

My most recent: La Villa on Lincoln Ave in San Jose, Rokko Sushi in Downtown Sunnyvale, and for a gold
Din Ding Dumplings in Fremont. Best XLB in the bay
I've been super into Sol Food in San Rafael lately
WAY too many to choose from but my favorite new restaurant that I just discovered is [Yimm](https://www.
Sala Thai II in Fremont! ■■■■
Backyard Caribbean grill, Menlo Park
Pausa in San Mateo ■■Seiya in San Carlos ■■Vesta in Redwood City■■Honorable mention: Metro City
The dry fried wings from San Tung are one of the first things I get whenever I come back to the Bay.
Brenda's French soul food on Polk st
DishDash Sunnyvale
Falafelle in Belmont - it's Middle Eastern street food- all veggie and vegan options and everything is so hea
Chelokababi in Sunnyvale
House of prime rib■■Mister jius■■Harry's hofbrau
Red Chili in San Jose (Thai, to-go)■■Kizuna in San Jose (Japanese)■■Demiya in San Jose (Japanese c
Kabul's in Sunnyvale. Upscale Afghan cuisine. Really delicious and the family that owns the restaurant are
Since Ethiopian hasn't been mentioned:■■Enssaro in Oakland by lake Merritt
This will sound basic, but it's La Mediteranee on Fillmore. Mostly nostalgia, though. I used to "work" (long s
Merritt Vegan in Sunnyvale.■■Loving Hut in Milpitas.■■Perfect Chinese food in Milpitas■■Pho Element i
Just one???■■Hachi Ju Hachi in Saratoga is pretty true to Japanese tradition.■■Sumiya is a great yakito
La Note in Berkeley.■■Garaje in SOMA.■■Pushing the definition of "Bay Area" but Mustard's Grill in Nap
Kokkari!
Ma's Restaurant on 1715 Lundy Ave in berryessa is great. Dough slice and hand pulled noodle soup/stir f
Harry's hofbrau
Happy Burrito on Webster and 17th in Oakland (best burritos ever), Paradiso in San Leandro has great nic
Front Porch
Always enjoyed Dim Sum King in Sunnyvale off of El Camino Real. Too many places have dim sum availa
Shan Dong, Moo Bong Ri, Ensarro, Tacos Panzon, and Mujiri. All in Oakland.
Aquerello. Or Tommy's Joynt :)
Dead fish is good too
Original Joes in Westlake. They make a damn good sidecar, love the service and omg the butter cake I dr
So many....■■Depends on daily drivers(1-2 times a month) or high end fancy places(1-2 times a year)?■■
Marufuku Ramen
Top Hatter in San Leandro. ■■Drake's Dealership in Downtown Oakland.
ThanhLong
* [Chef Chu's](http://www.chefchu.com/) in Los Altos■■* [Kincaid's](https://www.kincaids.com/location/kin
Farmhouse Thai. Deli board. And RIP to primo patio.

Orient Express in San Jose

Everett and Jones. So sad the one in Hayward shut down years ago

Pho tacos at pho vi, Oakland ■■ Chicken sandwich at Hot boys Oakland ■■ Birria tacos at Tacos el patron

Trader Vic's in Emeryville!

Le Cheval in Oakland

For upscale vegan food, Millenium in Oakland

My top pizza places: ■■ Pollara in Berkeley ■■ Any of the Sliver pizza places (props to Danville for always h

La Bodeguita del Medio

Falafel: Falafel Drive In (San Jose) ■■ Thai: Dusita (Santa Clara) ■■ Indian: Curry and Kabob (Santa Clara

Try here: <https://www.kqed.org/checkplease/restaurants-a-z/> ■ ■ Or r/Bayareafood

Slanted Door. I hope they re-open.

Gary Danko ■

I am going to save this whole thread, yesss! ■■■■ Here are my East Bay nice-but-casual recs (partly beca

I've never had a bad meal at Foreign Cinema. A little pricey but definitely worth it. Sociale in the marina is

Having recently left the Bay Area after 25 years. There are 3 that I miss the most and always make it a poi

Hai Ky Mi Gia on Ellis st in SF

Ramen: taishoken, nojo, iza ■■ Sushi: sushi sam's, wako, sakana sushi & roll, Sachi sushi ■■ Indian/Pakist

Entries from Alameda: ■ - Date night: Trabocco (Italian goodness) ■ - Just get a bite: Scolari's (it's a walk-up

Dumpling Time !

Evvia in Palo Alto

In the San Bruno area, my favorites are:- Mazra (Yelp's #2 in their "Top 100 places to eat" list for 2021). M

Kaiju Eats

Juanita in Maude in Albany for \$\$\$ level cost. Sol Food in San Rafael for \$\$.

7 Hills in sf. Best pasta program around for the price

Flea Street Cafe in Menlo Park ■■ Kokkari in San Francisco

Hook Fish Co

Naschmarkt

La Mediterranee on fillmore in SF. Always treated me well back when I was a delivery driver and have grea

Who else is reading this thread and withholding their favorite spots!

Tony's napoletana for pizza, Waterbar on the embarcadero for oysters and seafood, mister jiu's for upscal

Tacos Oscar!

Millennium in Oakland. Fancy vegan dining. ■■ Usually vegetarian food peaks at \$15 and gets worse the n

Mills hoagie Oakland I come from sacramento to eat there

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so i really like luna in the mission.

Scrolled all comments and shocked not to see it... Snail Bar in Temescal, Oakland. I think about their food

Way too many good choices to just pick one, but narrowing it down to the Peninsula region that I know best

Zuni Cafe

Can anyone recommend a decent Jewish deli in the Bay Area other than Sol's, Wise Sons or Max's?

Flaco's Tacos in Berkeley by Ashby BART

Terracotta Warrior in SF

Church's chicken in oakland

The Chinese place outside of the North Point Safeway in SF

Orchard City Kitchen in Campbell

Nations

Can't believe no one has said Burma Superstar!

Tropisueno in SF. Best Mexican food ever. Delicious margaritas as well.

The Table in Willow Glen. Highly underrated. Start with the bone marrow and scotch egg, then make sure

Palo Alto Sol ■ Jin Sho in Palo Alto ■ Tomi Sushi - Mountain View ■ Milagros - RWC ■ Alexander by the

I love that this post has gotten more comments than upvotes. Ah, Reddit.

Lucky 3 7 ■ House of Prime Rib

qi dumpling lounge

Tommy's Mexican Restaurant ■■ 5929 Geary Blvd, San Francisco at 23rd Avenue. (Not Tommy's Joynt or

Bún Cha/BBQ pork with vermicelli noodles at Pho Kim Long in SJ hits the spot.

Sol Food and Copita!

La taqueria in SF ■ Emilia's Pizzeria in Berkeley

Urban Momo in San Mateo

For tacos : Los Trompudos in El Sobrante — must order the shrimp tacos and the shredded chicken ones.

Carnitas at La Tapatilla in South San Francisco. They are the benchmark.

Mama Ji's in SF. Amazing authentic Sichuan food in the Castro. ■ I'm surprised no one else has mentioned

I can't choose a favorite, that's like choosing which of your own children you love the most! ■■ Pho Tick Tick

R&G lounge in Chinatown ■ Brenda's in the tenderloin ■ Original little joes in West Portal ■ Punjab Cafe downtown

Gary Danko for some fine dining in the City. Want to order a five course meal of appetizers? No problem. V

Hue in east side San Jose has great viet food, that whole silver creek plaza actually has really good viet food

I haven't seen it in this thread yet but Cha Cha Cha in the Haight is a good spot for tapas and Sangrias. Pe

Pan Fried Dumplings in Newark is one of my favorite new spots. ■■ Go to burrito is always La Taq. ■■ Mist

H&J's in el cerrito

Dishdash and falafel shaq.

Cascal in Mountain View! Amazing Tapas and great cocktails/sangria! Plus they have live music on the we

Dumpling Time in SF is never busy when I go and is the go-to spot

I have really enjoyed the food (+ service + vibe) at these places: ■■ • Merit Vegan in Sunnyvale - visited the

Tanto in Sunnyvale (izakaya) ■■ Alottas in Los Altos (Sandwiches) ■■ Bloom in Santa Clara (brunch) ■■ Go

Daeho!

Joes of Westlake, Daly City

Shadowbrook in Santa Cruz is definitely one of my favorite "fancy" restaurants that I have been to.

Arbys, duh!

Crustaceans SF

In n out

Hard to choose but the first thing that came to mind was the Fried chicken eggs Benedict from Brenda's M

Dae Bak lol

Indian: Satkar (Sunnyvale)■■■Ramen: Mensho (SF)■■■Hot pot: Mumu (Foster city)

Original Joe's in SJ has been my go-to pretty much my entire life.

Alices, more for the atmosphere than food■■■Other favorites: Ramen Parlor, Pancho Villa, Foreign Cinema

Not exactly a hidden gem but Zareen's is fantastic for Pakistani food. They have halwa puri only on weeke

American: Alexander's Steakhouse in Cupertino ■■Vietnamese: Tamarine in Palo Alto ■■Sushi: Sanraku (I

-Cheeseboard Pizza ■■-The Star Pizza ■■-Il Casaro Pizzeria ■■-Pho Lee Hoa Phat ■■-Plearn Thai■■-Busters

Indian / Pakistani: zareens / delhiwaala chaat / ettan■■■Ramen: hironori / ramen nagi■■■Pho: pho ha noi■■■

Ernie's

938 crawfish

La Taqueria in SF and Shandong in Oakland.

These are my three most frequent takeout places.■■■New Jumbo Seafood Restaurant - Best Squab in the

Tofu house in Palo Alto has amazing kbbq.■■■Esther's used to be my favorite breakfast place until they tra

The Refuge-has amazing pastrami that is made in house■■■Falafel Stop■■■Pasta Armellino ■■Naschman

The cute waiters at Ti Piacera make for a great visual meal.

Higuma in Redwood City ■■Saylor's in Sausalito ■■Top Hatters in San Leandro

Sweetgreen

Terrible question without narrowing it down. Favorite to get hella high and eat at? To spend on a nice date

All are in SF.

Bistro Tupaz

Elements in San Jose. French vietnamese food.

Burrito truck on 23rd in Richmond

Red Hot Chili Pepper (Indo Chinese)

Oliveto in Berkeley

Cybelles in SF. I dream about the beignets.

Pizza Flora in downtown SJ ♥■■■

Dumpling depot in sunnyvale is my go to! Best green onion pancake beef roll I've ever had and around \$1

Teleferic Barcelona (Walnut Creek) - spanish tapas, I recommend the patatas bravas, Brussel sprouts or t

Tamarine in Palo Alto.

Let me check with the TV show Check, Please! Bay Area

Merit Vegan in Sunnyvale. Delicious and flavorful vegan food. ■■■And on the opposite end, Smoking Pig b

Belly off San Pablo in Oakland. They got these Asian fusion burritos and tacos that are out of this world.■■■

China Chen in DTSJ - best shrimp wonton noodle soup ever. Before the pandemic I'd go at least once a w

Vesta in RWC ■■■■That or Red Hot Wok in Cupertino

Cordon Bleu if you can find it open.

