

# Philadelphia Restaurant Guide

## All Restaurants Within 4 Blocks of the Playing Sites

**Notes:**

This section of the guide (pages 21-32) includes all of the restaurants within a 4-block radius of the Marriott hotel. It includes everywhere you can eat within this grid - good, bad, or otherwise. You will find these places convenient and fast to reach on foot. They can meet your needs for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Some are very good, but we suggest that you also see pages 1-20 of this guide for a complete list of suggestions for places we really like and love to eat. Those destinations might require a longer walk, public transportation, or a short cab ride to reach.

**BYOBs, Reservations, and Tipping** -- For detailed information about BYOBs, reservations, and tipping, see page 3 of this guide.

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<b>10 Arts</b> 10 S Broad (in Ritz Carlton Hotel) 215.523.8273 www.10arts.com	New American	\$\$\$\$	✓	10 Arts represents Eric Ripert's (of NYC Le Bernardin fame) Philly outpost. Local chef Jen Carroll heads the kitchen. Carroll made a splash on the TV favorite <i>Top Chef</i> , and makes a splash with her seafood-focused menu. Some diners find the 40-foot ceilings in the vaulted lobby dining space impressive; others find the whole area a little strange. Nearly all, though, like the food.
<b>13th Street Gourmet Pizza</b> 209 S 13th (between Locust and Walnut) 215.546.4453 www.order13thstreetpizza.com	Pizza	\$		Here's a place where you can find thin crust pizza within a 10-minute walk from the playing site. It's best for take-out, since the location has no tables.
<b>Academy Café</b> 237 S Broad (in Doubletree Hotel) 215.893.1667	New American	\$\$\$		Academy Café is a so-so hotel restaurant with a standard American menu. There's nothing great or terrible about it, but other than its convenient location it doesn't have much to recommend it.
<b>Aki</b> 1210 Walnut 215.985.1838 www.akiphilly.com	Japanese	\$\$\$	✓	A recent addition to the growing Philly sushi scene, Aki boasts a hip décor with both a sushi and sake bar. They have an all-you-can eat \$24.95 sushi offer that has proven popular with the locals.
<b>Amuse</b> 1421 Arch (in Meridien Hotel) 215.422.8200	French Bistro	\$\$\$		It's not usually too thrilling to eat in a hotel restaurant, but the modern setting and decent French bistro food at the Le Meridien Hotel is an exception if you're in the area or wander over that way. Dining is set up in the lobby and the menu is fairly traditional French.
<b>APJ Weiners</b> 47 N 13th (at Market) 215.665.8081	Hot Dogs	\$		This inexpensive and friendly lunch spot, named for founders Arthur, Paul and James, specializes in hot dogs, but also offers sandwiches and diner food. Fans rave that the "dogs" are the best in the city.
<b>APO Bar + Lounge</b> 102 S 13th (at Drury) 215.735.7500 www.apothecarylounge.com	Bar	\$\$\$		This upscale bar takes drinks seriously and mixes a wide variety of clever cocktails. A menu of small plates accompanies the bar offerings. If the weather is fair, a deck upstairs provides a fine vantage of the street scene and outdoor spot for enjoying drinks.
<b>Appleby's</b> 215 S 15th (between Walnut and Locust) 215.772.2790 www.applebys.com	American	\$\$		A national chain of family-style restaurants.
<b>Au Bon Pain</b> 111 S 11th (at Chestnut) 215.413.5802 www.aubonpain.com	Sandwiches and soup	\$		A national chain of sandwich shops. We like the sandwiches here and Cosi better than most chains, so this is a decent choice if you're looking for a quick, inexpensive bite.
<b>Bella Cena</b> 1506 Spruce 215.790.0171 www.bellacena-philly.com	Italian  BYOB	\$\$\$		A decent, friendly Italian BYOB that also serves wine and liquor (a rare combination).
<b>Bellini Grill</b> 220 S 16th (between Locust and Walnut) 215.545.1191 www.bellinigrill.com	Italian  BYOB	\$\$\$		Like many center-city Italian restaurants, Bellini Grill serves reliable food from friendly servers. It is conveniently located if you opt for a night at the Kimmel Center.

