

Specialty Restaurant Lists

Breakfast

See detailed reviews of these restaurants on the main restaurant guide.

Bill's	1325 Sansom	Breakfast/Brunch weekdays
Café Estelle	444 N 4 th (Spring Garden)	Breakfast/Brunch Tue-Sun
Café Lift	428 N. 13 th (Noble)	Breakfast Tue-Sun
Carman's Country Kitchen	1301 S 11 th (Wharton)	Breakfast/Brunch Fri-Mon
Down Home Diner	Reading Terminal Market	Breakfast/Brunch Mon-Sat
Dutch Eating Place	Reading Terminal Market	Breakfast/Brunch Wed-Sat
Honey's Sit 'n Eat	800 N 4 th (Brown)	Breakfast 7 days/week
La Croix	210 W Rittenhouse Sq (Rittenhouse Hotel)	Breakfast 7 days/week Brunch Sun
Marathon	1839 Spruce 1339 Chestnut 927 Walnut 121 S 16 th (Sansom) 1818 Market 200 S 40 th (Walnut)	Breakfast/Brunch 7 days/week, but times can vary by location
Morning Glory	735 S 10 th (Fitzwater)	Breakfast 7 days/week
Parc	227 S 18 th (Locust)	Breakfast/Brunch Mon-Fri, Sun; Brunch Sat
Sabrina's	910 Christian 1804 Callowhill	Breakfast 7 days/week (both locations)
Silk City	435 Spring Garden	Breakfast/Brunch Sat-Sun

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Abyssinia	229 S 45 th (Locust)	Brunch Sat-Sun
Apamate	1620 South St.	Brunch Sat-Sun
Bar Ferdinand	1030 N 2 nd (Girard)	Brunch Sun
Caribou Café	1126 Walnut	Brunch Sat-Sun
Cochon	801 E. Passyunk (Catharine)	Brunch Sun
Figs	2501 Meredith	Brunch Sat-Sun
Fork	306 Market	Brunch Sun
Happy Rooster	118 S. 16 th (Sansom)	Brunch Sat
Jones	700 Chestnut	Brunch Sat-Sun
Joy Tsin Lau	1026 Race	Dim Sum at brunch, 7 days/week
Las Cazuelas	426 W. Girard	Brunch Sun
Meme	2201 Spruce	Brunch Sun
Ocean Harbor	1023 Race	Dim Sum at brunch, 7 days/week
Sazon	941 Spring Garden	Brunch Sat-Sun
SoleFood	1200 Market	Brunch Sat-Sun
Southwark	701 S 4 th (Bainbridge)	Brunch Sun
Standard Tap	901 N 2 nd (Poplar)	Brunch Sat-Sun
Supper	926 South St.	Brunch Sun
Tinto	114 S 20 th (Sansom)	Brunch Sun
Water Works	640 Water Works Dr.	Brunch Sun

Cheap Eats

The food at these spots close to the bridge site should satisfy your taste buds and wallet, but don't expect much from the décor.

APJ Texas Weiner	47 N. 13th
Dim Sum Garden	59 N. 11th
Dragon Pizza	157 N. 9th
Nanzhou Hand Drawn Noodle House	927 Race
Pho 75	1022 Race
Pho Cali	1000 Arch
QT Vietnamese Sandwich	48 N. 10th
Reading Terminal Market	12 th and Arch
Solo Skewer Bar	50 N 10th
Szechuan Tasty House	902 Arch
Wong Wong	941 Race

Cheesesteaks

Campo's Deli	214 Market	Campo's and Sonny's both make very good cheesesteaks in their Old City locations.
Geno's	1219 S. 9th	Many think that a trip to Philly is incomplete without a trip to either Geno's or Pat's (see below) or both. These two steak outposts are the spots you'll always see in movies, commercials, or other media about the city. It's certainly an experience, though we can't rate the steaks as anywhere near the best in the city.
Ishkabibble's Eatery	337 South St	Fans go wild for the cheesesteaks, and especially the chicken cheesesteaks. Everything is cooked to order, though don't expect much from the décor.
Jim's	400 South St.	Jim's is a great favorite of many locals and our favorite choice for cheesesteaks. It's located in an art deco building on South St with signed photos all over the walls. At certain times, you'll wait in a line out the door to get your steak, so the pix help pass the time. Open late.
John's Roast Pork	14 Snyder	This little shack in south South Philly doesn't look like much and it will take a long ride to get there, but if you're in the mood for an adventure, the steaks and especially the roast pork sandwiches are a treat.
Pat's	1237 E Passyunk	Many think that a trip to Philly is incomplete without a trip to either Geno's or Pat's (see above) or both. These two steak outposts are the spots you'll always see in movies, commercials or other media about the city. It's certainly an experience, though we can't rate the steaks as anywhere near the best in the city.
Rick's Bellevue	Broad and Walnut	The Bellevue food court location gives Rick's the nod for convenience to the bridge site (except for anything in the Reading Terminal Market). Rick is the grandson of Pat Olivieri, the inventor of the original cheesesteak, so he knows what he's doing.