Shangrila in Oakland. Simple, organic, vegan food. So gd good.

The back kitchen at Eli's Mile High Club

Stone Stew is great Persian ■■■Santouka Ramen is great Japanese■■■10 Butchers is great KBBQ■■■San

Antipastos deli in San Jose. ■■Best meatball sandwich and ravioli. Both made from scratch. Entirely!

Pancho villas .

Reds Java shack.

Spicy Factory■■■Burlingame

Hands down, Omee J is my favorite sushi place in San Jose/Santa Clara, I recommend the big daddy roll.

For pizza, Livermore's Big Apple in Livermore of course.

Sushi Ran in Sausalito

Harry's Hofbrau

Dead Fish in Crockett. Great view even better food

Mazra - Mediterranean -San Bruno■■■Centro - Naplitano style pizza - Burlingame ■■■Taqueria San Bruno

Spices Szechuan Restaurant in Oakland■■■Marica Seafood in Oakland■■■Wojia Hunan Restaurant in Albu

Man, huge lack of Indian food here.■■■Madras Cafe for South Indian food.■■■Chaat Bhavan for Indian stre

Sorrel on Sacramento St, SF

Dan Sung Sa/Porno Palace in Oakland

Americano in Livermore has my favorite sandwiches

Super 5 Restaurant in San Lorenzo! Really delicious Chinese American dishes and the fried rice is outstar

Sequoia diner in Oakland

Chef Tyler Florence's Wayfarer Tavern has some of the best fried chicken in the Bay.. next to my own..■■■

Jake's Steaks on Valencia. I'm a simple dude.

Mu Mu Hot Pot, locations in San Mateo, Livermore and Sunnyvale.

Bella Sienna in Benicia, OMG the most incredible food ever! They have some sort of tapenade did they se

Anikis Sushi in Fremont or Fambrini's in Palo Alto

Aburaya in Oakland. Amazing Japanese fried chicken, just phenomenal.

Terun in Palo Alto■■■R&D Cafe in San Lorenzo■■■Star on grand in Oakland■■■DishDash in Sunnyvale

Gypsies cuz it's cheap and delicious with generous portions. Berkeley

Oye Managua- Nicaraguan ■■■Karilagan- Filipino ■■■Shalimar (Fremont)- Pakistani ■■■Mexico Tipico(Uni

My personal favorite is Saffron in Orinda. I just love Indian food, and I think they do it well. Plus the little tho

Tony's pizza, falafel stop, cordon bleu, omagari, superhot, little Lucas.

Lazy bear. It's expensive but a really cool experience. Least pretentious Michelin experience you can find.

Valencia Pizza & Pasta in SF is my new go to fave. Such big portions.

Kan Pai in Palo Alto

little lucca sandwich shop on el camino real ssf.

On my most recent trip to the bay area (I'm from Seattle), I tried Ramen Nagi in Palo Alto and absolutely loved it.

Just went to Ayawaska in Novato for the first time, and it was fantastic.

Adega

938 Crawfish in Albany ■■ Tony's Style in Berkeley

Tío Chilos in the mission ■■ El Gaaarage in Richmond ■■ Phila Burger in Richmond ■■ La Penca Azul in Alameda

Mingalaba in Burlingame ■

* BBQ: Smoked out BBQ in Santa Clara ■ * Sushi: Most of the ones you find on yelp are pretty similar. If you want something different, try

Zzan

Single Thread. 1 of 3 Michelin top 50 restaurants in the world in the US. That's what's up.

Backyard - jerk chicken and curry goat combo plate is a blessing

jing jing palo alto

Toyose on Noriega! Delicious Korean food :)

Homeroom in Oakland (mac n cheese) ■■ Southern Comfort Kitchen in Castro Valley (Cajun) ■■ Kokoro Diner in San Jose

Doppio Zero, XLB Kitchen, Athena Grill

Check out these spots! ■■ The Funny Farm - 2 locations in San Jose ■■ Hidden Spot - 2 locations in SF ■■

Some of my faves that I haven't seen mentioned yet: ■ Back Alley Burgers, a weekends only pop up behind the

Jong Ga House - Oakland, City View - SF (Commercial St), Brothers Korean BBQ (Inner Richmond), Cafe

Gangnam Jajang in Oakland ■■ Sato's Japanese Cuisine in Pleasanton ■■ Paik's Noodle (best one imo is in

Lai Lai's Mandarin Chinese restaurant on Broadway Street in the town of Millbrae . Very friendly staff and

Read through a bunch of posts and didn't see my faves. Snail Bar and Pho Vy in Oakland.

Oso in Sonoma

Taqueria San Bruno for burritos and the Hidden Spot for Burgers. Have not found a better burrito or burger

Sol Food in Marin.

Another for sandwiches is Submarine Center in West Portal San Francisco

And if you're a falafel fan. The best falafels on the planet is at Mid East Market near Millbrae.

Zachary's Chicago Pizza in Berkeley ■■

Protege in Palo Alto

Orchard City Kitchen is just unbelievably good. Former favorite was La Costanera prior to the move

[The Taco Panzon](<https://yelp.to/CijZzS9bosb>) in West Oakland has some of the best Mexican food I've ever

Shan Dong has been a family favorite for over 25 years ■■ Angry Ramen in San Leandro is a relatively new

Mikanos Grill in Milpitas. I think they have the biggest and best tasting gyros.

Y'all ever been to Taco Bell?

Sichuan Style restaurant in Berkeley. ■ 200+ items on menu. Master Chef trained in China. ■ Best Sichuan

Gary Danko or Ernest in SF

Japanese (my recommendations as a diaspora): Sumiya, Reichi, Gochi, Sanraku ■ ■ Everything else: Dona

Unfortunately my favorite mexican and chinese places closed, and my new local offerings are just... meh. T

Tried burma love recently. Shit was bangin. Tragically I dropped my leftovers right as I was getting ready to

Places I've liked - although some of them not since before the covid pandemic... ■ ■ * Mexican: El Farolito (

Wayfare Tavern in the financial district . The fried chicken and popovers are essentials

* Los Pericos - San Leandro - Top tier al pastor burritos ■ * Cafe Romanat - Oakland - I always get the Bee

La Villa is amazing. I would definitely pass on Rokko though.

Villa is only open until 6 the real Italian Deli in San Jose is Antipasto!

La Villa is def GOATED. Also, zanottos sandwiches , super taqueria are must tries.

> La Villa on Lincoln Ave ■ ■ never been there, how is the spaghetti? i've been craving some.

Chris Combo!

Happy Hound! Love it, been going there for years and never had anything less than a stellar classic burger

Yup ■

They're temporarily closed in Fremont according to Yelp. The Union City location is open supposedly.

Did they reopen somewhere else? Last I know they got caught in a fire/ explosion from the laundromat nex

only been to the UC one but i miss that place need to go back soon

Yelp says they are closed ■

what's my order?

They're also in mill valley! So it's closer if you're driving up from SF.

The only reason I golf is so I can go to Peacock Gap and then Sol Food afterwards

I must've gone on a bad day but I've tried them twice and it was very average for sure.

Hmmm I've tried it 3 times now and I just don't get the hype. The food tastes pretty bland to me. I dunno, m

my friend moved to Portland and came down to Santa Rosa and missed Sol Food so much that we made a

Was gonna say Sol Food too.

Sol Food is so fire!!! Used to eat there all the time when I was staying in San Rafael

I tried to recreate the hot sauce recently. Not as good but decent.

If you like Yimm, you should try Daughter's Thai in Montclair. I know they have multiple locations across th

Also Imm. Their sister restaurant

I love Yimm. They have a dish which is a thin omelet and shrimp over rice with a tomyum sauce that I'm a

As a slight recommendation for another Thai place, I'm basically loyal to Infinite Thai at this point, it's on P

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What do you get there? I always get the same thing (crispy fish + crab fried rice) I should probably try som

Krung Thai in Sunnyvale gives it a good run for the money. Crispy fried garlic shrimp is to die for.

The San Carlos location is also really good.

I'm glad to hear they're still good. I stopped going so often when they moved to their new location. Loved the ZENI in San Jose too

I'm not vegan or even vegetarian but Merit is fucking cracked. So good.

An underrated dish from Pho Element is the #7 Chicken Cabbage Salad (Goi Ga Cai Bap). My wife and I love it.

I came here to recommend Merritt. I've never had a bad meal here. The lines are out the door for a reason.

Athena is great

There is no tres amigos in Pacifica as far as I know! Probably thinking of the one in Half Moon Bay

Just found out classic 101 closed ■

Athena and Sumiya are so great!

Sumiya is one of my favorite places to eat! Just always so busy!

Dragon Beaux in THE Richmond, to be clear.

Shooting Star is ass, Baby Cafe or Saint Annas better

Napa is definitely one of the 9 Bay Area counties.

+1 for Mustard's grill!!

I'm going there on Friday for the first time. What should I try?

Yes, it's my favorite too! Gets crowded though

And for some one that doesn't eat pork, it's halal.

The Mac n Cheese and Corned Beef ■

Classic local San Leandro joint. Food is acceptable, but ambiance and beer selection are excellent.

A bold choice to list here, but an institution nonetheless. ■

Dang now I feel old. Yes to Happy Burrito. When I was pregnant with my first child my boss would offer to

Happy Burrito is Oakland's best kept secret. I'm glad they're still in business despite the pandemic drastically

Hell yes to Happy Burrito. That hot sauce will make you pay, but it's so delicious I don't care.

I used to eat Happy burrito once/twice a week for 3 years. Never got tired. Simple menu. Bomb hot sauce

is this the spot that puts lettuce in the burritos? fuck that lol

Went to Front Porch for Brunch and nobody in our party ate again until 1PM **the next day.** ■■Love that

I love Front Porch but no way is it best in the Bay.

Love the hush puppies

I must have caught them on a bad day. My experience wasn't good:(

If you like dim sum king you should try Tai Pan Bakery in San Jose

YES Shan Dong

Oh man... the noodles at Shang Dong are crazy good!

Shan Dong is fan-fucking-tastic. You reminded me that I don't think I've been since pre-pandemic, I'll have

Shan Dong hand cut spicy sesame noodles!!!!!! That is Oakland comfort food for me

Yes Enssaro!!

MUJIRI! I don't even go anywhere else for cheapish sushi any more :/

I've been to moo bong ri. I agree, it's excellent. Had the ribs with cheese

I had to drag some friends from out of town to Tommy's during a visit last year. They said the photos made

Those are two restaurants on opposite ends of the spectrum, but I love the choices!!!

