Open Wednesday—Sunday.

The Committee Chophouse

A return to the art of the chophouse

High-end, contemporary dining in historical digs. Reservations are recommended.



The Drover

landmark chophouse specializing in steaks marinated in whiskey and then grilled to order

Well-known old-school salad bar, it's worth the short drive from campus to find The Drover. Reservations recommended.

Gorat's Steakhouse

local fixture offering steaks, salads and sandwiches in an old-school environment

Warren Buffet's choice for steaks in Omaha—do you need more than that? Some gluten-free options are available.

J. Gilberts

wood-fired steaks and seafood

Serves Midwestern raised, USDA Prime Black Angus beef cooked over an open wood-fire grill. Delivers a fine-dining meal in a down-to-earth atmosphere.

Johnny's Café

1922 chophouse highlighting Midwest beef, including steaks aged on-site

Local, family-run steakhouse. The décor is a treat.

Mahogany Prime Steakhouse

upscale chophouse chain branch presenting prime beef and seafood in a white-tablecloth dining room

Often listed as one of the top fine dining experiences in Omaha. Dinner hours only, closed Sunday. Reservations recommended.

Monarch Restaurant

upscale New American kitchen with weekend brunch and tasting menus in a stylish high-ceilinged space

Classically inspired cocktails, exclusive theatre menu, and charming dining room and lounge are sure to please.

COFFEE, PLEASE!

13th Street Coffee and Tea

espresso beverages, baked goods and gelato in an airy café setup featuring rotating art on the walls

Like Central Perk, this hang-out spot right off Old Market is a favorite. Try the cannolis.

Archetype Coffee

craft coffee shop with an industrial feel, emphasizing natural flavors

Serving small batch roasted coffee, lattes, cappuccinos, macchiatos or in-house brewed chai.



Hardy Coffee Co.

Small-batch coffee roaster and bakery

Sweets galore and scrumptious coffee; four locations around Omaha.

Rally Coffee Co.

coffees, teas, and assorted menu items

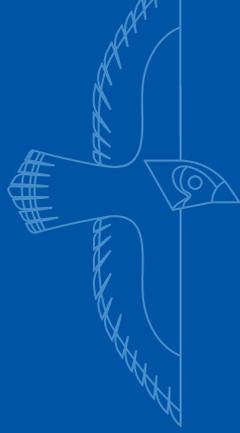
This coffee classic makes their flavorings in-house. Stop by for terrific seasonal options all year round.

Stories Coffee Company

local, fresh roasted coffee

Each quarter a portion of the sales are given to a local, non-profit organization that is doing great things.





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