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<b>Bindi</b> 105 S 13th (between Chestnut and Sansom) 215.922.6061 www.bindibyob.com	New Indian  BYOB	\$\$\$	✓✓	This Indian restaurant is the place for eaters who aren't sure if they like Indian food. Accomplished chef/owner Marcie Turney (also of stand-out Mexican Lolita) brings a New American twist to this accomplished spot. The dishes might sound traditional, but the food and decor take a contemporary twist. Drinks are an added bonus, since the restaurant supplies great mixers to your brought alcohol. The no reservations policy on Fridays and Saturdays can mean longer waits. Cash only.
<b>Bill's Steaks and Hoagies</b> 1315 Walnut 215.985.2901	Luncheonette	\$		Locals love Bill's for the fine, filling, well-priced breakfasts and lunches.
<b>Bliss</b> 220 S Broad (between Locust and Walnut) 215.731.1100 www.bliss-restaurant.com	New American	\$\$\$\$	✓	This new-American has been popular with Philly foodies for years, though a new owner and chef has raised its profile even more. Some detractors find the prices high but the small room has an intimate feel and its location is easily reached on foot from the bridge sites.
<b>Bubby's Brisket &amp; Buggy's Weiners</b> 103 N 15th (at Arch) 215.569.7184 www.bubbysbrisket.com	Cheesesteaks and sandwiches	\$		A take-out spot with offerings that are summarized in the name, but it offers breakfast too.
<b>Buca di Beppo</b> 258 S 15th (at Spruce) 215.545.2818 www.bucadibeppo.com	Italian	\$\$\$		A national chain of Italian restaurants that serves large portions family style. Given all the wonderful Italian offerings in this town of amazing Italian food, we'd suggest other places to try.
<b>bumblefish</b> 12 S 10th (between Market and Ludlow) 215.625.0720 www.bumblefishsushi.com	Japanese	\$		Note the lowercase "b" in the name of this chain of inexpensive sushi spots.
<b>Butcher and Singer</b> 1500 Walnut 215.732.4444 www.butcherandsinger.com	Steakhouse	\$\$\$\$\$		The interior of this local steakhouse is a beautiful renovation of a former restaurant that was a former office building. Beyond steaks, the menu offers classics like lobster thermidor and wedge salads. Like many of Philadelphia's popular spots, this one is part of the Stephen Starr mini-empire. Many find the food a disappointment given the high prices, but other think it's the only place in town for steak.
<b>Café Old Nelson</b> 1435 Arch 100 South Broad 215.568.1730	Takeout	\$		This mini-chain of local shops offer a variety of decent, inexpensive sandwich choices.
<b>Capogiro</b> 119 S 13th (at Sansom) and 117 S 20th (at Sansom) 215.351.0900 www.capogirogelato.com	Gelato and some food	\$	✓✓	We recommend you skip dessert at any restaurant within walking distance to a Capogiro so you can enjoy the daily homemade gelato that rivals (we think beats) anything in Italy. Departures magazine and others write lovingly of Stephanie Reitano's perfect, creamy gelato in seasonal, inventive flavors. Don't shy away from the four kinds of chocolate or whatever specials you find that day--lavender, basil, avocado, pumpkin...Samples are doled out generously, so try as many as you want before you settle on your favorites.
<b>Capital Grille</b> 1338 Chestnut 215.545.9588 www.thecapitalgrill.com	Steakhouse	\$\$\$\$\$	✓	Capital Grille is a classy, expensive, well-located steakhouse that won't disappoint. Still, it's a national chain, so you might consider a local option that's as stomach-satisfying and gives a better sense of Philly and its history.
<b>Caribou Café</b> 1126 Walnut 215.625.9535 www.cariboucafe.com	French Bistro	\$\$\$		Nice French bistro atmosphere with good food.
<b>Chili's</b> 1239 Filbert 215.569.1908 www.chilis.com	American	\$\$		A national chain of family-style restaurants with only its convenient location to the bridge site to recommend it.
<b>Chinatown</b> Entrance at 9th and Arch	Asian		✓✓	We love Chinatown. It's conveniently located, relatively inexpensive, and chock full of a variety of delicious places to eat. See the Chinatown guide in the recommended list for more details.

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<b>Chris's Jazz Café</b> 1421 Sansom 215.568.3131 www.chrisjazzcafe.com	Jazz Café and Music	\$\$\$		The food at Chris's is ok, but you go for the music. It's the only place we know of in center city that regularly offers live jazz and dinner to boot. Closed on Sunday.
<b>Cosi</b> 235 S 15th (at Locust) (also at 1128 Walnut and 833 Chestnut) 215.893.9696 www.getcosi.com	Flat bread sandwich chain	\$		Cosi is a national chain of sandwich shops. The flatbread sandwiches and salads here make it a good choice. It's also a coffee shop and evening spot where you can have dessert; the chocolate fondue is popular.
<b>Crown Fried Chicken</b> 1101 Filbert 215.627.1314 www.crownfriedchicken.com	Chicken	\$		the "McDonald's" of fried chicken
<b>Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steakhouse</b> 1426 Chestnut 215.246.0533 www.delfriscos.com	Steakhouse	\$\$\$\$	✓	This Texas steakhouse chain converted space in Philly's Packard building into the city's largest and one of the most impressive interiors. Its 40-foot ceilings, '20s architecture, and 2500-bottle wine tower impress. The food has its detractors, but many find it as awesome as the decor.
<b>Doc Watson's</b> 216 S 11th (between Walnut and Locust) 215.922.3427	Bar and Pub Food	\$\$		Doc Watson's is a popular spot for pub fare and drinks. The 35-foot bar accommodates the large crowds that regularly fill the bar. Open late.
<b>El Vez</b> 121 S 13th (at Sansom) 215.928.9811 www.elvezrestaurant.com	Mexican	\$\$\$	✓	El Vez is another of the popular Stephen Starr restaurants; this one is Mexican. Like all Starr spots, it's noisy. It's also bustling with a young crowd and busy bar scene. The food is solid, with highlights like the hand-made guacamole.
<b>Ernesto's 1521 Café</b> 1521 Spruce 215.546.1521 www.ernestos1521.com	Italian	\$\$\$	✓	A small, charming, serene Italian near the Kimmel Center with attentive service and a decent wine list.
<b>Estia</b> 1405 Locust 215.735.7700 www.estiarestaurant.com	Greek Seafood	\$\$\$\$	✓	Prices are a bit daunting for Greek-style seafood at this upscale taverna, but most find it worth the momentary sticker shock. You can choose your own fish from interesting choices on ice in the lovely room and enjoy friendly service. Preparation of both the seafood and Greek specialties is well done. Opt for the \$30 prix fixe option for a deal.
<b>Fado Irish Pub</b> 1500 Locust 215.893.9711 www.fadoirishpub.com	Irish Pub	\$\$		Decent Irish pub fare and drinks. Open late.
<b>Fergie's Pub</b> 1214 Sansom 215.928.8118 www.fergies.com	Irish Pub	\$\$		Decent Irish pub fare and drinks. Open late.
<b>Field House Sports Bar</b> 1150 Filbert 215.629.1520 www.fieldhousephilly.com	American Pub Food and Sports Bar	\$\$		The name says it all.
<b>Finn McCool's</b> 118 S 12th at Sansom 215.923.3090 www.finnmccoolspilly.com	Pub	\$\$		Irish pub and bar.
<b>Five Guys</b> 1527 Chestnut 215.972.1375 www.fiveguys.com	Hamburgers	\$	✓	An east coast chain that makes great, cheap hamburgers and fries. You can enjoy shell-on peanuts while you wait in line. It's a big step-up from fast-food joints. The made-to-order burgers are worth a visit when you want something quick, filling, juicy, and satisfying.
<b>Flying Monkey Patisserie</b> 1112 Locust (also in Reading Terminal Market) 215.928.0340 www.flyingmonkeyphilly.com	Pastries	\$	✓	Put on your seatbelt and fly over--fast--to Flying Monkey for a snack or dessert. This pastry shop has the loveliest pastries, with an emphasis on cupcakes. Owner/pastry chef Rebecca Michael's confections receive tremendous press reviews and easily live up the hype. Go.