My partner and I went to Aquerello last year for my birthday and we were fairly unimpressed. The food was

If you're local to that area of the Bay have you been over to Bull Valley in Port Costa? Top quality food at r

I've always wanted to go to Dead Fish just from driving by and seeing the lights! What's your favorite thing

We've done their thanksgiving dinner before. It's pretty good ■■

So glad someone else said this. It's been years since I've been, but I love Joes. Especially the bar. You ca

Be ready to drop \$\$\$ there. Worth it imo but I can't seem to get out of there for less than \$200 for me and

Great list! You got a bunch of my favorites I had forgotten about. The guys who started St. John's went on

HiroNori Ramen isn't cheap.

Love Dish Dash and Naschmarkt

Naschmarkt is Austrian but potato-potahto. Its one of my favs too.

There's a Ludwig's in San Jose too, although it's in a sucky area to find parking.

> Ten Butchers Club - Amazing KBBQ spot (Pricey)■■■This was a phenomenal recommendation. Best ser

I wanted to like Ettan but I hated it lol. Saffron in Burlingame is a lot better IMO if you want upscale Indian

mid, santouka or ramen nagi are tiers above marufuku , the drive sucks tho

Top Hatter is amazing!

Tadich Grill fucking rules

Is Kincaid's for real still open/open again in Burlingame, by the water? Used to be a favorite when I lived in

Had deli board for the first time the other day. Probably best sandwich I've ever had.

Primo ■

Someone else who remembers Primo Patio. That place was wonderful - the food, the drinks, the owners. T

I saw a where-wolf drinking a pina colada at trader Vic's. His hair was perfect.

Do you like the food there or just the cocktails? I haven't been wowed by the food but maybe it's better?

fuck. I moved away from Dublin a couple years ago. the only thing I miss about that place is Caps & Taps

Those rum flights ■

Dusita is pretty incredible. Only place I don't order Thai hot. I'm not *that* dumb.

Now I have to make up a reason to go to San Jose

I like how everything located south of SF is considered "South Bay"

There's one open in San Ramon if you're really craving and willing to make the schlep.

There's one in San Ramon!

I love their caviar service. The hot Buck wheat blinis are ■■■■

> Friend chicken sandwich: Hawking Bird■■■Highly recommend checking out World Famous Hot Boys in C

Do you happen to know how does Truly Mediterranean compare to Park Gyro? I just had that the other da

Do you know is it the same owner as Thai Nghiep Ky Mi Gia in Sunset? Save me traveling across the city
I haven't had El autense in like 2-3 years but they had one of the best pastor burritos I've ever had. Really
Funky Elephant has the bomb pad thai and the kmg2 is hella good with a fried egg.

Yuuup or Dumpling Hours in Walnut Creek ■ ■ I think they're the same?

Mazra and Taqueria San Bruno are probably my favorites in San Bruno

San Bruno has underrated places to eat! I love Dumpling Era on El Camino in San Bruno as well. some c

Oh nice. I agree with you for Mazra and Hidden spot so that means I have to check out those other two.

Love this place. Very authentic Austrian cuisine plus they have my all time favourite Austrian coffee drink t

"Thanks for not telling everyone about us!" ■■-your favorite spot

Just the selfish people who think they're the main character.

You're the kinda person that would fuck a guy in the ass without the courtsey of a reach around.

This is the worst energy, I can tell you are a transplant lol

my spots lines are already long lol

I agree with you. My favorite one is gone now, management changed. There use to follow a particular trad

Your favorite spots would appreciate the business

Tony's pizza for sure.

The first time I ate at millennium, I didn't know it was vegan until I sat down and really looked at the menu.

Theo's cheese steaks in San Leandro are way way better

Man Van's was a classic, though they did seem to go a bit downhill in the last few years. I hope they don't

I still drool thinking of those bacon wrapped prawns from Vans! We would always pay extra to get an extra

Don't we all! My favorite thing was the blue cheese dressed salad in the giant onion ring. Awesome! Good
the burger.

Is it the same restaurant as before, like 8-10 years ago? I remember really liking it then.

Really?

Nah, it's no bueno

On 73rd?.... If so, I'm surprised it still in business. Went there in the 80s

The bone marrow! To die for. ■■Also the bidet in the bathroom.

Best pork chop I have ever tried

This is my favorite restaurant! They are always changing their menu so you can try their latest creations. B

I like Mandalay better :)

Burma Superstar is overpriced and overrated

They had trouble with their kitchen crew several years back (around pay and treatment) and my support fo

This is mine!

Ugh you should see my other post ■

i've never seen anyone eating in qi. went in a couple of times and it smelled weird. what's good there?

Hai Nam Restaurant in that plaza has excellent Vietnamese chicken dishes like Com Ga Hai Nam (chicken

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You joke, but I've had a vicious craving for a beef-n-cheddar and some Arby's Sauce ever since the SSF lo

[wow, she is hungry!](<https://freeimage.host/i/UUJpJR>)

Ya dude. Highest quality to price ratio.

Now served with MAGA sauce

Hands down best thing on their menu. Source: used to eat there weekly

Took my late brother there on his last visit to California in 2009. He loved it as much as I did.

Lost me with LUNA. Tried twice to like it. Could not!

Luna is sub-par. I don't understand with all of the great Mexican food places here why anyone would pick L

With all of the incredible Mexican food places, you pick Luna?■■■I really don't understand why people like

Used to be Spenger's in Berkeley. R.I.P.

Looks like Oliveto has closed...

Ayyy Tony's

Hidden Spot and Slice of Homage are two of my favorite places

Zanottos is amazing!

we STAN Zanottos' god tier everything...and the adorable little shopping carts for kids..have loved going th

They're known for their ravioli.

I haven't had it before, but their meatballs are amazing. Their 2 pound meatball sandwich (death sandwich

Lol, took me 5+ years to find out about La Villa's secret menu : p

I've been a couple of times to the UC location after seeing the Fremont location closed. Should be open st

Din Din is reopening about a mile away @ Capitol & Fremont Blvd

They opened a Union City location a few years ago. I heard they are relocating the Fremont location in the

Darn those laundromats, that is also what killed my favorite pupusaria years ago.

XLB (pork), chili wontons, string beans, spicy cumin noodles

The new one in Petaluma is legit. Huge inside.

It's only take out though.

Peacock Gap is underrated. There's a cul de sac in that neighborhood where you can park, walk on the op

went for the first time recently. chicken was very salty. shrimp mofongo wasn't anything crazy. the whole si

I agree, save yourself the trip and go to Cholita Linda in Oakland. The food is nothing special at Sol Food

Have you had the costillas (ribs)? What about the plantain crusted shrimp? The sandwiches?■■■All are fan

Daughter is very good but tbh I still feel like it's overpriced. Every time we order Thai we think "do we order

Been there! Very good

I too have been going to the one on Grimmer for nearly as long. ■■■

Yellow curry, basil beef, crispy fish

I too get the same items always! Tom yum soup, crispy fish, basil fried rice and recently the pla sa wan (st

Yes this one!

> fleece vests■■huh?

It needs more people who play video games and watch wrestling.

I went to San Tung 2 once, and they said that they only served noodles and fried rice. The wings and dumplings.

I think San Tung 2 is [closed](<https://hoodline.com/2020/01/sunset-eats-san-tung-2-closes-as-indian-eater/>)

Shit, I'm the opposite, didn't know they have one in Oakland and I live in the east bay

They have 3 I think? Based on having been to one called Brenda's Meat and Three on Divisadero

It's a Bay Area gem! Honestly wish it was a chain and there was one closer to my house.

The one in Santa Clara next to Applebee's? I met the owners son

Is it the best ever?■■...yes. It is the best EVER!!!

House of Prime Rib is in a category by itself, best of the best. Harris's is also very good, but not as good as

Their spin salads...those beets. Yum.

I disagree. I think Harry's is better in atmosphere and food.

One in San Jose did. One in Redwood City is still around and kicking.

Only the one in Santa Clara the one in Redwood City was still open six months ago when I went

Beard awards for both best professional cookbook AND Brandon Jew as best chef west coast. Mister Jiu's

The bread is damn good. Plus buy 4 get 1 free!

Have you tried the Banh Mi Oven across the street from SJSU? Duc Huong is one of my favorites but I'm a

They're still at the San Carlos spot, I just went the other day

Yup, brain fart

The hell??? Then it'll have to be The Hound (Hungry in Santa Clara, or Happy in Los Gatos)

Aw bummer. Makes sense though, every time I drove by there was nobody there. Meanwhile In-n-Out would

Yes the San Francisco neighborhood not the east bay city.

Haven't tried those, adding to my list!

Yeah - the quality is not that great - but it is open late.

Everything! But, I'm super in love with the grilled octopus.

They took away my San Jose Harry's. Now I have to go all the way up to Redwood City.

TIL there's another one in San Leandro.

my mom had been going there for 25 years before she introduced me to them! we've been going together

I know right! Best hot sauce I've ever had!

That hot sauce is king of all hot sauce.

You can ask for no lettuce

Ok was wondering why I've never heard of it.

That's what makes it so good! Haha

The Happy burrito does have lettuce, but I've always gotten the Super burrito, which doesn't.

Never said it was. Thread asks for your favorite.

This makes me sad, they've always been solid for me and it's probably a stop once every 2 months. ■■■W

Thanks for the tip, will check it out for sure.

90% of the US maybe, with only LA & NYC beating SF on variety.

Cioppino!! And crab cakes!

Ooo what does that come with? Sounds so good

Armadillo Willy's is good too!

Every morsel is perfection.

As far as i know it's still there to this day.

Just wish they were cheaper.

I loved that it had a speak east type vibe. My favorite thing on their menu was the steak sandwich with extra

I love their fried rice

I was that dumb. I'm not anymore.

The pictures on Google Maps really aren't appetizing

Correct

I do not know. But I have never been able to find a better shawarma anywhere. They toast the lavash over

I used to live right next door to Hai Ky Mi Gia since birth. The family that runs the noodle shop in the Sunso

I haven't tried Taqueria San Bruno in years. Is there something specific you prefer from there over the othe

Unless you're a spice-head, I'd start with Love Burn's level 1 spice ("Crush"). I'm normally able to enjoy spi

Young transplants, but this also has local NIMBYs written all over it tbh

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i felt bad mentioning it. so pretentious for the area but like.. god their food and the rotation of fresh amazing

i havent been since then either!

there's one on telegraph

Is it weird that my upvote is for the bidet? I've literally made bathroom friends because of it. ■■■Also BBB.

Ooh where is that?

probably a very unpopular opinion but I feel that Mandalay nowadays is leagues beneath burma superstar

Well you don't have to go there then!

I live in San Jose so don't go often. The Temescal location is by far the best.

ive never had anything i didnt like, but my absolute favorite is the pork belly sliders. they also have my favo

the chorizo scramble with a side of their potatoes

There's still one in Sunnyvale if you're willing to drive for it

That's two of us. We lost the Menlo Park location years ago, building still empty. I work in Palo Alto and h

I like the mixed grill

Nooo!

I've been buying my ribeyes from they as of late. Amazing quality beef.

Oh, I looked at their menu and was wondering what the hell the death sandwich is. Most of their sandwich

Wait, they have a secret menu?!