Shank's	120 S 15 th (Chancellor)	Shank's is a Philly institution and has been around since 1962. It makes cheesesteaks, but is really best known for other Philly classics--roast pork with greens or chicken cutlet sandwiches.
Sonny's	228 Market	Campo's and Sonny's both make very good cheesesteaks in their Old City locations.
Tony Luke's	39 E. Oregon	Very good cheesesteaks in an out-of-the-way location.

Late Night

Good Dog	224 S 15 th	1AM
Jim's Steaks	400 South St	1 AM; 3AM Fri-Sat
Maoz	246 South St	1 AM; 3AM Fri-Sat
Monk's	246 S 16th	1AM
Nodding Head	1516 Sansom (2 nd floor)	2AM Mon-Sat
Penang	117 N 10th	1AM
Shiao Lan Kung	930 Race	1:30 AM; 2:30 AM Sat
Silk City	435 Spring Garden	1AM; could be later on weekends
Tai Lake	134 N 10 th	3 AM
Tria	123 S. 18 th 1137 Spruce	1:30 AM Fri-Sat

Reading Terminal Market

12th and Arch

www.readingterminalmarket.org

Mon-Sat 8-6, Sun 9-5 (note: Amish and Mennonite merchants usually do not sell on Monday or Tuesday)

Name	Type	Highly Recommended
12 th St. Cantina	Mexican	√
AJ Pickle Patch and Salads	Salads and more	
Basic 4	Vegetarian	
Bassett's Ice Cream	Ice Cream	√
Beck's Cajun Café	Cajun/Creole	
Beer Garden	Beverages	
Beiler's Bakery	Bakery	
Blue Mountain Vineyards	Beverages	
By George!	Cheesesteaks, pizza, pasta	
Carmen's	Cheesesteaks and hoagies	
Chocolates by Mueller	Candy	
Coastal Cave	Seafood	
Delilah's	Southern	√
Dienner's BBQ	BBQ	√
DiNic's	Roast pork and other sandwiches	√√ (The roast pork sandwich is a must!)
Down Home Diner	Diner	
Dutch Eating Place	Diner	√√ (a must for breakfast—expect a line, but service is quick)
Famous 4 th St. Cookie Co.	Bakery	√
Flying Monkey Patisserie	Bakery	√

Four Seasons Juice Bar	Beverages	√√
Franks A-Lot	Hot dogs, BBQ, burgers, and more	√
Golden Bowl	Chinese	
Hatville Deli	Deli	
Hershel's Eastside Deli	Deli	
Kamal's	Middle Eastern	
Lancaster Dairy Co.	Dairy and Juice	
Le Bus Bakery	Bakery	√√
Little Thai Market	Thai	√√ (everything is fresh and wonderful)
Metropolitan Bakery	Bakery	√√
Mezze	Mediterranean	√√ (good pizza and sandwiches)
Miller's Twist	Ice Cream and Pretzels	√√ (great soft pretzels just out of the oven)
Nanee's Kitchen	Indian and Pakistani	
Old City Coffee	Beverages	√
Olympic Gyro	Greek	
Pearl's Oyster Bar	Seafood	√
Profi's Creperie	Crepes	√√
Rib Stand	Ribs	
Salumeria	Sandwiches and hoagies	
Sang Kee Peking Duck	Chinese	√√ (great roast pork and duck)
Shanghai Gourmet	Chinese	
Spataro's Cheesesteaks	Cheesesteaks	
Sweet as Fudge Candy Shoppe	Fudge and candy	
Tea Leaf	Beverages	
Termini Brothers Bakery	Bakery	√
The Original Turkey	Turkey sandwiches and platters	
Tokyo Sushi Bar	Sushi	
Tootsie's Salad Express	Hot and cold buffet	
Wan's Seafood	Fried fish	

