



GUIDE TO ANN ARBOR: EAT/DRINK/DO

Around Central Campus (i.e., close to CCCB)

Lunch and Dinner

- [Hola Seoul](#): Go-to spot for Korean-Mexican fusion food. They do great Korean fried chicken as well.
- [One Bowl](#) is a pan-Asian cafe in casual digs that serves noodle soups, from pho to ramen, plus curries and Korean food. Lunch can be noticeably cheaper than dinner, but dinner portions are sizable.
- [Lan City Noodle Bar](#): Known for their hand-pulled noodles.
- [Tomukun](#): Noodle bar and Korean BBQ (two separate restaurants next to each other). Big portions, decent price, big selection.
- [Totoro](#): Sleek yet casual restaurant for Japanese specialties such as tempura, udon, and creative sushi rolls.
- [Mama Satto](#): Another casual option for Japanese food.
- [Rich J.C. Korean Cafe](#): Good Korean bibimbap and more. Limited bar-style seating, best for groups of less than 4 people.
- [Pita Kabob Grill](#): Falafel wraps, shawarma, and salads to go in a small spot right near campus.
- [Sadako](#): Another excellent sushi option.
- [Taste of India Suvai](#): Indian restaurant with a variety of Indian and Indo-Chinese dishes.
- [Joe's Pizza NYC](#): Authentic New York style pizza by the slice. A tad pricier than most pizza by the slice shops, but it is also better in quality. Open very late.
- [New York Pizza Depot](#): Casual pizzeria known for its New York & Chicago-style pizzas. They often have unusual flavors and topping combinations to try by the slice.
- [Frank's Dinner](#): A dinner place for breakfast, brunch, and lunch. Closes at 2 pm every day.
- Fast food chains on S. University: Jimmy John's, Panchero's, No Thai! BO's Bagel, [Raising Cane's](#): It is set to open on June 3rd, 2025.
- Fast food chains in the N. University/State St area. Panera Bread, Noodles & Company, Jimmy John's, Buffalo Wild Wings, Chipotle, Potbelly Sandwich Shop, Sweetgreen, Ben and Jerry's, Dunkin Donuts.

Coffee and Tea

- [Comet Coffee](#): One of the best coffee shops in town. Located in [Nickels Arcade](#). High-end coffee and coffee drinks with latte art. Each cup of coffee is prepared individually based on the selection. Not a lot of sitting room. On the walking route from most lodgings to the CCCB.
- [Ondo Bakery](#): Next to Nickel's Arcade, good pastries but expensive. A lot of room to sit
- [Vertex Coffee](#): Another contender for the best coffee in town. They do flights so you can sample different drinks. Close to CCCB.
- [Misfits](#): Great, quick cafe, and places to sit.
- [M-36 Coffee](#): Good, quick cafe with a variety of coffee and tea beverages. Lots of seating to work from on the ground level and in their basement.
- [Starbucks](#): American-based international coffee chain. The locations closest to campus are on [South University](#) and [South State](#).
- [UniTea](#): Coffee and boba, plus soft-serve ice cream.

Downtown Ann Arbor

Mid-End Dining (\$15-30)

- [Hop Cat](#): Popular Michigan bar chain with many craft beers on tap, delicious appetizers, and standard bar cuisine. Known for their Cosmik Fries. Spacious, artsy interior, good for large groups.
- [Chapala](#): Delicious Mexican food and margaritas in a colorful setting.
- [Frita Batidos](#): Incredibly popular, Cuban-inspired street food, delicious burgers (fritas) and milkshakes (batidos), with optional alcoholic versions. Seating is first come, first served and lunch room style. Gets incredibly busy around dinner time on weekends with lines running onto the street.
- [Jolly Pumpkin](#): Sour beer brewers serving sourdough pizzas, signature truffle fries, and burgers, along with vegetarian and vegan options
- [Blue Tractor](#): Local brew pub with BBQ pork, beef brisket, ribs, and chicken with homemade BBQ sauces, but limited vegetarian options
- [Shalimar](#): Downtown Indian restaurant
- [Blue Nile](#): Ethiopian restaurant, all-you-can-eat platters available. Good for large groups.
- [Mani Osteria & Bar](#): Italian pasta and wood-fired pizza with small plates and a good wine selection. Must try their pickle cherry tomatoes. Food is a little on the salty side.
- [Grizzly Peak](#): Local brew pub
- [Jerusalem Garden](#): Lebanese and other Middle Eastern fare including falafel, chicken shawarma, kafta kabab, baba ganoush, and good pita & hummus. A good option for lunch.
- [Slurping Turtle](#): Industrial-chic Japanese choice with long communal tables for tapas, noodles & sushi, plus sake.

Higher-End Dining (\$30+ per person)

- [Vinology](#): Upscale dining along with a chic wine bar featuring over 150 wines from all over the world.
- [Sava's](#): Artisan foods, constantly changing menu of salads, burgers, panini, etc.
- [Aventura](#): A Trendy tapas restaurant known for its paella.
- [Taste Kitchen](#): Great elevated French-influenced American food with Asian twists.
- [Miss Kim](#): Trendy spot for Korean food with a modern, seasonal influence. Great Korean fried chicken.
- [Miki Sushi bar](#): Authentic, good sushi, big selection, offers omakase.
- [Pacific Rim](#): American and French-inspired Pan-Asian fare alongside a curated wine list.