Yep, next to RawASF and Banter Bookshop. It's been under renovation for a while now so should hopefully be better. Union City is low key a great city for food. Din Ding, Bings, One Piece Lamien, Los Carnalito's, Pho VN. Probably cause ppl forget to take their phones out of their pockets

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Never tried Sol Food before until they opened up one in Petaluma. Amazed how much of a gem I was missing. I was sitting on the trunk of our car and eating Sol Food in the parking lot at the MV location after a mt tam hike. I tried cholita and I disagree, I wouldn't get tacos there, but rather La mission or Taqueria Monte Cristo is 10x better. Their tacos aren't anything special but the sandwiches are deadly.

I honestly don't remember, I'll try those next time though. Thanks

Yeah, the Cubano sandwich was great when we had it.

Yeah the tacos are fine (though my kid loves the fish ones) but the plantain and tofu sandwich is soooo good. Pretty common theme in the Bay Area, not just with Thai food.

OP using a derogatory term to refer to people that work in tech which is more or less the majority of the Bay Area. This is more in line with my experience. I went to 2 once and was disappointed by the menu.

There is also one in San Leandro !

Still alive as of Friday night when I drove by in RWC. Love Harry's!

Great to hear!

Well, technically, the one in Mountain View also closed, but that was 21 years ago. It was at 399 W El Camino. Happy cake day ■■■

Hm it must have opened after my time at SJSU, it looks like it took over where Cafe Pomegranate used to be. They used to have a thing on their website talking about how that location had nothing to do with them. Do you know? Thank u

Oh snap I thought there was just the one.

TIL there's other Harry's. I thought SL was the only one lol

That with a little pulled chicken and some Lake Merritt afternoon is good for your soul.

Just had the cioppino today for lunch, really good!

Usual thanksgiving fare! Salad, turkey w/gravy, cranberry mashed potato (very good) stuffing, and pumpkin pie.

Is this a Glitch in the Matrix, I wonder? I mean, I thought it went out of business in the 80's. How could I have been wrong?

For sure. Tax and tip on the sandwich alone put you over 20

Oh right. It just looked like a tiny coffee shop door, and then walking through opened out to that huge sunny courtyard.

But you survived!

Your loss ■■

Dustia is pretty generic Thai food but decent execution. ■■■The Bay is sorely lacking in true regional Thai food. Good to know. Thanks.

Preference, I usually get an al pastor super burrito from Taqueria San Bruno. I like their burritos more than anything.

I've lived in the Bay literally my whole life, and I find the elitist gatekeeping NIMBYs who complain about traffic and parking to be the most annoying.

Oh your grandma knew the owner, that's awesome! Yeah I heard the old motel below it would become how it is no more pretentious than anything else on Valencia. really good spot. cool staff and quality food and drink. Not weird. ■■■Solidarity.

About a block away from the Burma Superstar in SF. It's on California street
i'll give it a try.

Yeah, I split it when I get it. ■ I always feel like taking a nap afterwards though lol ■

In the pupusaria's case it was a drunk driver drove his car into the back wall of the laundromat and hit a gas pump. Completely agree, I've tried Choluta Linda 3 times and each time I just walk away wondering why it's so popular. I thought the fleece vest was the VC Menlo Park crowd? Techies were skinny jeans and black t-shirts. Lived here my whole life and ain't ever heard that one before, lol.

Neat, did not know that. Thanks for the info :)

To be fair I didn't actually know about the Sunnyvale one, but it actually does look like different ownership/
Where do you go in LA?

true true its been so long! i moved out when my daughter was born that was 2014 ■■■■ im out of touch and don't know what's going on. Most likely something like the Stagnaro family in Santa Cruz - there is a connection, but with some sort of family. I was pretty taken aback by how good Slice House is for a local chain. Probably my favorite NY style slice place. The South Smokin Barbecue in Hayward is some of the best BBQ around and has some of the most affordable prices. De Afghan Kabob Fremont

The Pantry in San Mateo is a Filipino hidden gem disguised as an American diner, complete with a lola ha ha. Back a Yard has great Caribbean food

Rose Market in Saratoga. I love their saffron rice and beef kabob. Price wise, I don't think it can be beat around the bay. Shanghai Noodle House in Fremont. The Pork w. Green Onion Dry Noodles are such an umami bomb. The Food Truck. If you're ever up in Santa Rosa, check out the Mitote Food Trucks. Great atmosphere and it also has a full bar. Cafe Colucci, Oakland

Mazra in San Bruno oooooo

Su's Mongolian BBQ in Santa Clara

If you're in San Carlos and craving Mediterranean food, Jood is incredible. The family that runs it is incredible. Falafel Stop in Sunnyvale (Jerusalem Chicken). XLB Kitchen in Cupertino (best XLB in the South Bay). Kizilirmak. Harry's Hoffbrau. RIP Saratoga ave

The food at Icon Showplace in Mountain View is shockingly good for being a movie theatre.

A lot of the restaurants in the Pacific East Mall in Richmond. Specific shout out to the Hong Kong Cafe.

In Oakland, Ben's in the warehouse district and Fresh and Best Cafe 2 on Alice..■■■I'm not going to say that but the ghazni afghan kabobs in hayward

cuisine of nepal on mission st

Enssaro Ethiopian in Oakland is fantastic and should be considered one of the best restaurants in the bay

The Kao Soi (aka Chang Mai noodle) at Chai Thai in Oakland. ■■■Spicy chicken curry + pickled mustard greens

Seoul Kitchen in Redwood City: almost a hole in a wall, a shitload of delicious Korean food for like \$15.■■■

Everest kitchen in Albany

Himalayan Kitchen and Lotus Cuisine are underappreciated and great Indian/Nepalese options in San Rafael

Taco Trucks. Totally underappreciated.■■■Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco

The Basque club in south San Francisco. Food is good and inexpensive. Ambience is— fine.

San Wang in SF Japan Town. When I'm craving San Tung's dried fried chicken but don't want to wait in line

Tadamasa Ramen in Union City!

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Food counters at Mexican stores (esp Chavez in RWC). Premade curries for \$4 at India Cash and Carry in

Kirk's Steak Burger

Volcano curry in sf

veggie lee

Falfelle in Belmont- literally a hole in the wall on a sidewalk but everything is so delicious and healthy and

gangnam tofu in el cerrito is the best soondubu jigae I've had. I thought it was significantly better than SGD

Garaje on 3rd St SF. ■■■Best bar food in the Bay. Burgers, chicken sandwich, Zapatos. All of it.

Any good tacos in east bay?

There's a fantastic Italian restaurant in willow Glenn area called "Milan". It's not near the main area of willow

Mills hoagie Oakland

Babushka's in Walnut Creek!

Wild Ginger in Alameda

Everyone loves In and Out, Five Guys and Shake Shack, but I prefer Nations over all of them.

KINDERS in the east bay their sandwiches are top notch and they cut the meat right then and there! It's all

Little Caesar's. I've heard people talk down to it, but spending \$7 for a delicious large pizza is such a welcome

Phnom Penh House in Alameda.■■■<http://phnompenhhouse.com/index.html>

ananda fuara

Thai Nghiep Ky Mi Gia on Noriega

As someone who has been to literally hundreds of different taquerias, Taqueria Las Pencas in South SF and

For ice cream: Koolfi Creamery in San Leandro!!

Bull valley roadhouse in port costa. Best believe

Shugetsu in San Mateo. Amazing dipping ramen and you can pick your noodles portion without extra cost.

Tommy's Joynt

Teriyaki dude in San Jose

Tahina on Alameda is some of the best food in The Bay not factoring in price. If you factor in price (it's cheap)

Sing Sing sandwich shop. Best bánh mì I've found. One of my least favorite blocks in SF though.

Walia Ethiopian in San Jose near Santana Row. Great food and owned by the nicest family.

Turo Cafe, in SF. Delicious, affordable Filipino food.

Champa garden in Oakland not unknown, but seriously slamming!

MJ sushi ■Datang kitchen ■Tangs Haus ■Sultan's Kebab ■Love Burn

Healdsburg in... Healdsburg. Great burgers and fries, great beers on tap for cheap, tons of veggie burgers

Vien Huong in Oakland

Rico's tacos San Jose, best tacos on the planet

Falafel Tazah in Redwood Shores, their combination plate is so good. Also, Yiassoo in Cupertino! I dream

Indian food.. Himalayan Kitchen Mountain View...

Costco

Fish. in Sausalito

Lou's Takeaway in San Rafael.

Lou's Coffeeshop in Los Gatos. Large portions, deliciously prepared.

Yo Yo's■■Udon and soba noodle soups are so delicious! And affordable!

Esin in Danville

There's a lot of new-school Korean places like bb.q and Daeho popping up that don't seem to get the attention

Ravioli House San Mateo. When I used to work up there, hit that place up a couple times a week.

the Basque Cultural Centre in South San Francisco, if you have never had Basque food, you haven't lived

There is the amazing falafel shop on Kitterage in Berkeley. <https://www.google.com/search?q=falafles%20>

El Metate on Bryant St in the Mission.

Oakland■■Pho au sen for bun Bo hue ■■Pho king by the lake for viet grilled meats

Stay Gold Deli somehow has both the best Texas style ribs/brisket and the best Italian sub in Oakland. En

Napa has Gott's where i can get an impossible burger 8+ different ways.

Hard Knox Cafe in the Richmond

Holyland Restaurant and Catering on Aldo in Santa Clara. Yum!

Gateway Kitchen/Superstar.

Vung Tau in Newark. Not the one in Milpitas

I really like Sal's Burgers in San Mateo... best burger spot imo

Sun-Ly

In Fremont, Cafe Gyro.

!RemindMe 90 days

Mayan Kitchen in downtown Sunnyvale. It's usually fairly empty when I've been there, but the food is good

green lotus san jose

Hazy BBQ in Danville. Very affordable and fuckin delish

Sarah's Latin Taste in San Carlos. It's a food truck off Old County Road and the chicken milanese on Acm

Hong Kong BBQ in Castro Valley. Their ducks are on fire. A rice plate with duck & veggie for 15 is hard to

Los carnalitos in Hayward...they also have a food truck in rwc■- quesadilla de chicharrón prensado is my

Jack's Prime in San Mateo. Can't beat the Wine Country burger with fried pickles!

