

Welcome to St. Louis, a city known for great restaurants and charming neighborhoods. Here is just a few of the many good establishments you may want to try while you are in town. More downtown restaurants are mentioned for the convenience of our out of town guests, but do try to get to other areas. Make reservations to assure seating. Have fun exploring our city!

\$ Inexpensive: Up to \$10;

\$\$ Moderate: \$10-\$20;

\$\$\$ Expensive: \$20-\$30;

\$\$\$\$ Very Expensive: \$30 and up

Downtown Restaurants

\$Max And Erma's, 316 Market St., 314-621-5815. Has an extensive menu of burgers, southwest flavors and salads.

\$\$-\$\$Charlie Gitto's Pasta House, 207 N. Sixth St., 314-436-2828. A favorite of Tommy Lasorda, Gittos offers pastas, salads, steaks and sandwiches in a casual atmosphere.

\$\$-\$\$Chestnuts, 4th and Chestnut, 314-241-7400. Located in the Adam's Mark, has a good lunch menu; but the Sunday brunch with more than 100 items is not to be missed.

\$\$Broadway Oyster Bar, 736 S. Broadway, 314-621-8811. If Cajun food is on your mind, this is the place. The patio area is comfortable. Live music on weekends adds to the New Orleans atmosphere.

\$\$Saint Louis Bread Company, 600 Pine, 314-621-4555. Delicacies made to order: sandwiches, soups, bagels and breads. This is a good spot for breakfast or lunch. Many locations around town.

\$\$Starbucks, 515 Olive, 314-231-2150. Coffee, latte, espresso and/or a sweet treat.

\$\$Caleco's Bar and Grill, 101 N. Broadway, 314-421-0708. Salads, sandwiches, soups, southwest and pasta offerings make this an easy choice for a casual meal.

\$\$-\$\$Joseph's Italian Café, 107 N. 6th St., 314-421-6366. "Sleek look that feels hip and modern" describes décor and the food is very good too. Pizzas, pastas, soups and salads are prepared with creativity.

\$\$McMurphy's Grill, 614 N. 11th St., 314-231-0019. Operated as a training ground for the homeless, you'll be supporting a worthy cause and enjoy a good lunch. Menu is American.

\$\$\$St. Louis Brewery and Tap Room, 2100 Locust St., 314-241-BEER. A wide selection of beers, some made on site, and the hearty fare make for a delightful lunch or dinner.

\$\$Crown Candy Kitchen, 1401 St. Louis Avenue, 314-621-9650. On the north side of downtown, this is a trip back in time to the old-fashioned soda fountain. The best BLT in town and ice cream treats to die for. Hand dipped chocolates too.

\$\$\$\$Tony's, 410 Market St., 314-231-7007. A special occasion restaurant, Tony's enjoys a stellar reputation for superior food and service. The one place to shoot your wad and savor a world class dining experience. Reservations a must.

\$\$\$\$Kemoll's, 1 Metropolitan Square, 314-421-0555. Another of our fine Italian restaurants, Kemoll's offers an extensive menu, impeccable service, delicious food and generous servings.

\$\$-\$\$\$ Mike Shannon's Steaks & Seafood 100 N. 7th, 314-421-1540, or **Dierdorf & Hart's** 701 Market St., 314-421-1772. If steaks and the sports crowd are what you hanker for, either spot fills the bill. Chops and seafood on the menu as well. Bring a big appetite, for the portions are large

\$\$-\$\$\$Harry's Restaurant & Bar, 2144 Market, 314-421-6969. Eclectic menu, delicious food and a view of downtown make Harry's a hot spot for lunch (M-F) or dinner.

\$\$Swift's, 200 N. 7th, 314-241-4990. Casual lunch spot for sandwiches, salads or shakes. Best grilled cheese in town.

\$\$Hunan Manor Chinese, 606 Pine St., 314-231-2867. All you can eat (for \$5) Chinese buffet.

\$\$-\$\$Hard Rock Café, 450 St. Louis Union Station, 314-621-7625. This bastion of rock memorabilia serves American cuisine, including burgers, barbecue, salads and sandwiches.