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<b>Fogo de Chao</b> 1337 Chestnut 215.636.9700 www.fogodechao.com	Brazilian Steakhouse	\$\$\$\$		It's pretty much all meat at this all-you-can-eat Brazilian steakhouse. Well, there is a salad bar, but who has room for vegetables when servers bring meat on huge sticks until you cry mercy and give up?
<b>Food Court at Bellevue</b> Broad and Walnut www.bellevuephiladelphia.com	Various Fast Food	₡		There's a food court below the Bellevue hotel that includes a few local spots like Rick's Cheesesteaks. You can find quick lunch choices to go.
<b>Fox and Hound</b> 1501 Spruce 215.732.8610 www.toteent.com	American Pub and Sports Bar	\$\$		American-style sports bar.
<b>Garces Trading Company</b> 1111 Locust 215.574.1099 www.garcestadingcompany.com	New American  BYOB	\$\$\$	✓✓	The Trading Co. is the latest spot from Philly phenomenon and celebrity chef Jose Garces. The cheese shop, bread and pastry counters, charcuterie, olive oil tasting station, and built-in wine shop enhance, rather than distract, from the restaurant. Garces's food never misses. Lunch is casual, and dinner service is impeccable. There is a no reservations policy and this popular spot fills up fast.
<b>Gianfranco's Pizza</b> 248 S 11th (between Locust and Spruce) 215.923.9134 www.gianfrancopa.com	Pizza	\$		Better than average pizza with minimal décor.
<b>Giovanni's Pizza</b> 1515 Chestnut 215.988.1201	Pizza	\$		
<b>Giorgio on Pine</b> 1328 Pine 215.545.6265 www.giorgioonpine.com	Italian  BYOB	\$\$\$		Giorgio on Pine is actually a block outside the "bridge grid" covered on this list. We included it, however, because aside from a menu of fine house-made pastas, it offers gluten-free pizza and pastas. For diners who crave good Italian, but can't tolerate gluten, this unusual offering caters to you. We recommend this cozy, friendly spot as an option.
<b>Good Dog</b> 224 S 15th (between Walnut and Locust) 215.985.9600 www.gooddogbar.com	Bar and Burger Place	\$\$	✓✓	You'll be hard-pressed to find a better or more affordable burger in the city than at Good Dog. The namesake burger is stuffed with blue cheese, put on a brioche roll, and served with a pile of sweet potato and regular fries. The noise in both the regular bar area and upstairs room can be a strain, but it's worth it.
<b>Green Garden</b> 237 S 10th (between Locust and Spruce) 215.351.1114	Chinese/ Japanese	\$\$		Small, clean, good Chinese/Japanese outside of Chinatown.
<b>Hamifgash</b> 811 Sansom 215.925.3550 www.hamifgashkosherrestaurant.com	Israeli Kosher	\$\$		Philly doesn't have a huge variety of places for kosher food, but most people agree that Hamifgash is the place to go if that's what you want. The falafel and hummus earn raves, and the location near Jeweler's Row make Hamifgash convenient if you're in the area.
<b>Happy Rooster</b> 18 S 16th (at Sansom) 215.963.9311 www.thehappyrooster.com	American and French Pub Food	\$\$	✓	Happy Rooster is popular bar that offers French-style pub food. The décor is low-brow, but charming. It's a Philly classic that has been around for years, and sometimes offers live entertainment.
<b>Hard Rock Café</b> 1113 Market 215.238.1000 www.hardrock.com	American	\$\$		A chain of burger joints packed with rock and roll memorabilia.
<b>Ihop</b> 1320 Walnut 215.732.1726 www.ihop.com	Pancake house and diner	\$		A national chain of pancake houses.
<b>Il Portico</b> 1519 Walnut 215.587.7000 www.il-portico.com	Italian (Tuscan)	\$\$\$	✓	Service is solicitous and the food is ok at this expensive Italian on the high-end Walnut St. shopping blocks.