Fortune Star in San Mateo for their crispy eggplant and the fried chicken wings. They're both covered in the
TacoBells: Four very tasty Tacos/Burritos for ~\$10. That is two-meals for anyone trying to save money.
Yamo in SF. Sometimes I just need to sit down at a counter and have a quick bowl of Burmese stir fry noodles
sshhhhh...don't blow up the spot
New York Pizza & Pasta pleasant hill. The best pizza.
Larkey Market in Walnut Creek. Great sandwiches, good snacks, nice staff.
Chains tend to get a lot of hate around here, but IMO many are pretty decent for their price points.
I'm not telling you, you'll fill up all of the tables
Digger's Diner in Concord/Brentwood. Although I haven't been there since the Obama administration and the
[Falafel Tazah](https://falafeltazah.com/). I wouldn't mind drowning in a tub of their baba ganoush.
Sumac Mediterranean cuisine in Belmont
Definitely saving this post!
Bhimavaram Ruchulu - super legit South Indian in Fremont
Apna Bazar Sunnyvale has delicious Indian food. Their aloo curry with roti is my go to, and they're open 24/7
Crouching tiger in rwc
Black bear diner
Arbys.
EATALY is now the best in the bay. I also like Venus Cafe.
Your mom's.
Frank Grizzlys. They had a pop up inside anchor brewery and after that closed down, they opened their own
Halal Gyro has some really cheap and great kebabs but not consistent. The kebab shop is great too and you can
Aaha on 16th has fabulous dosas and Mongolian cauliflower
Big Ts Seafood Market! Gotta go during happy hour though. I think it's from 6-9. They got oysters and all the
Dizi sangi near downtown San Jose. Delicious Persian restaurant
La Fritanguera in Concord is amazing
Gabriel and Daniel's Mexican food in Burlingame, Dash Japanese Tapas (especially the omakase nigiri) in
AYCE - Vishnuji ki Rasoi in Sunnyvale
Odin is a highly underrated Mexican restaurant and mezcaleria. Go for their happy hour and you'll be hooked
Taqueria La Laguna on 3rd St just south of Evans (SF) has the best al pastor I've ever had
Carmen's bbq in Hayward
Los Gatos cafe! Their breakfast potatoes are insane
Rainbow pizza in San Mateo. Pizza is good but the Greek food is better.
Rainbow Pizza in San Mateo - pizza, good portion size on pastas.■■■Ritha Indian Restaurant in Foster City
Rojos Wraps in Saratoga. They are definitely burritos and not wraps. Absolutely delicious.
!remindme 30days
Urban momo in SJ, tandoori chicken is life changing

Devine Cheese & Wine in Downtown San José. Every time I talk about it, no one seems to have gone. You
Oakland:■■■True burger. Get the true Deluxe.■■■Rio California (weekday lunch only) - Brazilian food. The
Darda Seafood in Milpitas. Don't sleep on the sesame bread and knife cut noodles
Pasta Market and Los Portales in Mountain View
Sicilia in Bocca, Morgan Hill■■■Dia de Pesca, San Jose■■■Tokie's, San Mateo
El Caminito #2 off 13th st in san jo.
Oghani. all you can eat Korean bbq. Oakland on Broadway.
Afghan Cuisine in Concord. I drive out there just to have an excuse to eat there often.
Mama Ji's in the Castro. ■■■Spicy Szechwan + Belgian Beers == match made in heaven
Dolce Spazio in Los Gatos has the best gelato I've ever had, and I've been to Italy multiple times.
[Moya](<https://yelp.to/LPMI0tfK9Y>) on 9th St in SOMA. Used to work down the street and I loved coming h
La Casita Chillanga in Redwood City. Hands down THE best tortas in the bay
Vien Huong on Franklin near 7th st in Oakland China town
Sparky's Giant Burgers in Oakland
halal wings plus in the TL. top 4 wings in the city, lovely burgers and wavy fries. ■■■In addition, udupi resta
Fish's Wild. Their mahi-mahi is good and katsu is pretty decent.
giovannis pizza in sunnyvale has the best square slice here, better than homage imo
I moved away years ago but I still miss Rico's Tacos in Campbell
Abhiruchi in Sunnyvale - delicious and almost homemade type vegetarian Indian food
Ramen Hajime in Santa Clara. I've tried almost all the ramen spots in the bay and its my favorite. The chef
I haven't been in the Bay long enough to know what's overrated, but here are my faves:■■■TastyPot, Ohga
Grégoire's in Berkeley
Caribblue Redwood City
The in n out in Oakland where you might get robbed or get a burger
Juanita and Maude in Albany.
Super Duper burger - No idea how they make such a juicy burger but I love it w/ the garlic fries. ■■■Classi
Rene Rose Island Cuisine in Sunnyvale is the best Filipino fast food in the South Bay
It's pretty highly rated but ebiko in oakland - take out sushi but quality is top notch and prices are good too
There's a slight fine dining place in Hayward on B St.(right next to the bart) but it's on the bottom floor of a
Ming's Tasty in Oakland Chinatown. Often lines out the door so not sure I'd call it underrated, but seems t
Love them all...Slice House, Tony's, Pizza Rock, All by Tony Gemignani They don't call him the king of piz
I frequent the one in Belmont, so damn good
I'm loving the Detroit style craze right now, we've ordered from them twice this month.
Slice house is fucking solid
Agree mostly but think their Detroit pizza is even better.
I love the one in the old Taco Bell in Palo Alto. There's a new one in Redwood City at Marsh Manor, they o

Go to tonys in north beach its the OG

I actually dislike slice house. But thats my own personal taste in pizza. Marley G's is pretty good tho.

Whatever that pizza they have with the fresh ricotta and hot drizzle with the spicy pep... so good

I've been there and it's good but far from affordable BBQ.■■■It's very expensive■■■On Fridays near the Co

Tim is fucking GOATED. Such a nice dude too.

Their Mantu is delicious

Love the hole in the wall grill spot. Prices are insane now tho.

Gotta try this out! Used to work at Tapsilog in Campbell

That's crazy, I pass it all the time...totally thought it was just a crappy diner. Thanks for the tip!

Better hope your Tita isn't on Reddit! :p

Didn't realize they have Filipino food there. Should give it a try.

will definitely give it a try. this must really be a truly hidden gem as none of my friends have ever mentioned

Omg! I love their chicken adobo too! I don't know what makes it better than others I've had, but it is.

+1 I fell in love with chicken adobo here!

I love their silogs!! Longanisa and tocino! Yum ■■

I love Back A Yard.

Not only is it great food, the portions are quite generous for the price. Love me some Back A Yard jerk chick

Great for my belly, not great for my toilet.

They have a sister Restaurant in Palo Alto called Coconuts...really good.

Legit unbelievable how good it is. Favourite takeaway place!

Oh yeah! My go to during the pandemic ■■

If you like back a yard I'd give Island Taste in downtown San José a shot. They are amazing and in my opi

Hate how this place ruined flavas for me.

So spicy. So good

Rickshaw is hands down the best!!!

When I was broke in between jobs Rickshaw was my happy place. Such good eats for so cheap!

Wow I'm so surprised to see rickshaw on the top comment. In high school my friends and I used to cut out

Don't know if the Rose Market location in Mtn View still exists but they were pretty good too, at least ten ye

Nice

I haven't been to Rickshaw in years since I moved from FC but still close by. I'm glad its still there. Makes

Holy shit. Been a decade+ since I've been so great to here they still absolutely THROWIN down at Ricksha

the staff at rickshaw got mad at me for trying to order in canto lmao ■■■fine. english it is

I haven't been there since before covid. Memory unlocked. I know what we're getting for dinner tomorrow.

Are we talking about rickshaw express? They used to have one in Hayward off of Jackson. Way better tha

If you like Shanghai Noodle house you should give Shanghai flavor in Fremont a try. We always order from

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Please don't let tiktokers blow this place up...coming from LA. This place is LEGIT.

Where are they usually at?

Damn I took a long ass trip to Santa Rosa last week and my family was hungry. Could have used this advice.

Are they under rated though? I've view them as the best Ethiopian around.

Soooooooo goooooooooood holy shit

They're excellent! Also Cafe Eritrea D'Afrique is damn great too.

They're not as good as pre-COVID. Prefer Bar Cote if you're around the Oakland-Berkeley border

I would like to go here but I'm worried about my car being broken into

Their hummus is so spectacular that it has ruined all other hummus for me. And with that bread they have

I've eaten a lot of shawarmas, and I think theirs is the best in the bay

Not underrated though, the place is always thronged and easily the most popular restaurant in San Bruno.

It's great, but their prices have skyrocketed since the old days. I just want to go there and have one plate, I

What are prices nowadays? My friends and I all thought it was a front back when it was all you can eat for

Back in the day, some old high school friends and i would haul @\$\$ down either to them or El Camino Mor

The ice cream cone is a cherry on top! Love Su's!■■■My fraternity brothers and I would frequent there once

Dude that chicken ■■

> The family that runs it is incredibly friendly and the food is always so satisfying■■■I didn't realize the fami

Also: Pylos for Greek food is really good.

YES!!! We love Jood! I always recommend this place to friends. It is one of our go to spots

Last time I was at Falafel Stop I was a bit disappointed, hope it was just a blip.

Love XLB Kitchen! The soup dumplings are fire but they have this pork dish they serve in bamboo that's su

Xlb kitchen is also my go to after Shanghai dumpling rebranded a couple times. Joy dumpling isn't the sam

dim sum king <3■■■mammoth portions for the price, too!

Redwood City one still exists...

Good call. It's been years but I think I might have to pay them a visit soon.

It just makes me miss Brennan's

Miss that place

Don't know about food there but their cocktails are awful pre-mix junk

the Icon Showplace theater food in all of the ones in the bay area is pretty decent

I work near Ben's and was excited to try it. I got chicken chow menu for lunch, and it made me sick unfortun

Are you talking about Ben's on 3rd across from Oakland Grill? Always thought that place was part of one c

Wow I never expected someone to mention Fresh and Best Cafe 2. I am a regular there and the place is ju

Are you talking about Ben's Fast Food or something else?

Fresh and best 2 is the GOAT. Salad and juice for like \$20.

Omg yes Fresh and Best 2 for banh mi, spring rolls and Vietnamese iced coffee!!

Fresh & Best 2 is such a great spot for breakfast in the neighborhood. The banh mi is great. I also love the

yes! Super tasty!

They are really great. Oh man, now I need that strong ginger daal!!

The traditional lamb curry is so good.

Thanks for the rec, that's right by me.

Have you ever tried their pork leg stew (ka moo)? Super tender and fatty braised pork in a tasty broth with

I have made it a goal in my life to find GOOD Kao Soi in the bay and you sound like you know good Kao S

+1 for Zareen's and Nursel.■Refuge is great for their beer (tons of Belgians), but their sandwiches are a lit

Love Zareen's! We go to Refuge mainly for their draught beers.

Didn't the Refuge close? Or at least the one in Menlo Park?

Basque Cultural Center - Rack of Lamb is SO good

And El Farolito is across the street from there!

> Basque Cultural Center■■Are you my father? My dad loves that place and I have no idea how he discov

Seconded. Their Mongolian beef, fried chicken, clams and of course the noodles (black bean noodles and

Such a great spot! Their Tan Tan Ramen is amazing.

Try Ramen Shu a block down the road

I love them but I always get violently sick after. It's so weird. Maybe the oil gets me?

one of the best and oldest ramen spots in the bay!

Himawari in San Mateo is my favorite for tan tan ramen

>clean pho■■Giving me Fight Club vibes.

So stoked to see them represented on this list! I wish I still lived only a few blocks away

I second this! Soo so good! My fav is the kung pao "chicken".

