

Brief Las Vegas Restaurant Guide

Las Vegas has a long list of really wonderful restaurants. Many guides will list all of the places you could eat and offer more information. Here we are providing what we think is “the best of the best” and “sure-fire tourist eating.” We suggest you consult Zagats, AAA, or other guides if you would like a more exhaustive or specialized list. Also feel free to ask us!

Below we list a few places to eat by area of the city. Most of these will require a taxi ride or drive. Please consult the “Places to eat near the hotel” guide for quicker and closer options. We have attempted to emphasize locally owned establishments along with some of the better-known touristy options. An asterisk (*) denotes that the establishment is locally owned.

The Strip and Vicinity

***Firefly on Paradise** – Tapas (Spanish)
3900 Paradise Rd 702 - 369-3971
(\$3.50-\$20.00)
.99 miles from Alexis Park
<http://fireflylv.com/>

Firefly is a great place to share a meal with a group and drink sangria. Portions are small “appetizer-size” and it is fun to order as a group. The bacon-wrapped dates are highly recommended!

Bouchon in the Venetian- French
3355 Las Vegas Blvd S 702 - 414-6200
Las Vegas, NV 89109
(\$21.00-\$30.00)
1.88 miles from Alexis Park
<http://www.venetian.com/BOUCHON.aspx>

Gets great reviews.

Mon Ami Gabi in the Paris- French
3655 Las Vegas Blvd S 702- 944-4224
Las Vegas, NV 89109-4345
(\$40.00 and above)
1.13 miles from Alexis Park
<http://www.monamigabi.com/>

If you want a fancy dinner on the town, this is your place.

Bellagio Buffet
3600 Las Vegas Blvd South
1.4 miles from Alexis Park
<http://www.bellagio.com/restaurants/the-buffet.aspx>

Sunday morning this is the thing to do. The Bellagio buffet provides a unique European marketplace setting that serves cuisine from all over the world, including an elaborate fresh seafood selection.

Relatively Near Alexis Park

- Buca di Beppa**- Family style Italian Chain.
412 East Flamingo Road. 702-866-2867
(\$21.00-\$30.00)
1.1 miles from Alexis Park
- Cozymel's**- Mexican Chain.
355 Hughes Ctr Dr. 702-732-4833
(\$8 - \$15)
1 mile from Alexis Park
- PF Changs**- Chinese Fusion Chain.
4165 Paradise Rd. 702-792-2207
(\$21.00-\$30.00)
.44 miles from Alexis Park
- McCormick & Schmidt**- Seafood Chain.
335 Hughes Center Drive. 702-836-9000
(\$20.00-\$30.00)
1 mile from Alexis Park
- Gordon Biersch**- Brew Pub. Chain. Outside seating is nice.
3987 Paradise Road. 312-5247
(\$9.50-22.50)
.92 miles from Alexis Park
- *Gandhi's** on Paradise - Indian Ana's favorite Indian in Vegas. I haven't ever
4080 Paradise Rd Ste 9 (734-0094) ordered wrong here. Good vegetarian and
(\$3.50-\$15.95) meat. Good lunch buffet.
.73 miles from Alexis Park
- *Hamada of Japan**- Sushi, Japanese Very good sushi, higher end. Good
365 Hughes Center Dr. 702-733-3005 appetizers. Hibachi grill. Good bar on
(\$20-30) weekends. Lunch specials during the week.
.87 miles from Alexis Park Open until 4 am.
<http://www.hamadaofjapan.com/>
- *Crown and Anchor** – pub A little smoky inside, but good food and great
1350 E. Tropicana 702-739-8676 beer. Outside seating as well.
(\$6.95 – \$10)
1.88 miles from Alexis Park
<http://www.crownandanchorlv.com/index2.html>

Downtown and Vicinity

***Tinoco's Bistro** – Classic Dishes.
103 E. Charleston. 464-5008
(\$11.00 - \$25.00)
5.74 miles from Alexis Park
<http://www.usmenuguide.com/tinocos.html>

Tinoco's has great atmosphere, with really interesting tables. The food is quite good and it is hooked on to the Arts Factory in the middle of the burgeoning LV Arts District, all of which is relatively close to Fremont Street

***Doña Maria's**- Mexican food
910 S Las Vegas Blvd. 702-382-6538
(\$5 - \$15)
5.93 miles from Alexis Park
<http://www.donamariatamales.com/>

A locally-owned Mexican favorite known for their tamales. Really great Margaritas and kid-friendly at the same time. Ana recommends the Tacos de Nopal (Cactus Tacos).