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<b>Irish Pub</b> 1123 Walnut 215.925.3311 www.irishpubphilly.com	Irish Pub	\$\$		Surprise! An Irish pub and bar.
<b>Italian Bistro</b> 211 S Broad (between Locust and Walnut) 215.731.0700 www.italianbistro.com	Italian	\$\$\$		Italian Bistro is...an Italian bistro. The food and décor are about as imaginative as the name.
<b>Jake's Pizza</b> 201 N Broad (at Race) 215.587.0447 www.bestpizzainphilly.net	Pizza	\$		Pretty decent steaks, pizza, wings, and other cheap eats.
<b>Jimmy John's Deli</b> 1001 Locust 215.629.4000 www.jimmyjohns.com	Deli	\$		A chain of sandwich and hoagie shops.
<b>Jin House</b> 1117 Locust 215.592.9500	Chinese	\$		Inexpensive, OK Chinese outside of Chinatown.
<b>Joe Pesce</b> 1113 Walnut 215.829.4400 www.joepescerestaurant.com	Seafood and Italian	\$\$\$		Decent décor but only so-so food at these seafood restaurants leave diners looking for better alternatives.
<b>Joe's Pizza</b> 122 S 16th (at Sansom) 215.569.0898	Pizza	\$		
<b>José Pistola's</b> 263 S 15th (at Spruce) 215.545.4101 www.josepistolas.com	Bar	\$\$		Jose Pistola's décor is nicer than the shabby entrance suggests. It offers good margaritas and Belgian beers from the bar and decent Mexican food from the kitchen. Detractors dislike the unpredictable, often slow service, and 3-flight walk up to the bathroom.
<b>Kanella</b> 266 S 10th (at Spruce) 215.922.1773 www.kanellarestaurant.com	Greek Seafood  BYOB	\$\$\$	✓✓	This wildly popular chef-owned Greek restaurant is a tough reservation to get, but outdoor seating (if the weather cooperates) is first-come, first-served. A weekend brunch menu is different from the usual pancake offerings at diners, so consider that as alternative.
<b>Kibitz Room</b> 1521 Locust 215.735.7305 www.kibitzroomphilly.com	Deli  BYOB	\$\$	✓	Great Jewish "soul" food with enormous corned beef, pastrami and other sandwiches. You also can't go wrong with the matzoh ball soup, kugel, and other menu options. There is a pickle bar to fill up your plate, if you can find room.
<b>Knock</b> 225 S 12th (at Locust) 215.925.1116 www.knockphilly.com	New American	\$\$\$	✓	Knock is a modern lodge-like restaurant with a cozy bar. Unlike many Philly spots, noise levels here are low and conducive to conversation. The food might not wow the most devoted foodie, but the helpful staff and charming décor make Knock a pleasant experience.
<b>La Viola Ovest</b> 252 S 16th 215.735.8630	Italian  BYOB	\$\$\$	✓	The companion restaurant to La Viola across the street, Ovest offers equally fine Italian fare at fair prices. It's a neighborhood favorite and popular with Kimmel center concert goers too, which means that early reservations can be hard to get when there's a show. Cash only.
<b>La Viola</b> 253 S 16th (between Locust and Spruce) 215.735.8630	Italian  BYOB	\$\$\$	✓	This cramped, noisy Italian turns out terrific food at very reasonable prices. The service is helpful, charming, and authentically Italian. In good weather, diners grab the few tables on the narrow sidewalk to squeeze in. The sister restaurant across the street has more space, but equally good food. aka Bistro La Viola. Cash only.
<b>Ladder 15</b> 1528 Sansom 215.964.9755 www.ladder15philly.com	American	\$\$\$	✓	Intriguing local chef David Ansill has landed as executive chef at Ladder 15 and continues to bring his inventive talents to a menu that includes bar classics, small plates, and "snacks."

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<b>Le Bar Lyonnais</b> 1523 Walnut 215.567.1000 www.lebecfin.com	French Bistro	\$\$\$\$	✓✓ Le Bar Lyonnais is Philly's well-known secret for the finest dining with a slightly more casual touch. As the sophisticated downstairs bar at Le Bec Fin, it offers the same menu as the grande dame upstairs dining room, but in a more relaxed and less expensive setting. Note that dinner is available Monday-Thursday and lunch and dinner are available Friday and Saturday.
<b>Le Bec-Fin</b> 1523 Walnut 215.567.1000 www.lebecfin.com	French	\$\$\$\$ +	✓✓ Georges Perrier single-handedly put Philadelphia on the culinary map when he opened Le Bec-Fin in 1970, and this star of the Philly food scene still dazzles. It has changed over years, now offering an a la carte dinner menu as well as the sumptuous prix fixe tasting menu standard that has thrilled diners for years. The ultimate in stand-out cuisine and attentive, but relaxed, service, this "gem" costs a lot but never fails to deliver. The dessert cart alone (try-all-you-like) is legendary and practically worth a visit by itself.
<b>Liberty Place Food Court</b> 15th at Market and Chestnut	Various fast foods	\$	Liberty Place is a pair of high-end shopping towers that includes a variety of fast food dining spots in its food court.
<b>Locust Bar</b> 235 South 10th (at Locust) 215.925.2191	Dive Bar	\$\$	A dive bar with bar-style snacks and food.
<b>Locust Rendezvous</b> 1415 Locust 215.985.1163 www.locustrendezvous.com	Bar Food	\$\$	A dive bar with bar-style snacks and food. Open late.
<b>Lolita</b> 106 S 13th (between Chestnut and Sansom) 215.546.7100 www.lolitybyob.com	New Mexican  BYOB	\$\$\$	✓✓ Chef Marcie Turney (also of Bindi) turned Philadelphian's idea of Mexican food around when she opened Lolita. You won't find a taco or fajita on this authentic menu with twists. The food is excellent and unexpected, the décor is minimal but charming, and the service is attentive and helpful for first-timers who might want assistance sorting out the options of small and large plates. Plus, it's also a BYOT (bring your own tequila) and offers a changing variety of margarita options that are always interesting and good.
<b>Maccabeam</b> 128 S 12th (between Chestnut and Walnut) 215.922.5922	Israeli Kosher  BYOB	\$\$	If décor doesn't matter, you can find some decent kosher food here at very reasonable prices.
<b>Maggiano's</b> 1201 Filbert 215.567.2020 www.maggianos.com	Italian	\$\$\$	A chain that restaurants that serves heaping portions of "red-sauce" Italian.
<b>Mamma Angelina's Pizza</b> 1337 Locust 215.735.4987	Pizza	\$	Pizza and sandwiches. Open late.
<b>Mamma Mia Pizza</b> 1508 Spruce 215.732.6610 www.mammamiaphilly.com	Pizza	\$	Pizza and sandwiches.
<b>Maoz</b> 1115 Walnut 215.822.3409 www.maozveg.com	Vegetarian Middle Eastern	\$	This small middle eastern spot has no seating, but is a vegetarian haven and draw for falafel lovers around the city. There is another location on the 200 block of South St.
<b>Marathon Grill</b> 121 S 15th (at Sansom); 1339 Chestnut; 927 Walnut; 121 S 16th (at Sansom) 215.569.3278 www.marathongrill.com	American	\$\$	✓ Marathon Grill is a Philly mini-chain and popular stand-by that offers food all day (breakfast to late-night). The six locations are all generally charming, reasonably priced, and good for groups, since they offer a wide variety of eats and drinks that satisfy all tastes.
<b>Max Brenner</b> 1500 Walnut 215.344.8150 www.maxbrenner.com	Sandwiches and Chocolate Shop	\$\$	Max Brenner is a chocolate emporium chain that includes a chocolate shop inside the restaurant. Not every food item includes chocolate in it, but it might feel that way looking at the menu. It serves breakfast items to late night cocktails.