Chavez market is as good or better than anything the mission has to offer and I'll fight anyone who disagree

Seconding that Chavez market!!

> just don't look into the kitchen too much■■Please elaborate lol

I've been to one Chavez market, not redwood city, for the Mexican food, it tasted very basic and not that g

Man, that makes me miss Clarke's Charcoal Broiler in Mt. View. Was my favorite spot for burgers.

That place used to be a go to, treat yourself spot for me in high school after a big game or practice. Such g

So damn good.

IMO, best burgers in the Bay Area (and i've lived here my whole life). Every time i've been to Kirk's, the bu

Big up volcano curry. Would go there all the time with friends when I went to CCSF

Would sometimes make the trip just for it

Don't sleep on their fried chicken! Any of the sauces are great, but our personal favorites are the Gangnan

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Seconding this. I still think about their burgers.

The Zapatos are so tricky. They look so smol and compact that I sometimes think I can eat two of them. I a

Long been intrigued by the reviews but only ever around there for a Giants game, seems like — is it jamme

If you're willing to come out here, La Grana or Sinaloa in Oakland

Ophelias taco truck in Fremont. On Decoto. Best carnitas ever.

Concord

TACOS EL AUTLENSE Truck next to Hotsy Totsy bar. Al Pastor is fire. Owned by the uncle of the owner of

Rico rico is solid.■■■Edit: Said with understatement.

The taco truck outside Hotsy Totsy in Albany is bomb

El ultimo baile

El Taquito in Hayward off Mission Blvd.

northern east bay, two spots:■■1) the taco truck outside of the hotsy tots in albania■■2) el garage in richmond

If you're near Albany/Berkeley, I like Cactus Taqueria on Solano Ave. a lot!

El Chaparrito

Taco truck outside the planet fitness in the Laurel District. If you know, you know.

Lots of the places mentioned are good. ■■■El paisa is top notch in terms of meats. Not the best salsa selection

Maya taqueria in Point Richmond

Tucan Tacos is legit.

La parrilla loca or tacos mi Reynita. Both make excellent TJ style tacos

check out the yt channel did you eat yet. ■■■he has a couple of taco tours in oak

I just tried El Paisa in Oakland and it was some of the best tacos I've had since I left LA. The suadero was

El Gordo in San Lorenzo on Hesperian or their truck on Int'l and High St in Oakland(opens in the evening,

Good one! Throw in some loaded ice cream next door and you'll be in cardiac arrest by dinner time.

Deep cut

Is the restaurant still there? The last time I passed by a few months ago, I saw the storefront but didn't see

are they a restaurant again or are they still only doing takeaway?

Tom Douglas restaurant?

Nation's is great, just make sure to tell them "light mayo" and "no lettuce" or you'll end up with all the filling

In N Out - Is it the "best burger" I've ever had, nope. But the quality of the food and service is much better

Omggg nations breakfast was so bomb when I lived in the east bay

Well said. Nations is a true institution. ■■■Any time I leave town for an extended period of time, this is the f

Nation's! Growing up in Fremont, this was the high school hangout.

Nations ♥■■■Never had mayo on a burger before and it's a game changer. We used to get wasted and go

1/4 pounder burger is the burger of the bay

nations over everybody

Nations is upgrading their restaurant in Concord on Clayton Road. They must be doing ok!

I love nations for nostalgic reasons but I'm curious what everyone else sees in them

i just wish the servings of fries were bigger

Super Duper is better than all of these

Nations is sooooo mid

Why no one ever mentions Habit

Everyone likes what they like but every burger I've had from Nations is extremely underwhelming■■■I've tri

That spicy bbq sauce is soo good.

I'm sorry but I don't think Kinders is "top notch"■■■It's a really good chain tho

The only good thing at kinders is the ball tip (which is very good) and maybe the hot links if they aren't drie

I love their BBQ beef sandwich, especially when you can get the JOG sauce on the side. ■■■I tried the Bal

Disagree- politely. I think Kinders is freakin disgusting. If they didn't call themselves a BBQ place, I wouldn

I get so much hate from everyone around here for preferring chain pizza, but I refuse to pay twice as much

Lived off of their large pepperoni and crazy bread in the early 2000s while working full time and doing to co

I have to admit.... I've always liked Costco pizza. Thick, chewy crust, nice sauce, not too much cheese. B

My fat ass always gets the cheese stuffed crust. ■

Domino's is so much better though. Large 5-topping for \$12.99 with their coupon? Fuck yeah. Pineapple, p

Nothing like fake cheese on cardboard.

It's HOT and it's READY

Finally an answer that's true to the original question. I'm checking the ratings of other restaurants posted h

I love their crazy bread and hot wings. Instead of marinara, I dip the crazy bread in the hot wing sauce. So

Can also ask them to add red onions. So sexy

Try out local pizza places... I recommend Premiere Pizza in Santa Clara and Bossman Pizza in south San

Absolutely agree. Although I've only been to the Oakland location. Love that place

Yes

Randomly walked in here while spending the day in Alameda and it was so good!

But it's closed forever

Heads and shoulder above Turtle Tower

I've been to Las Pencas 2 in San Mateo. It was ok, nothing special and my gf got food poisoning.

Hella good, pretty fucking expensive though.

Love the tsukemen, but that one weird waiter really bugs me...

Looks great. Have you tried shwarmajii?

the tahina fries are simultaneously the greatest and worst things to happen to the culinary scene

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MJ sushi is amazing! Went earlier today again and you cannot beat the prices and quality. \$12 for two mas

You should try Sumac... much better than Falafel Tazah

Hell no on Falafel Midzah

Mazra in San Bruno also great I absolutely adore Tazah as well

tinderella got the clams over noodles. ■■■i finished eating. went to the restroom. come back. i'm like.....die

Decent bloody mary too, IIRC.

um we just get google lol

What's good there?

Gott's is a chain. There's one that's part of the Chase Center here in San Francisco.

It's in Palo Alto and lots of other places

A+ Burger in Oakland makes a great impossible burger if you're in the east bay.

you don't go to gotts for the burger, you go for the chicken schnitzel which is absolute fire

Also in Walnut Creek

Gotts is hands down the worst and most overpriced hamburger I've yet to find basically anywhere.

There are better options if you're in North Bay. I just tried Acme Burger recently and it's way better than Gott's.

Nice. Does anyone know if their Turkey Burger is any good? Or better off getting the Impossible or Veggie burger?

I live walking distance and I've been meaning to check it out. Anything in particular you'd recommend?

They used to have an amazing fried chicken sandwich but they recently changed it for the worse unfortunately.

The one in Newark is closed permanently

They also have a great happy hour. \$4 craft beer is unheard of these days. They also have a points system.

They also have a sit down in Redwood City, great molé.

I once found inner peace with a chalupa, staring at the sun go down over the blue pacific.

California Breakfast Crunchwrap is the most underrated item ever, I don't know why they don't even show it on the menu.

Only the one in Pacifica. Taco Bell sucks.

Chevy's.

Mid

Love their Samosa!

Haven't had good experiences with The one here in Sonoma. What do they do well so I know for next time?

Eataly is underrated? It's a famous chain. Great food.

Bad in food and horrible in service

True burger

Marufuku Ramen is good! They have the best packaging for take-out ramen. It keeps the noodles in the broth.

I order from there and it is delicious! Hard to find good pizza on the Peninsula. That said, a Round Table

Holy hell, yes!

Unless I'm mistaken I don't think State of Mind Slice House in PA has any relationship to Slice House by The

Really? I'm from Texas and you can't find bbq that cheap, unless it's absolute shit.

I've seen that place all the time whenever I get gas at Costco. Def will try some soon

Their dark broth skews strongly towards salty/vinegary, which I personally loooooove in my adobo. And that's

Rickshaw Corner baby!!!!

There's a Rickshaw in Pinole too. I live in Concord but head out to Richmond for therapy. I lightweight look

Oh yeah, i love their portions, have it for lunch & diner!

Yes it still exists! Right at the corner of El Camino and Castro next to Mr. Sun

Never knew about a mt view location. Similar name but not sure if affiliated in Cupertino but didn't like that.
Rickshaw Corner on Edgewater in Foster City

Pupusas*

Im a fan of the laney college swap meet stand, but im pretty much my username soo grain if salt.

It's at the Mitote Food Park. I should have mentioned that. ■■■<https://maps.app.goo.gl/GvzpkGZZw47kpvm>

For people outside the immediate Berkeley/Oakland area, I'd say they're relatively unknown

I agree fully, though I haven't tried them in the new location. Their portion sizes shrunk and the flavors were

besides the obligatory "dont leave anything in the car or visible", i've been there at least half a dozen times

Well, you can't because it's max two plates now. Extras are another \$10. Just had lunch there and it's \$19

Now there's a Bentley SUV parked out front...

Glutinous Rice W/ Pork In Bamboo

San Leandro too

Sureeee does. I try and go a few times per year.

They have good beers on tap as well

And always busy when I pass by after 6:00 p.m. I need to stop and have dinner before they disappear like

Yep. I always try and go the day before thanksgiving and Dec 23rd/24th. Seems like the right time.■■■St. F

I am actually having one right now. Your cocktail criticism seems fair. It was happy hour price of 6 bucks so

I would totally believe that tbh.

[This one in Jack London.](<https://www.yelp.com/biz/bens-oakland-2>) Like they said, it's not a place worth

Been a fan since day 1. Never had afghan food before this opened and it's pretty damn good. Family run a

Ooooo I have not, but I will!

YESSSSSSSS. I was worried no one else knew about or cared about good Kao Soi.■■■I hope it doesn't dis

I personally like Dusita on El Camino for Khao Soi. The restaurant in general tastes a bit more authentic to

Menlo Park location closed, but there's still the other ones.

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I've been to Ramen Shu once and I did like it, but Tadamasa's crispy pork belly has me hooked.

Been going 10+ years now and never had any issues

My husband has issues with oily and fried food if he has a beer with it, but he's okay if he sticks to soda.

I'll join you in that fight. It's the perfect size too, not too big or small. And if you wanna make it yourself they

■■■I feel you.

I don't think they're related, the el cerrito one's website doesn't mention the fremont restaurant. also the on

No but they do own Pyeong Chang Tofu House in oakland. Also great and underrated.

oh yeah, I'll do a rolls royce and a maverick and do 1 half of each then think "well, surely I can get through

Last time I went to Sinaloa the tacos were so salty and fatty. It happened 2x and it made me sad. I hope I j

Is that the one right off the freeway?

Rico Rico is phenomenal. Al pastor on the spit with the salsa is life changing.

TACOS EL AUTLENSE

■■■ yes ■■

man, this place sucked. Flies everywhere in the restaurant, chicken was extremely hard and chewy. Chips I honestly don't know. I get their food to go or eat it in their courtyard.

Don't believe so, family owned Sichuan place.

3 egg. Half sausage half bacon. Over medium.

The prices at Shake Shack are truly wild for what you're getting.■■■I do dig their breakfast sandwiches tho. Never been to Nations, but you nailed the other three.