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St. Louis Centre, 515 N. 6th, 314-231-5913. Anchored by **Famous-Barr**, a May department store, the four level mall has the standard franchised offerings and a **food court** on the fourth floor. **Walgreens** (drugstore) can be found there also.

Union Station, 1820 Market. Once a thriving terminal to 250 trains a day, the station offers an interesting mix of the usual and unusual shops. Recommended: **The Fudgery**, **John Pils Poster Shop**, **Talbots**, **The Best of St. Louis** and the **Great Train Store**. **Food Court** on the second floor.

Gateway Arch Museum Store, 314-231-5474. Located beneath the Arch, the shop offers t-shirts, posters, postcards and books about Missouri, St. Louis in particular and especially the Arch.

Amitin's Book Shop, 1207 Washington, 314-421-9208. Did you see the movie *High Fidelity*? Well, translate records to books and you get the drift of Amitin's. Thousands of used books, some of them rare, cover every inch of available space, many still in boxes.

Soulard Restaurants

\$\$-\$\$Arcelia's Mexicana Restaurant, 2001 Park, 314-231-9200. Good Mexican food at reasonable prices and the margaritas are just right.

\$\$Frazier's Traveling Brown Bag, 1118 Pestalozzi, 314-773-8646. Fresh food, inventive menu, casual atmosphere and moderate prices make for a pleasurable dining experience. Not open for lunch and does not accept credit cards.

\$\$Norton's Café, 808 Geyer, 314-436-0828. American and Cajun food that is affordable and hearty.

\$\$-\$\$McGurks Irish Pub, 1200 Russell Blvd., 314-776-8309. An Irish pub with authentic music and grub to match. Hearty soups and sandwiches.

\$\$-\$\$\$Sidney Street Café, 2000 Sidney St., 314-771-5777. A favorite of the locals, Sidney Street offers consistently good food from a menu of French Creole and general American fare.

SHOPPING

Cherokee Street Antique Row, seven blocks long bounded by Jefferson and Lemp, is an eclectic assortment of antique shops, "junque" shops and gift shops. Vintage radios, household hardware, mantels and architectural pieces, furniture and silver are just some of the treasures you'll discover.

South Grand Restaurants

\$Pho Grand, 3195 S. Grand, 314-664-7435. Vietnamese cuisine voted best value for lunch. Five or six people can split four entrees for less than \$25. Also open for dinner.

\$\$Gulf Coast Café, 3191 S. Grand, 314-664-3940. "Mediterranean seafood" is the specialty of the house. All entrees are \$11.95

\$\$The King and I, 3154 S. Grand, 314-771-1777. Cuisine of Thailand makes for a memorable meal.

\$\$\$LePetit Paris, 3210 S. Grand, 314-865-0111. A Parisian-style bistro serves French food at reasonable prices.

\$Black Thorn Pub, 3735 Wyoming, 314-776-0534. A true corner tavern with fabulous pizza. Choose thin, thick or Chicago style.

\$\$\$Once Upon a Vine, 3559 Arsenal St., 314-776-2828. Twenty different wines are available by the glass, a nice accompaniment to the soups, sandwiches or entrees served in gracious surroundings.

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Botanicals on the Park, 3014 S. Grand, 314-772-7674. Major gift shop and anchor of the district. Originally a small florist shop, it has expanded to two store fronts and a second level. Beautiful accessories and gifts in all price ranges. Christmas decorations are already filling the shop. This is a must see if you are in the neighborhood.

Central West End Restaurants

\$\$\$Chez Leon, 4580 Laclede Ave., 314-361-1589. Voted best new restaurant by the Riverfront Times, the French menu offers a \$28 fixed price for three courses and the ambience of a Paris bistro.

\$\$\$Bar Italia, 5656 Maryland Ave, 314-361-7010. Delightful dining experience with imaginative menu, brisk service and real Italian cuisine.

\$\$\$Balabans, 405 N. Euclid, 314-361-8085. Leave room for the chocolate fritters, chocolate truffles dipped in a Bailey's batter and flash-fried. Great food and an outstanding brunch.