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<b>McCormick &amp; Schmick's</b> 1 S Broad (at Penn Square) 215.568.6888 www.mccormickandschmick.com	Seafood	\$\$\$\$		A quality U.S. chain of seafood restaurants that earns high marks for freshness and service, though not necessarily for innovation.
<b>McDonald's</b> 1401 Arch; 942 Market	Fast Food	\$		Burgers. Fries. Fast. You've probably heard of it.
<b>McGlinchey's</b> 259 S 15th (between Locust and Spruce) 215.735.1259	Dive Bar	\$\$		A happening bar that also offers food.
<b>Melting Pot</b> 1219 Filbert 215.922.7002 www.meltingpot.com	Fondue	\$\$\$		A national chain of fondue restaurants. Located near the bridge site and unique in the city (as far as we know) for its fondue menu. Fans enjoy the food, but the prices seem high for the style and quality.
<b>Mercato</b> 1216 Spruce 215.985.2962 www.mercatobyob.com	Contemporary Italian  BYOB	\$\$\$	✓	Mercato is a cramped, noisy BYO that regularly packs crowds because of its terrifically innovative, delicious, and fresh food. Aside from the wonderful menu, it also offers a unique olive oil flight. Don't ignore the "sides," which aren't necessary with the generous portions, but taste great. No reservations except between 5:00 and 6:30 Sunday to Fridays. Waits can be long, so consider going early if possible.
<b>Mi Lah Vegetarian</b> 218 S 16th (at Chancellor) 215.732.8888 www.milahvegetarian.com	Vegetarian  BYOB	\$		A low-key vegetarian offering a variety of vegetarian and vegan dishes with influences from different cuisines. It has greater charm inside than you might expect at first glance and the menu has nice surprises and affordable prices.
<b>Midtown II Restaurant</b> 122 S 11th (at Sansom) 215.627.6452 www.midtown2restaurant.com	Diner	\$\$		An American-style diner.
<b>Miga</b> 211 S 15th (between Walnut and Locust) 215.732.1616 www.migarestaurant.com	Korean	\$\$\$	✓	If you haven't tried Korean food yet, Miga is a good place to start. The authentic food tastes great and the friendly staff will help you figure the menu and tend the bbq grill. The room is spacious and well-decorated.
<b>Milano's Pizzeria</b> 127 S 10th (between Sansom and Walnut) 215.627.6200 www.milanosphilly.com	Pizza	\$		
<b>Minar Palace</b> 1304 Walnut 215.546.9443 www.minarphilly.com	Indian  BYOB	\$\$	✓	There aren't many authentic Indian restaurants close to the bridge site, so be glad that Minar Palace recently relocated to this spot. This family-owned restaurant offers fine food in nice surroundings.
<b>Misconduct Tavern</b> 1511 Locust 215.732.5797 www.misconduct-tavern.com	American Pub Food	\$\$		An upscale bar with a nautical theme.
<b>Misora Sushi</b> 1511 Chestnut 215.564.6463	Sushi	\$\$		A neighborhood sushi place.
<b>Monk's Café</b> 264 S 16th (at Spruce) 215.545.7005 www.monkscafe.com	Belgian Pub Food	\$\$\$	✓	Locals love Monk's. It's a "Belgian-style" bar that draws huge crowds clamoring for the many beer choices, mussels, and burgers. Open late.
<b>More Than Just Ice Cream</b> 1119 Locust 215.238.9549	American and Bakery	\$\$		It's hard to decide if More Than Just Ice Cream is a diner, ice cream shop, or restaurant. It's sort of a mix of all three. Some folks stop in for a scoop of ice cream or just dessert. Others come for diner-food dinner and stay for dessert. The desserts are big and offer plenty of choices.
<b>Moriarty's</b> 1116 Walnut 215.627.7676 www.moriatyspub.com	Pub food	\$\$		Local bar with pub food. Open late.