Sushi/Japanese

Aki	1210 Walnut	Aki doesn't have the greatest décor, but it does have decent sushi and a convenient location
Doma	1822 Callowhill	We love Doma, though it's a little bit away from the playing area. Small neighborhood spot with terrific sushi and Korean fare.
Fat Salmon/Shinju	719 Walnut	Decent neighborhood sushi
Haru	241 Chestnut	Haru is long on décor, but gets mixed reviews for food. It can be great or spotty, depending on when you go and what you get.
Izumi	1601 E Passyunk	Very good sushi on Passyunk "restaurant" row
Kind Café	724 N 3rd	Diners will need to hop in a cab to reach this Northern Liberties outpost, but dedicated vegetarians might want to hit this spot.
Kisso	205 N 4 th	A charming Old City spot that's been around for years

		because it serves reliable food
Mizu	133 S 20 th	Family-owned and friendly, this Rittenhouse outpost has little décor but good sushi
Momiji	522 S 5 th	A recent renovation has garnered fine reviews for this sushi spot that serves fine food
Morimoto	723 Chestnut	Expensive sushi with other Japanese food from Iron Chef Morimoto
Raw	1225 Sansom	A trendy and popular spot that gets very good reviews for its sushi and sake
Ro-Zu	700 S 7th	Ro-Zu opened to fantastic reviews and local acclaim—the chef wowed all comers with his innovative and delicious food. Note that the chef has changed since then, and it's unclear how the food is holding up.
Shiroi Hana	222 S 15 th	Good neighborhood sushi with friendly service and accessible location near the bridge site
Sumo	337 S Broad (on Pine)	Sumo is a tiny, simple, and decent place to grab a sushi, but little else
Umai Umai	533 N 22nd	A fine neighborhood spot with good sushi and other food
Uzu	104 Market	Terrific, affordable sushi in a tiny Old City spot
Vic Sushi Bar	2035 Sansom	A popular and well-rated sushi bar that's popular for takeout (read—low on décor), but the chefs are friendly and there are a few spots at the bar.
Zama	128 S 19th	Fine sushi in lovely digs
Zento	138 Chestnut	Terrific, affordable sushi in a tiny Old City spot

Vegetarian/Vegan

Govinda's	1408 Pine	Low on décor, but with good food--particularly sandwiches, falafel, and salads. Don't miss the veg cheesesteak and pumpkin cheesecake.
Horizons	611 S 7th	A top-rated restaurant, both for vegetarians or meat-eaters.
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Kingdom of Vegetarians	129 N. 11th	A popular and well-rated vegan Chinese nearby in the heart of Chinatown.
Singapore Chinese Vegetarian		A popular and well-rated vegan Chinese nearby in the heart of Chinatown.
Sweet Freedom Bakery	1424 South St.	A bakery with vegan treats without gluten, corn, soy, peanuts, wheat, or refined sugar.
Sweetie Pie's Diner	1822 Spring Garden	A bit off the beaten path, but a good alternative for eaters looking for vegetarian options.
Thoreau	1033 Spring Garden	Chef Mike Jackson's second restaurant that emphasizes vegan/vegetarian cuisine, but avoids the tofu and seitan rut. The restaurant manages to be cozy despite its rough location.

Local's Favorites

JoAnn's List:

Bar Ferdinand
Fish
Matyson - weekday 5 course tasting menu for \$45
Sazon
Distrito
Radicchio
Capogiro

Allison's List:

Capogiro
Chifa
Vietnam
Audrey Claire
Vetri
Amada

Mike's List:

Fish – for seafood and atmosphere
Sabrina's – for breakfast or brunch
Ruth's Chris – for steaks
Beau Monde – for crepes
Good Dog – for burgers
Parc – almost a “real” French bistro
Garces Trading Co. – for pizza

Linda's List:

20 Manning - great food, local color
D'Angelo's - great food and an “older” disco on Saturday night
Devon - great food and specials; big enough for groups
Prime Rib - go for happy hour and bar food; have dinner elsewhere
Oyster House - unbeatable oyster bar
Ernesto's – civilized; suitable for conversation

Tom's List:

Buddakan
Capital Grille
Davio's
Four Seasons
La Buca
Le Bec Fin
Saloon
Vetri

Howard's List:

Parc
Bar Ferdinand
Fork
Beau Monde
Reading Terminal

Kris and Elizabeth's List:

Distrito
Tinto
Zahav
Fountain

Deb and Carl's List:

Amada
Lolita
Fork
Salerno
Supper
Zahav
Osteria

Arlyne's List:

Bibou
Garces Trading Co.
Bistrot La Minette
Estia
Modo Mio
El Vez
Buddakan
Sang Kee
Caffe Casta Diva