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.

*Alumni owned business*
**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.

**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.)

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**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 barbeque restaurant and bar with Texas roots
  High-quality smoked meats, craft cocktails, beers and wines.
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.

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.

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.

Alumni owned business
**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 recitas 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

**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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