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<b>Morton's The Steakhouse</b> 1411 Walnut 215.557.0724 <a href="http://www.mortons.com/philadelphia">www.mortons.com/philadelphia</a>	Steakhouse	\$\$\$\$	Like many steakhouses, Morton's is a good, expensive national chain. It's "grab" is that servers bring a tray of pre-cooked offerings for diners to choose their dinner. Everything from steak to seafood to sides is well-prepared. The portions are huge and so is the check.
<b>Naked Chocolate Café</b> 1317 Walnut 215.735.7310 <a href="http://www.nakedchocolateonline.com">www.nakedchocolateonline.com</a>	Desserts	\$	✓ In 2007, USA Today named Naked Chocolate a Top 10 place in America for chocolate. We agree. The European-style hot chocolate (thick!) is sinful. The shops (there are also locations off Rittenhouse Square and in University City) are also coffee shops and dessert emporia, selling cupcakes, lemon bars, and other stand-alone desserts. And don't forget to take away a bag of the house-made chocolates.
<b>New Heaven</b> 1119 Walnut 215.940.8855	Chinese	\$\$	New Heaven is a local sit-down or take-out Chinese that pleases locals with its reliable standard dishes.
<b>New Samosa</b> 1214 Walnut 215.546.2009	Vegetarian Indian BYOB	\$\$	Some vegetarians depend on this Indian for its affordable prices and variety of choices, but others suggest that it lacks quality in both food and décor.
<b>Nineteen (XIX)</b> 200 S Broad (at Walnut) 19th Floor (in Hyatt Hotel) 215.790.1919 <a href="http://www.parkphiladelphia.hyatt.com">www.parkphiladelphia.hyatt.com</a>	American and Seafood	\$\$\$\$	✓ Nineteen is a stunning room with a great view. Prices are high, but the seafood-focused menu has many highlights. Some detractors decry the cost, saying that the food doesn't live up to the bill, but others say that the views and setting make up the difference. Brunch on weekends.
<b>Nodding Head Brewery and Restaurant</b> 1516 Sansom (second floor) 215.569.9525 <a href="http://www.noddinghead.com">www.noddinghead.com</a>	American Pub Food	\$\$	✓ Nodding Head is a quality brewpub that sells only its own beer. The food is a big notch above the usual bar fare and service tends to be friendly and low-key.
<b>NYPD Pizza</b> 140 S 11th (at Walnut) 215.229.6973 <a href="http://az.nypdpizza.com">az.nypdpizza.com</a>	Pizza	\$	✓ We hate to be traitors to our own city, but we love the pizza these Brooklyn transplants make. The crust is chewy and in the NYC style. Toppings are generous, though a little light on sauce. We recommended it, but note that the shop is closed on Saturday.
<b>Olive Garden</b> 1349 Chestnut 215.546.7950 <a href="http://www.olivegarden.com">www.olivegarden.com</a>	Italian	\$\$	A national chain of Italian restaurants.
<b>Oscar's Tavern</b> 1524 Sansom 215.972.9938	Bar	\$\$	A self-described "blue-collar" bar, Oscar's tends to draw a lunch and after-work drinking crowd.
<b>Oyster House</b> 1516 Sansom 215.567.7683 <a href="http://www.oysterhousephilly.com">www.oysterhousephilly.com</a>	Seafood	\$\$\$	✓✓ The Mink family has been part of the Philly restaurant scene since 1947 and grandson David now owns The Oyster House. You won't want to miss the old-time shuckers managing the oyster bar or the other seafood classics (like fried oysters with chicken salad) at this institution. Seats at the bar provide a great vantage point for all the action. Closed Sunday. Reservations only for large groups.
<b>Palace at the Ben</b> 834 Chestnut 267.232.5600 <a href="http://www.thepalaceattheben.com">www.thepalaceattheben.com</a>	Indian	\$\$\$	✓ Palace at the Ben is probably the best-looking Indian restaurant in town. Most agree that the elegant food is up to quality of the décor. It's a little more costly than other Indian restaurants, but the higher-end menu and decor justify the cost. There is also a good lunch buffet.
<b>Panda Garden</b> 130 S 11th (between Sansom and Walnut) 215.592.1538	Chinese	\$\$	Panda Garden is basically a take-out Chinese joint, but the food is good and loyal locals give it high marks.
<b>Pandora's Lunchbox</b> 1221 Walnut 215.922.2333	Lunch	\$	Pandora's Lunchbox offers a nice variety of pizza, sandwiches, calzones, and salads. There are also plenty of vegetarian and lighter fare options.
<b>Pastoral</b> 205 S 13th (between Locust and Walnut) 215.545.8511	Korean	\$\$\$	Pastoral used to be pretty much the only game downtown for Korean food, but now that Giwa and Miga have joined the scene, you can find better food at either newcomer.

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<b>Philly Cupcake</b> 1132 Chestnut 215.625.4888 www.phillycupcake.com	Cupcakes only	\$		A recent addition the popular cupcake scene, Philly Cupcake specializes only in cupcakes, and also sells drinks to go with (coffee, tea, milk).
<b>Philly Style Pizza</b> 126 S 11th (at Sansom) 215.625.9508	Pizza	\$		
<b>Pizza Palace</b> 112 S 12th (at Chestnut) 215.629.1212	Pizza	\$		Family-owned pizza shop since 1972.
<b>Portofino</b> 1227 Walnut 215.923.8208 www.portofino1227walnut.com	Italian	\$\$\$		Portofino is a well-liked pre-theater Italian. Its décor and prices are a little higher than other neighborhood restaurants like it, but regulars swear that the food and charming servers make it worth a visit and the extra expense.
<b>Potbelly Sandwich Works</b> 1200 Walnut 215.546.1039 www.potbelly.com	Sandwich Shop	\$		A national chain of sandwich shops.
<b>Primo's Hoagies</b> 128 S 11th (at Sansom) 215.925.4500 www.primohoagies.com	Sandwich Shop	\$		A local mini-chain of hoagie shops.
<b>Qdoba</b> 1528 Walnut (also at 1105 Walnut) 215.546.8007 www.qdoba.com	Mexican	\$		A national chain of Mexican food.
<b>Quizno's</b> 1513 Chestnut and 152 N Broad (at Race) and 833 Chestnut	Fast food	\$		A national chain that sells toasted sandwiches.
<b>Raw Sushi Sake Lounge</b> 1225 Sansom 215.238.1903 www.rawlounge.net	Japanese	\$\$\$	✓	This chic, higher-end sushi hotspot draws rave reviews and a hip crowd for both its food and sake selections. The scene is "happening," in part because of the setting and in part for the high-quality food and drinks. The action might get started at night, but lunch is served efficiently and can be a nice escape during the day.
<b>Reading Terminal Market</b> On Market between 11th and 12th www.readingterminalmarket.org	Various	\$-\$	✓✓	Reading Terminal Market is an historic farmer's market and a must-see for visitors. The original market opened in 1892, and was state of the art with refrigeration and stalls for merchants. Today, it is a bustling scene with over 80 restaurants and merchants selling produce, baked goods, flowers, housewares, crafts, and more. It is home to many Philly classics, like Basset's Ice Cream and the Dutch Diner.
<b>Roy's</b> 124 S.15th (at Sansom) 215.988.1814 www.roysrestaurant.com	Asian Fusion Hawaiian	\$\$\$\$	✓	Roy's is part of a national mini-chain founded by Roy Yamaguchi to highlight the flavors and ingredients of Hawaii. The menu has ended up focused on Pan-Asian seafood. Prices are high, but the room is spacious, quiet, and restful. Bar seats ringing the open kitchen provide dining entertainment for people who would rather watch the action.
<b>Ruth's Chris Steak House</b> 260 S Broad (at Spruce) 215.790.1515 www.ruthschris.com	Steakhouse	\$\$\$\$	✓✓	Ruth's Chris a national steakhouse chain originally from the New Orleans/Baton Rouge area. We think that the seared, butter-topped steaks and creamed spinach can't be beat. Prices are not quite as bank-breaking as other steakhouses in the city. The interior space lacks the drama of places like Union Trust, but it's comfortable.
<b>Sahara Grill</b> 1334 Walnut 215.985.4155	Middle Eastern	\$\$		Sahara Grill is a reasonably-priced restaurant that offers Middle Eastern classics like falafel, baba ganoush, and hummus. There's little ambience to speak of, but most people just go for their favorites.
<b>Sakana Sushi</b> 1526 Sansom 215.564.0526 www.sakana.us	Sushi	\$	✓	Sakana is a well-liked local sushi spot that keeps the locals coming back.