\$\$\$Zoe's Pan-Asian Café, 4753 McPherson, 314-361-0013. Chic and hip with an upscale, progressive menu. You can sample small dishes for nibbling or chow down on the Pacific Rim entrees.

\$\$\$Duff's Restaurant, 392 N. Euclid, 314-361-0522. A mainstay in the Central West End, the seasonal menu never fails to please. Homemade soups change daily, as do the specials. The steak salad is the best in town.

\$\$\$Culpeppers, 300 N. Euclid, 361-2828. Bar food that is consistently flavorful.

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Antique shops abound interspersed with **galleries, book** and **gift shops**. Strolling is recommended.

Bissinger's French Confections, 4742 McPherson, 367-9750. World class chocolatier.

Big Sleep Books, 239 N. Euclid Ave., 314-361-6100. Specializes in mysteries, thrillers and true crime.

Left Bank Books, 399 N. Euclid Ave., 367-6731. Charming independent bookshop with a savvy staff.

The Hill Restaurants

\$Amighetti's Café, 5141 Wilson, 314-776-2855. Their poor boy special is indigenous to St. Louis with layers of meats and cheese on Italian bread. Worth the trip.

\$\$Zias, 5256 Wilson, 314-776-0020. Extensive selection of pastas, good salads and affordable entrees draw big crowds on the weekends.

\$\$\$Rigazzi's, 4945 Daggett, 314-772-4900. Do you like to drink beer from a fish bowl? Here's your opportunity, and the food's not bad either.

\$\$\$Lorenzo's Trattoria, 1933 Edwards, 314-773-2223. A blend of California cuisine and Northern Italian, the menu is creative and the food is very good.

\$\$\$Modesto Tapas Bar & Restaurant, 5257 Shaw Ave., 314-772-8272. The newest entry on the Hill has arrived with a Spanish splash. Colorful décor, delicious food and an interesting selection of small plates (tapas) and entrees. A fun spot for an adventuresome group.

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What else would you expect? Italian grocery stores and an Italian bakery. Try **Viviano's** at 5139 Shaw or **Volpi** at 5250-58 Daggett for cheeses, prosciutto, sausages, olive oils and any number of Italian specialties. **Missouri Bakery** on 2027 Edwards is the Hill's best bakery.

The Loop Restaurants

\$Blueberry Hill, 6504 Delmar, 314-727-0880. Known for their burgers and dart games, Chuck Berry is a regular.

\$Brandt's, 6525 Delmar, 314-727-3663. Homemade soups and desserts fill out the eclectic menu

\$\$\$Saleem's, 6501 Delmar, 314-721-7947. "Where garlic is king" the Lebanese cuisine is the best the city offers.

\$\$\$Fitz's, 6605 Delmar, 314-726-9555. Watch the root beer being bottled while you enjoy a burger, salad or pizza. Wash it down with a root beer float.

\$\$\$Riddles' Penultimate Café, 6307 Delmar, 314-725-6985. The best and largest selection of Missouri wines, the talented chef uses local vegetables, fruits and herbs with great success.

\$\$\$The Melting Pot, 6683 Delmar, 314-725-4141. A fondue restaurant, it's a treat for a group that likes to share.

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meli-melo, 6635 Delmar. Grab bag of unique gift items including children's toys and games.

Archetypes, 6632 Delmar. Eclectic mix of accessories, jewelry, lamps as well as some kitschy items

Vintage Vinyl, 6610 Delmar, 314-721-4096. Outstanding collection of jazz, blues, classical as well as mainstream recordings, mostly used. This is *High Fidelity* in the flesh.

Craft Alliance Gallery, 6640 Delmar. 314-725-1151. One of a kind hand-crafted gifts—jewelry, scarves, pottery, ornaments—on the pricey side but worth it.

Other shopping points of interest: The **Galleria** at Brentwood and Highway 40, boasts 165 stores anchored by **Dillards**, **Famous-Barr** and **Lord & Taylor**. Don't miss the **Build-A-Bear Workshop**. **Plaza Frontenac**, at Lindbergh and Clayton Rd., is home to **Neiman Marcus**, **Saks 5th Avenue**, and other upscale retailers.