Bars and Alcohol

- [Ashley's](#): Local multi-tap bar est. 1983 with lots of craft beers on tap. Famous Stilton cheese fries, recommended if you like intense bleu cheese. Also has other good pub fare. Better for smaller groups. Has trivia on Monday and Thursday nights.
- [Bløm Mead + Cider](#): Dry, sparkling session meads and ciders made with Michigan honey and fruit.
- [Nightcap](#): Sleek cocktail bar with excellent drinks and a good liquor collection. They do not serve food.
- [The Grotto](#): Probably the best craft beer on draught in downtown Ann Arbor, especially for aficionados of dark beer.
- [Bill's Beer Garden](#): Home garden shop by day, very green beer garden by night with outdoor seating, craft beer, cider, wine, and sangria. Check the website for hours as they change seasonally.
- [Babs' Underground](#): High-end, underground lounge offering martinis & single-malts, plus pool tables & HDTVs
- [Alley Bar](#): Hipster dive bar with cozy booths and couches and PBR paraphernalia. Serves both fancy cocktails and cheap beer.
- [The Last Word](#): Modern-day speakeasy with fancy craft cocktails and an extensive whiskey/bourbon/scotch list. Great atmosphere. Small bites. No password needed, but it's difficult to find: look for the unlabeled door around the corner from LIVE. It might not be good for large groups.
- [Old Town](#): Old-school tavern with cheap drinks and pub food.
- [The Bar at 327 Braun Court](#): Hideaway Kerrytown bar with creative cocktails and craft beer.
- [Casa Dominick's](#): Outdoor garden and patio seating, shareable food (chips & artichoke dip, bosco sticks, garlic bread, etc.), and the best sangria in A2 (ordering by the pitcher is recommended for large groups as the lines to order more food and drinks can get long during happy hour.)
- [Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub](#): Traditional Irish pub built with imported wood & stone features regular trivia nights & live music. Has outdoor seating, serves great cocktails, and has live music.
- The [Circ](#): Comfort food & cocktails served in a hip, industrial-style space with a rooftop deck & sunset views. Karaoke + Bar. Good space if there is a large group.
- [Uplift](#): Uplift is a brand new queer bar in Downtown Ann Arbor proudly building community and providing fun spaces for the LGBTQ+ folks in Southeast Michigan.

Visit and Explore

- [Museum of Art](#) (Free Entrance)
- [Museum of Natural History](#) (Free Entrance)
- [Ann Arbor Art Center](#): Gallery showcasing local artists
- [Zingerman's](#): Famous, nationally renowned gourmet food business located in the Kerrytown neighborhood just north of downtown Ann Arbor. 15 to 20 minute walk from Central Campus. Superb sandwiches endorsed by influential people such as [Barack Obama](#) and [Oprah Winfrey](#) and hand-picked food from around the world. Peruse the racks of spices, pickles, jams, butters, oils, vinegars, coffee, and chocolate, all world-class quality. Be sure to sample the olive oils, balsamic vinegar, and cheese. Lunch time can get busy right at noon with long lines. Excellent place to buy food gifts. Expensive, but the quality is very high.
- [Nichols Arboretum](#): If you need a break and want to take a walk through nature, this place is a short walk from central campus, located next to the Huron river. The closest entrance is on the medical campus in Washington Heights.
- [Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase](#): Located downtown, the Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase (formerly the Mainstreet Comedy Showcase) opened in 1984. Past performers include Tim Allen, Drew Carey, Rosie O'Donnell, Chris Titus, Ellen DeGeneres, and Paula Poundstone.
- [Michigan Theater](#) and [State Theater](#): Two movie theaters in downtown Ann Arbor, within easy walking distance of campus.
- [The Ark](#): Non-profit folk music venue on Main Street.
- **Ice cream**: [The Blank Slate Creamery](#) has a large number of house-made ice cream flavors and is the go-to place for eclectic flavors. [Washtenaw Dairy](#) is a little farther away but also has good ice cream and donuts.
 - If American ice cream is a little too sweet for you, or you're looking for some non-Gelato options, try ice cream at [Sweeting](#) and/or [UniTea](#) above.
- [La Dolce Vita](#): A must-try place if you have a sweet tooth. It is the dessert section of an upscale steakhouse, but the dessert menu is much more affordable than the main menu. Reservations are recommended as wait times can vary, but bar seating is usually a good option if you walk in.
- [Peridot](#): The Menu is expensive, but the dessert is much more affordable
- [Detroit Street Filling Station](#): In the Kerrytown area. Casual cafe with art-lined walls serving creative comfort fare, plenty of vegan dishes & cocktails
- [Kerrytown Market & Shops](#): Kerrytown Market & Shops features a wide selection of specialty markets, unique gift shops, as well as a delicious variety of restaurants and eateries
- Lots of bookshops and coffee shops in Downtown Ann Arbor!