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<b>Sakeya</b> 1420 Locust 215.735.1144 www.thesakeya.com	Japanese	\$\$	✓ Sakeya rates as a hip sushi and small plates Japanese that earns high marks for its quality food. It draws a young crowd, perhaps because of its mod look and late-night DJ. Open late.
<b>Saladworks</b> 224 S 11th (between Walnut and Locust) 215.733.0570 www.saladworks.com	Salads	\$	A national chain of salad shops where customers can build their own fresh, custom salads.
<b>Sampan</b> 124 S 13th (between Sansom and Walnut) 215.732.3501 www.sampanphilly.com	Pan Asian Small Plates	\$\$\$	✓ Sampan features a Pan-Asian menu crafted by celebrity chef Michael Schulson (from TV and Buddakan in NYC). The exciting space has lighted walls and a modern feel that keep the restaurant full of energy.
<b>Sansom Kabob House</b> 1526 Sansom 215.751.9110 www.samsonkabob.com	Afghan	\$	✓ Sansom Kabob House is an Afghan restaurant with a focus on kebobs and other grilled foods. Fans say not to be sworn off by the uninspired look of the place from the outside. Although it's not much inside either, they love the food.
<b>Santa Fe Burritos</b> 21 S 11th (between Walnut and Locust) 610.649.0600 www.santafeburrito.com	Mexican	\$	A fine local burrito shop with a focus on fresh ingredients.
<b>Shank's Original</b> 120 S 15th (near Market) 215.629.1093 www.shanksonoriginal.com	Sandwiches	\$	✓ Shank's has been around since 1962, when it opened as Shank's and Evelyn's Luncheonette [sic]. It's still around today, making legendary pork sandwiches, cheesesteaks, and chicken cutlet sandwiches. There's a new location and a shortened name, but the quality and popularity haven't wavered and the business is still family-owned.
<b>Shinju</b> 930 Locust 215.351.6265	Japanese	\$\$\$	A tiny sushi spot that wins high praise for its quality food and inventive menu.
<b>Shiroy Hana</b> 222 S 15th (between Walnut and Locust) 215.735.4444 www.shiroihana.com	Japanese	\$\$\$	✓ Popular, easy-going, neighborhood sushi spot. A good choice for sushi fans looking for fresh fish and friendly service.
<b>Smokin' Betty's</b> 116 S 11th (at Sansom) 215.922.6500 www.smokinbettys.com	Gastropub	\$\$	✓ A well-done conversion of an industrial space has turned Smokin' Betty's into a slick, but comfortable, two-story gastropub. The menu includes comfort food favorites, like sandwiches, burgers, BBQ, and American-style desserts--all done with flair.
<b>SoleFood</b> 1200 Market (in Loews Hotel) 215.231.7300 www.loewshotels.com	Seafood	\$\$\$\$	A seafood restaurant in the Loews Hotel.
<b>Standing O</b> 235 S Broad (in Doubletree Hotel) 215.893.1633	Bistro	\$\$\$	A steakhouse/bistro-style restaurant in the Doubletree Hotel.
<b>Su Xing House</b> 1508 Sansom 215.564.1419 www.suxinghouse.com	Vegan Chinese	\$\$	A passionate vegetarian Chinese restaurant that embraces a vegetarian and healthful lifestyle without giving up on taste. The food is fresh and the menu offers a variety that is sure to please even die-hard meat-eaters.
<b>Subway</b> 1109 Walnut (also at 910 Chestnut) 215.829.1262 www.subway.com	Sandwich Shop	\$	A national chain of hoagie shops.
<b>Tavern on Broad</b> 200 S Broad (at Walnut) (in Bellevue Hotel) 215.546.2290 www.tavernonbroad.com	Traditional American	\$\$	The location of this sports bar might seem a little odd at first, since you have to walk down into the "subterranean" space, but it's a popular sports bar with classic American pub food like ribs and wings. Open late.