They just added a breakfast burrito which is basically a giant breakfast in a tortilla. It's pretty good.

They use Miracle Whip if you want to duplicate at home.

Yeah, the one in Hayward is still fire.

Imao no, super duper is almost 3X as expensive and the quality is basically the same, but with worse fries.

Super Duper is no good imo

Yeah I can't believe how expensive pizza is around here and a lot of the local places are not that great. ■■■

Not sure about only 10% better. Little Ceasars is good for what it is but it's not a good pizza.

I like regional chains. Round Table is my favorite and Mountain Mike's is a close second. Unless there is for real. you can't even buy frozen pizza at the grocery store for under \$10 anymore. ridiculous.

I went to a party and they really elevated the Costco pizza. When the cheese pizza is hot, put a few slices

Yeah but it's not overrated. It's perfectly rated as a good value

Agree - big Domino's fan. The 2 for 6.99 is also a sweet deal - easily 5 meals for ~\$14. I had Little Caesar

When I was in college in LA the local Dominos franchise would often send their delivery guy to our Frat with lol

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Right? The pizza slice is like a wet rag. But you do get what you pay for.

Funny you mention Bossman - we do love their pizza, but they actually contributed to my appreciation of L

The Oakland location is an institution and an absolute gem!

Hope you liked it. I have a lot of good memories attached to that place since they were in Oakland china town

WAIT WHAT!!! oh noooo i feel like i didn't go THAT long ago RIP i loved it

Damn forreal? I honestly feel like you may have visited on a bad day or something. I been there dozens of

Full disclosure, I'm the chef (for the past two years). It isn't cheap, agreed. But my promise is I buy the bes

Went for lunch today, incredible! I'm mad at myself for waiting so long to try it.

well then I'll be trying it

I've had both. Sumac doesn't have as much meat flavor or as much veggie flavor variety.

> Mazra in San Bruno ■■■The roast cauliflower from Mazra is soooooo good. We had it at a work thing and

I've never tried one. They are the only ones to make a decent French Toast and their biscuits and gravy is

Vegan burritos are noteworthy. No fake meat and have a mix of lots of fresh vegetables in them.

I really like their Fish Tortas, but their burritos are great too

And at the Ferry Building

It's overpriced but it's a good burger. Fight me■■■What do you like and don't say super duper

Their cornbread and mac n cheese are good. I usually get the country fried steak and gravy or shrimp poe

Noooooooooooo

Their lunch menu is a \$10 meal - big sandwich with quality, smoked meat and fries

Is it still around? They've all closed in the South Bay. I worked there in college.. getting people to do tequila

Mtn View is Castro @ El Camino, but on the opposite side of ECR from the rest of Castro stuff. Looks like

Is that the thing next to Farolito in front of the old bowling ally?

I am hitting the gym now to get my smashing hand ready for the bowl.

That's the one! Soooooo tasty. ■

I see, thank you!

I know exactly what you mean! They way you described it tells me everything I need to know! I'm so excited

I've gotta check them out!

There are so many better taquerias in South City than that specific El Farolito.

When it's too hot to cook or I'm just lazy, we go straight to Chavez for the grilled chicken, rice, beans and s

I still need to get out to Breakwater — good tip on the burger! Maybe this will be the weekend ■

What meat did u get? I can attest that their carne asada taste like shit and is always bad. Please try the Su

To add on to the first comment, the places that mince their carne asada put in the worst cuts of meat which

It's right off 880 on Decoto. On the east side. Easily googlable. Ate there yesterday after writing this. Can c

I heard that they're the same people from El Gordo on high Street. That would explain why the salsa is ide

Makes sense. I know TD has a restaurant called wild ginger in Seattle and wondered if they were related

Shake Shack's prices are insane, but the food quality is solid. It's one of those, if you're feeling it once in a

Bro stfu ■■

It's not cheap exactly, but the slices are big enough that 1 slice is plenty for lunch, and where else are you

If you're in San Leandro I also recommend Blue Bird. I prefer it slightly to slice house and about the same

I guess I meant more Pizza Hut and Papa Johns, which frequently have 2 mediums for \$25 deals, with the

Mountain Mike's full price would make me rethink it. But I've only ever gotten it on their carryout deal days.

Round Table got the large Hawaiian for \$24. Bussin!

As a transplanted from the East coast, I think Bronco Billy's is my favorite. I wish they had some locations on

I've never seen arugula in a Costco (SF, Colma, Airport, Richmond). Where have you seen it?

Sounds like me an kegs back in my day. I would buy a keg or two for parties and sell party cups at \$5/per,

What does Domino's have to do with Little Sleazer's?

Dayum, \$70 for A pizza? That's ridiculous.

No diss meant, my man. The food is **fantastic**. I fully encourage folks who can swing the bill to give it a

I tend to judge breakfast places by their Joe's Special, their pancakes, and their Bloody Mary. Lou's is one

And the airport

SD isn't my favorite, but it's far better than the shit Gotts sells for \$19. Brodericks is solid, and if I'm going c

Best place in that area might be Taco Bell cantina though lol

Emeryville is going strong

Union City has one, and it's quite good. Super packed. Better carnitas than most tacquerias, to be honest.

SSF still going too

Taqueria El Favorito, yes.

Makes me laugh when you see rookies there using a single bowl.

The points program for Round Table is great. Not Sure if Mountain Mike's does similar.

Good question. I haven't seen it too. I guess you buy the arugula from Safeway/ TJs .

No diss taken, promise. Sorry if I came off defensive, didn't mean to. I'm just super stoked on the whole gr

Joe's Special?

And downtown Walnut Creek

I'm not sure if you are caught up in the poor value. If someone was like "hey free gotts burger" would you

Dominico's is amazing too!

Got it.■■■I think Favorito went back to the Farolito branding.

Always noodles in one bowl and meat/veggies in another. Learnt this from my kids basketball teammates.

Or I guess you could get the spring mix and pull the arugula and arugula-adjacent stuff for the pizza and s

Type of scramble. Has hamburger, spinach, and onions in it along with eggs and cheese.

I literally threw away the last one I had after 2 bites, and I never waste food.

Don't waste your time or money with a Mike's Mess at Zachary's restaurant in Santa Cruz. It was hyped up

I was pretty taken aback by how good Slice House is for a local chain. Probably my favorite NY style slice

The South Smokin Barbecue in Hayward is some of the best BBQ around and has some of the most afford

De Afghan Kabob Fremont

The Pantry in San Mateo is a Filipino hidden gem disguised as an American diner, complete with a lola ha

Back a Yard has great Caribbean food

Rose Market in Saratoga. I love their saffron rice and beef kabob. Price wise, I don't think it can be beat a

Shanghai Noodle House in Fremont. The Pork w. Green Onion Dry Noodles are such an umami bomb. Th

If you're ever up in Santa Rosa, check out the Mitote Food Trucks. Great atmosphere and it also has a full

Cafe Colucci, Oakland

Mazra in San Bruno

Su's Mongolian BBQ in Santa Clara

If you're in San Carlos and craving Mediterranean food, Jood is incredible. The family that runs it is incredi

Falafel Stop in Sunnyvale (Jerusalem Chicken). XLB Kitchen in Cupertino (best XLB in the South Bay). Kiz

Harry's Hoffbrau. RIP Saratoga ave

The food at Icon Showplce in Mountain View is shockingly good for being a movie theatre.

A lot of the restaurants in the Pacific East Mall in Richmond. Specific shout out to the Hong Kong Cafe.
In Oakland, Ben's in the warehouse district and Fresh and Best Cafe 2 on Alice.■■■I'm not going to say the
ghazni afghan kabobs in hayward
cuisine of nepal on mission st
Enssaro Ethiopian in Oakland is fantastic and should be considered one of the best restaurants in the bay
The Kao Soi (aka Chang Mai noodle) at Chai Thai in Oakland. ■■■Spicy chicken curry + pickled mustard g
Seoul Kitchen in Redwood City: almost a hole in a wall, a shitload of delicious Korean food for like \$15.■■■
Everest kitchen in Albany
Himalayan Kitchen and Lotus Cuisine are underappreciated and great Indian/Nepalese options in San Raf
Taco Trucks. Totally underappreciated.■■■Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco
The Basque club in south San Francisco. Food is good and inexpensive. Ambience is— fine.
San Wang in SF Japan Town. When I'm craving San Tung's dried fried chicken but don't want to wait in lin
Tadamasa Ramen in Union City!
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Food counters at Mexican stores (esp Chavez in RWC). Premade curries for \$4 at India Cash and Carry in
Kirk's Steak Burger
Volcano curry in sf
veggie lee
Falfelle in Belmont- literally a hole in the wall on a sidewalk but everything is so delicious and healthy and f
gangnam tofu in el cerrito is the best soondubu jigae I've had. I thought it was significantly better than SGD
Garaje on 3rd St SF. ■■■Best bar food in the Bay. Burgers, chicken sandwich, Zapatos. All of it.
Any good tacos in east bay?
There's a fantastic Italian restaurant in willow Glenn area called "Milan". It's not near the main area of willow
Mills hoagie Oakland
Babushka's in Walnut Creek!
Wild Ginger in Alameda
Everyone loves In and Out, Five Guys and Shake Shack, but I prefer Nations over all of them.
KINDERS in the east bay their sandwiches are top notch and they cut the meat right then and there! It's al
Little Caesar's. I've heard people talk down to it, but spending \$7 for a delicious large pizza is such a welco
Phnom Penh House in Alameda.■■■<http://phnompenhhouse.com/index.html>
ananda fuara
Thai Nghiep Ky Mi Gia on Noriega
As someone who has been to literally hundreds of different taquerias, Taqueria Las Pencas in South SF a
For ice cream: Koolfi Creamery in San Leandro!!
Bull valley roadhouse in port costa. Best believe
Shugetsu in San Mateo. Amazing dipping ramen and you can pick your noodles portion without extra cost.

Tommy's Joynt

Teriyaki dude in San Jose

Tahina on Alameda is some of the best food in The Bay not factoring in price. If you factor in price (it's cheap)

Sing Sing sandwich shop. Best bánh mì I've found. One of my least favorite blocks in SF though.

Walia Ethiopian in San Jose near Santana Row. Great food and owned by the nicest family.

Turo Cafe, in SF. Delicious, affordable Filipino food.

Champa garden in Oakland not unknown, but seriously slamming!

MJ sushi ■Datang kitchen ■Tangs Haus ■Sultan's Kebab ■Love Burn

Healdsburg in... Healdsburg. Great burgers and fries, great beers on tap for cheap, tons of veggie burgers

Vien Huong in Oakland

Rico's tacos San Jose, best tacos on the planet

Falafel Tazah in Redwood Shores, their combination plate is so good. Also, Yiassoo in Cupertino! I dream

Indian food.. Himalayan Kitchen Mountain View...

Costco

Fish. in Sausalito

Lou's Takeaway in San Rafael.

Lou's Coffeeshop in Los Gatos. Large portions, deliciously prepared.