***Triple George Grill**-
201 N Third St. 702-384-2761
(\$21.00-\$30.00)
7.2 miles from Alexis Park
<http://www.triplegeorgegrill.com/>

In downtown Vegas a block from the Fremont Street Experience. Elegant surroundings and the best Chicken Pot Pie you'll ever eat. Known as a place to have a power lunch and a martini. Near the heart of the Fremont Street Experience. Is adjacent to the Side Bar, which is a fancy place to have a drink after dinner.

***Lotus of Siam**- Thai
953 E Sahara Ave Ste A5. 702-735-3033
(\$9 - \$20)
3.45 miles from Alexis Park
<http://www.saipinchutima.com/>

In Commercial Center. Routinely rated the best Thai restaurant in the U.S. and featured in Gourmet magazine. Remember that authentic Thai is quite hot: on a 1-10 scale I order a 3 or 4 (equal to about a 7 or 8 in the mid-west).

***Komol**- Thai
953 E Sahara Ave Ste E10. 702-731-6542
(\$7 - \$15)
3.45 miles from Alexis Park
<http://www.komolrestaurant.com/>

In Commercial Center. Less pricey than Lotus of Siam, and from a different region. Ana's favorite. If you like pork, try the Nam Sad with crispy rice. Or if you need veggies, order "all green" (greens with garlic and basil).

***Tokyo**- Sushi
953 E Sahara Ave Ste 14. 702-735-7070
(under \$20.00)
3.45 miles from Alexis Park

In Commercial Center. Sushi, teriyaki, saki, and more.

***The Artisan**
1501 W Sahara Ave. 702-214-4000
(\$12.00-\$30.00)
4 miles from the Alexis Park
<http://www.theartisanhotel.com/>

Restaurant in an off-strip hotel. A unique place to have an expensive and really good drink. The food is pretty good, but the atmosphere is what you are paying for.

***Rainbow's End** - Veggie and Vegan food
1100 E Sahara Ave. 702-737-1338
(\$7 and up)
3.5 miles from Alexis Park
<http://www.rainbowsendlasvegas.com/>

Really a natural food store, they serve lunch on weekdays. Café is closed Sunday.

Campus Area

Metro Pizza- Pizza and Salads.
1395 E. Tropicana Ave. 736-1955.
(\$8.95-\$18.95)
1.63 miles from Alexis Park

Pretty standard pizza, salad, and pasta.
Lunch specials are good. It is relatively quick if you are in a hurry.

***The Pasta Shop**- Pasta Dishes
2495 E. Tropicana Ave. 451-1893
(\$12.95-\$22.95)
2.59 miles from Alexis Park

Small and quaint, with an ever-changing menu. You'll get very personal service and probably be waited on by the owner.

***Paymon's Mediterranean Café**
Mediterranean and Vegetarian
4147 S Maryland Pkwy. 702-731-6030
(\$9.95-\$21.95)
1.5 miles from Alexis Park
http://www.paymons.com/med_main.html

Really popular Mediterranean food, and lots of visitors enjoy the hookah lounge at night. Cute inner courtyard seating.

***Carluccio's Tivoli Gardens** - Italian
1775 E. Tropicana Ave (Next to the Liberace Museum) 702-795-3236
(\$10 - \$20)
1.1 miles from Alexis Park
<http://www.usmenuguide.com/carluccios.html>

This is the restaurant attached to the Liberace museum, and designed by Liberace. The food isn't particularly good, but the décor is worth checking out.

Chinatown

(<http://lvchinatown.com/index.htm>)

***Emperor's Garden Restaurant**
金鼎川菜永和豆漿
4215 Spring Mountain Rd. #B203
702-889-6777
(\$10.75 - \$30)
3.57 miles from Alexis Park
<http://www.sichuangarden.com/dinner.htm>

Madarin & Szechwan Cuisine. Voted Best Chinese Restaurant Off the Strip by "Taste of Vegas." Coupons available online.