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<b>Tbar</b> 117 S 12th at Sansom 215.625.3936 www.tbartees.com	Tea House	\$	Tbar is a tea bar and shop. The many tea and pastry choices make it a nice spot for a morning or afternoon visit.
<b>Ted's Montana Grill</b> 220 S Broad (at Spruce) 215.772.1230 www.tedsmontanagrill.com	Steakhouse	\$\$\$	The Ted is Ted Turner; the mogul has created this mini-chain of steakhouses that feature beef and buffalo. Few find the food anything special, but diners who like or want to try bison will want to make a visit.
<b>The Palm</b> 200 S Broad (at Walnut in the Bellevue) 215.546.7256 www.thepalm.com	Steakhouse	\$\$\$\$\$	Another of the chain steakhouses that dot the city, The Palm is one is a mini-chain that copies the cartoons-on-the-walls of the original NYC spot. The décor is fun, and the enormous portions are dependable if not inspired.
<b>Thirteen</b> 1201 Market 215.625.6795 www.marriott.com/hotels	New American	\$\$\$	This hotel restaurant right in the Marriot is open pretty much all the time--serving a changing menu from breakfast to late night. Given that hotel restaurants can often be really overpriced and serve food that really underwhelms, Thirteen does a decent job. The food is good, including a fine Sunday brunch, and while there's more affordable food at nearby places like the Reading Terminal Market, Thirteen won't break the bank. You certainly can't beat its convenient location.
<b>Time</b> 1315 Sansom 215.985.4800 www.timerestaurant.net	Continental	\$\$\$	A sort of Teutonic beer hall vibe comes across at Time, where there's a restaurant and bar on one side and a sort of sports bar on the other. The whole thing might come together better if the food really sang, but it's just odd and doesn't quite hang together.
<b>Tir na nog</b> 1600 Arch 267.514.1700 www.tirnanoghphilly.com	Irish Pub	\$\$	Irish Pub chain.
<b>Top Tomato</b> 1107 Walnut 215.592.8242 www.toptomatopizza.com	Pizza restaurant	\$\$	Pizza restaurant with an extensive list of topping choices.
<b>Tria</b> 1137 Spruce (also at 123 S 18th at Sansom) 215.629.9200 www.triacafe.com	International small plates	\$\$\$	✓ A small plates haven for cheese lovers, Tria is place to go for wine or beer pairings. It's also popular for lunch, since it makes great salads and sandwiches. Both locations are small and have restricted reservations policies. Open late on Friday and Saturday.
<b>Upstares at Varalli &amp; Sotto Varalli</b> 231 S Broad (at Locust) 215.546.6800 www.varalliusa.com	Italian	\$\$\$	A stand-by for the theater go-ers, this two-story Italian has a reliable reputation for on-time service and dependable seafood.
<b>Valanni</b> 1229 Spruce 215.790.9494 www.valanni.com	Mediterranean Small Plates	\$\$\$	✓ The menu at Valanni delights its customers since it offers small and larger plates, changes often, and always has great-tasting offerings. There's a hip bar scene with great people-watching. Despite its hip vibe, the atmosphere is still friendly and easy-going.
<b>Varga Bar</b> 941 Spruce 215.627.5200 www.vargabar.com	New American	\$\$\$	✓ An upscale, retro bar with pin-up girls on the ceiling that evoke a bygone era. The beer list is long and all-American. The menu focuses on comfort food. Open late, and a charming choice for night-owls.
<b>Vetri</b> 1312 Spruce 215.732.3478 www.vetriristorante.com	Italian	\$\$\$\$\$	✓✓ If you are lucky enough to squeeze out a reservation to Vetri, go. This 40-seat townhouse restaurant is the flagship and namesake original restaurants of Marc Vetri--the Philly star of Vetri, Osteria, and Amis. It's the top Italian in the city (in a city known for its Italian food) and rated by many as one of the top in the country. The low-key, but helpful and attentive, servers take pride in the menu, which changes seasonally. Vetri's attention to detail in the food, and passion for it, is evident in the fact that he gives up space in his already small dining room to show off the meat slicer, cheese cart, and espresso maker. Note that Friday and Saturday nights are a prix fixe tasting menu only.

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<b>Vintage</b> 129 S 13th (between Chestnut and Walnut) 215.922.3095 www.vintage-philadelphia.com	French Bistro/Wine Bar	\$\$\$	✓	The focus at Vintage is on the wine list, but this wine bar does a nice job presenting a menu of French bistro classics. It's almost always packed and noisy after work and on the weekends, but local fans like the bustling atmosphere and quality bar choices.
<b>Warsaw Café</b> 306 S 16th (at Spruce) 215.546.0204 www.warsawcafe.thekalon.com	Polish	\$\$\$	✓	Warsaw Café is the place in town for really good borscht, blini, and pierogies. This intimate, friendly café has lighter dishes too, but it's the classics that keep diners coming back.
<b>Wendy's</b> 1500 Chestnut (also at 1101 Walnut)	Fast food	\$		Fast food chain with square burgers.
<b>Westbury Restaurant</b> 261 S 13th (at Spruce) 215.546.5170 www.westburybarandrestaurant.com	Bar and Restaurant	\$\$		A gay sports bar.
<b>Woody's Bar and Restaurant</b> 202 S 13th (at Walnut) 215.545.1893 www.woody'sbar.com	Bar	\$\$		Woody's is a gay bar that serves a big food menu and brunch.
<b>Yonny's</b> 1531 Cherry 215.665.0407	Coffee Shop Diner	\$		Fans like the affordable, reliable breakfast and lunch menu. Check out the chalkboard at the back for specials.
<b>Zack's Hoagies</b> 103 S 12th (at Chestnut) 215.925.1804	Sandwich Shop and Salads	\$		Sandwich shop.
<b>Zavino</b> 112 S 13th (at Sansom) 215.732.2400 www.zavino.com	Pizza Bar	\$\$	✓	Philly has a lot of pizza joints, but few places like this one--an attractive upscale pizza and wine bar. If you're looking for fine pizza in a finer setting, this is the spot.
<b>Zinc</b> 246 S 11th (between Locust and Spruce) 215.351.9901 www.zincbarphilly.com	French Bistro	\$\$\$	✓	Zinc rates as a warm and appealing French bistro that keeps surprising its audience with a creative menu. It's a small spot that evokes a classic bistro atmosphere. There's a lovely bar and tight tables that induce friendly conversation with neighbors.
<b>Zio Pizza</b> 111 S 13th (near Sansom) 215.627.1615 www.ziospizza.net	Pizza	\$		Big slices, cheap prices.