

Excerpt: A hidden gem on the outskirts of town, Sushi Twister will have you going the extra mile. With a unique atmosphere and bold flavor combinations,

## **Sushi With A Twist**

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Living in Las Vegas there always seems to be a new hit restaurant buzzing around, especially for Asian cuisine. Restaurant after restaurant, it all seems to be the same. This time on a trip home from Ariz., I put my faith into [Yelp](#) and this place caught my eye.

When we arrived it at Sushi Twister, it was quite late into the night, but like most sushi restaurants it was alive with customers, almost too alive. Waiting a good 25 minutes to be seated, many of the other waiting family's were obviously getting antsy.

The restaurant itself was traditional yet modern. The 'Twister' slogan seemed to be in everything, and black tshirts were hung up on the walls. With closer examination I realized why they looked so familiar. The shirts heavily resembled another extremely popular eatery in Vegas: Ramen Sora near Chinatown, named best ramen house in Las Vegas.

With a hungry family of four, we all got the AYCE, or all-you-can-eat, to be able to sample everything. The menu itself was your tablemat, and a second menu was given to you after being seated. With a whole side dedicated to their speciality rolls (baked, fried, and spicy) there was plenty to choose from.

The first round we decided to order pretty heavily. Being able to order half rolls was the first thing that appealed to me. Attacking the speciality rolls first, we ordered some of the Yelp favorites such as the "Oh My God," "The Ninja", "Salmon Loves Lemon", "The Tiger Yamazaki" and the infamous "Screaming O\*" salad.

We ordered additional nigiri sushi including Masago and salmon. Waiting a good half an hour for our food to arrive, we had completely forgotten what we ordered, but the continuous apologies from the staff kept us going.

After each dish arrived we had to refer back to the main menu for their names and dishes. After the first taste of the "Oh My God", it had me saying it's name out loud. Yum

Yum scallops with crab meat and tempura, the flavors were indescribable. The Ninja was also a kick in the face, with crunchy shrimp tempura, cucumber and topped with tempura crumbs and Japanese salsa, it was packed with a crispy, green flavor. The dishes continued to impress plate after plate, and we ordered round two.

Trying the more adventurous dishes such as the Monkey Ball; spicy tuna and mushroom in tempura, it didn't live up to its unique name and also paled in comparison to Twister's consistently bright flavors. The Screaming O\* with Twist salad arrived later on. Untraditional, it wasn't green at all, but instead bursted with a strong, almost acidic citrus taste, acting as a palette cleanser.

The entire dessert menu was minimal yet bountiful for the AYCE customers. Giving the option of either ice cream or mochi, it was an amazing way to end the massive meal. The ice creams ranged from either matcha green tea or Azuki bean, and the mochi ice creams came in either strawberry or mango.

Right before we left I managed to take a photo of the menu and prices listed for the non-AYCE customers, and decided to calculate the total cost without it. The total was a whopping \$700 when we paid less than a fraction of the cost.

After just that one night, I could not keep this restaurant and it's dishes out of my head. Making a couple of return trips instantly boosted this restaurant to my top five. Exciting, fresh flavors with incredibly diverse speciality rolls, all with their unique twist.

Sushi Twister is open from Monday-Friday from 11:30a.m to 11p.m, and on Saturday-Sunday from 12 p.m-11p.m. The all-you-can-eat option is \$22.95 for lunch and \$26.95 for dinner.