Yo Yo's■■■Udon and soba noodle soups are so delicious! And affordable!

Esin in Danville

There's a lot of new-school Korean places like bb.q and Daeho popping up that don't seem to get the attention

Ravioli House San Mateo. When I used to work up there, hit that place up a couple times a week.

the Basque Cultural Centre in South San Francisco, if you have never had Basque food, you haven't lived

There is the amazing falafel shop on Kitterage in Berkeley. <https://www.google.com/search?q=falafles%20>

El Metate on Bryant St in the Mission.

Oakland■■■Pho au sen for bun Bo hue ■■■Pho king by the lake for viet grilled meats

Stay Gold Deli somehow has both the best Texas style ribs/brisket and the best Italian sub in Oakland. En

Napa has Gott's where i can get an impossible burger 8+ different ways.

Hard Knox Cafe in the Richmond

Holyland Restaurant and Catering on Aldo in Santa Clara. Yum!

Gateway Kitchen/Superstar.

Vung Tau in Newark. Not the one in Milpitas

I really like Sal's Burgers in San Mateo... best burger spot imo

Sun-Ly

In Fremont, Cafe Gyro.

!RemindMe 90 days

Mayan Kitchen in downtown Sunnyvale. It's usually fairly empty when I've been there, but the food is good

green lotus san jose

Hazy BBQ in Danville. Very affordable and fuckin delish

Sarah's Latin Taste in San Carlos. It's a food truck off Old County Road and the chicken milanese on Acm

Hong Kong BBQ in Castro Valley. Their ducks are on fire. A rice plate with duck & veggie for 15 is hard to

Los carnalitos in Hayward...they also have a food truck in rwc■- quesadilla de chicharrón prensado is my

Jack's Prime in San Mateo. Can't beat the Wine Country burger with fried pickles!

Fortune Star in San Mateo for their crispy eggplant and the fried chicken wings. They're both covered in th

TacoBells: Four very tasty Tacos/Burritos for ~\$10. That is two-meals for anyone trying to save money.

Yamo in SF. Sometimes I just need to sit down at a counter and have a quick bowl of Burmese stir fry noo

sshhhhh...don't blow up the spot

New York Pizza & Pasta pleasant hill. The best pizza.

Larkey Market in Walnut Creek. Great sandwiches, good snacks, nice staff.

Chains tend to get a lot of hate around here, but IMO many are pretty decent for their price points.

I'm not telling you, you'll fill up all of the tables

Digger's Diner in Concord/Brentwood. Although I havent been there since the Obama administration and th

[Falafel Tazah](<https://falafeltazah.com/>). I wouldn't mind drowning in a tub of their baba ganoush.

Sumac Mediterranean cuisine in Belmont

Definitely saving this post!

Bhimavaram Ruchulu - super legit South Indian in Fremont

Apna Bazar Sunnyvale has delicious Indian food. Their aloo curry with roti is my go to, and they're open 24

Crouching tiger in rwc

Black bear diner

Arbys.

EATALY is now the best in the bay. I also like Venus Cafe.

Your mom's.

Frank Grizzlys. They had a pop up inside anchor brewery and after that closed down, they opened their ov

Halal Gyro has some really cheap and great kebabs but not consistent. The kebab shop is great too and y

Aaha on 16th has fabulous dosas and Mongolian cauliflower

Big Ts Seafood Market! Gotta go during happy hour though. I think its from 6-9. They got oysters and all th

Dizi sangi near downtown San jose. Delicious persian restaurant

La Fritanguera in Concord is amazing

Gabriel and Daniel's Mexican food in Burlingame, Dash Japanese Tapas (especially the omakase nigri) in

AYCE - Vishnuji ki Rasoi in Sunnyvale

Odin is a highly underrated Mexican restaurant and mezcalaria. Go for their happy hour and you'll be hook

Taqueria La Laguna on 3rd St just south of Evans (SF) has the best al pastor I've ever had

Carmen's bbq in Hayward

Los Gatos cafe! Their breakfast potatoes are insane

Rainbow pizza in San Mateo. Pizza is good but the Greek food is better.

Rainbow Pizza in San Mateo - pizza, good portion size on pastas.■■■Ritha Indian Restaurant in Foster City

Rojos Wraps in Saratoga. They are definitely burritos and not wraps. Absolutely delicious.

!remindme 30days

Urban momo in SJ, tandoori chicken is life changing

Devine Cheese & Wine in Downtown San José. Every time I talk about it, no one seems to have gone. You

Oakland:■■■True burger. Get the true Deluxe.■■■Rio California (weekday lunch only) - Brazilian food. The

Darda Seafood in Milpitas. Don't sleep on the sesame bread and knife cut noodles

Pasta Market and Los Portales in Mountain View

Sicilia in Bocca, Morgan Hill■■■Dia de Pesca, San Jose■■■Tokie's, San Mateo

El Caminito #2 off 13th st in san jo.

Oghani. all you can eat Korean bbq. Oakland on Broadway.

Afghan Cuisine in Concord. I drive out there just to have an excuse to eat there often.

Mama Ji's in the Castro. ■■■Spicy Szechwan + Belgian Beers == match made in heaven

Dolce Spazio in Los Gatos has the best gelato I've ever had, and I've been to Italy multiple times.

[Moya](<https://yelp.to/LPMI0tfK9Y>) on 9th St in SOMA. Used to work down the street and I loved coming h

La Casita Chillanga in Redwood City. Hands down THE best tortas in the bay

Vien Huong on Franklin near 7th st in Oakland China town

Sparky's Giant Burgers in Oakland

halal wings plus in the TL. top 4 wings in the city, lovely burgers and wavy fries. ■■■In addition, udupi resta

Fish's Wild. Their mahi-mahi is good and katsu is pretty decent.

giovannis pizza in sunnyvale has the best square slice here, better than homage imo

I moved away years ago but I still miss Rico's Tacos in Campbell

Abhiruchi in Sunnyvale - delicious and almost homemade type vegetarian Indian food

Ramen Hajime in Santa Clara. I've tried almost all the ramen spots in the bay and its my favorite. The chef

I haven't been in the Bay long enough to know what's overrated, but here are my faves:■■■TastyPot, Ohga

Grégoire's in Berkeley

Caribblue Redwood City

The in n out in Oakland where you might get robbed or get a burger

Juanita and Maude in Albany.

Super Duper burger - No idea how they make such a juicy burger but I love it w/ the garlic fries. ■■■Classi

Rene Rose Island Cuisine in Sunnyvale is the best Filipino fast food in the South Bay

It's pretty highly rated but ebiko in oakland - take out sushi but quality is top notch and prices are good too

There's a slight fine dining place in Hayward on B St.(right next to the bart) but it's on the bottom floor of a

Ming's Tasty in Oakland Chinatown. Often lines out the door so not sure I'd call it underrated, but seems t

Love them all...Slice House, Tony's, Pizza Rock, All by Tony Gemignani They don't call him the king of pizza
I frequent the one in Belmont, so damn good
I'm loving the Detroit style craze right now, we've ordered from them twice this month.
Slice house is fucking solid
Agree mostly but think their Detroit pizza is even better.
I love the one in the old Taco Bell in Palo Alto. There's a new one in Redwood City at Marsh Manor, they do
Go to Tony's in North Beach it's the OG
I actually dislike Slice House. But that's my own personal taste in pizza. Marley G's is pretty good tho.
Whatever that pizza they have with the fresh ricotta and hot drizzle with the spicy pep... so good
I've been there and it's good but far from affordable BBQ.■■■It's very expensive■■■On Fridays near the Co
Tim is fucking GOATED. Such a nice dude too.
Their Mantu is delicious
Love the hole in the wall grill spot. Prices are insane now tho.
Gotta try this out! Used to work at Tapsilog in Campbell
That's crazy, I pass it all the time...totally thought it was just a crappy diner. Thanks for the tip!
Better hope your Tita isn't on Reddit! :p
Didn't realize they have Filipino food there. Should give it a try.
will definitely give it a try. this must really be a truly hidden gem as none of my friends have ever mentioned
Omg! I love their chicken adobo too! I don't know what makes it better than others I've had, but it is.
+1 I fell in love with chicken adobo here!
I love their silogs!! Longanisa and tocino! Yum ■
I love Back A Yard.
Not only is it great food, the portions are quite generous for the price. Love me some Back A Yard jerk chicken
Great for my belly, not great for my toilet.
They have a sister Restaurant in Palo Alto called Coconuts...really good.
Legit unbelievable how good it is. Favourite takeaway place!
Oh yeah! My go to during the pandemic ■
If you like back a yard I'd give Island Taste in downtown San José a shot. They are amazing and in my opinion
Hate how this place ruined flavas for me.
So spicy. So good
Rickshaw is hands down the best!!!
When I was broke in between jobs Rickshaw was my happy place. Such good eats for so cheap!
Wow I'm so surprised to see Rickshaw on the top comment. In high school my friends and I used to cut out
Don't know if the Rose Market location in Mtn View still exists but they were pretty good too, at least ten years ago
Nice
I haven't been to Rickshaw in years since I moved from FC but still close by. I'm glad it's still there. Makes

Holy shit. Been a decade+ since I've been so great to here they still absolutely THROWIN down at Rickshaw. The staff at Rickshaw got mad at me for trying to order in Canto Imao fine. English it is. I haven't been there since before COVID. Memory unlocked. I know what we're getting for dinner tomorrow. Are we talking about Rickshaw Express? They used to have one in Hayward off of Jackson. Way better than. If you like Shanghai Noodle House you should give Shanghai flavor in Fremont a try. We always order from [deleted]

Please don't let TikTokers blow this place up...coming from LA. This place is LEGIT.

Where are they usually at?

Damn I took a long ass trip to Santa Rosa last week and my family was hungry. Could have used this advice.

Are they under-rated though? I've viewed them as the best Ethiopian around.

Sooooooooooooooooo holy shit

They're excellent! Also Cafe Eritrea D'Afrique is damn great too.

They're not as good as pre-COVID. Prefer Bar Cote if you're around the Oakland-Berkeley border.

I would like to go here but I'm worried about my car being broken into.

Their hummus is so spectacular that it has ruined all other hummus for me. And with that bread they have.

I've eaten a lot of shawarmas, and I think theirs is the best in the bay.

Not underrated though, the place is always thronged and easily the most popular restaurant in San Bruno.

It's great, but their prices have skyrocketed since the old days. I just want to go there and have one plate, I

What are prices nowadays? My friends and I all thought it was a front-back when it was all you can eat for

Back in the day, some old high school friends and I would haul \$\$\$ down either to them or El Camino Motel.

The ice cream cone is a cherry on top! Love Su's! My fraternity brothers and I would frequent there once

Dude that chicken

> The family that runs it is incredibly friendly and the food is always so satisfying. I didn't realize the family

Also: Pylos for Greek food is really good.

YES!!! We love Jood! I always recommend this place to friends. It is one of our go-to spots.

Last time I was at Falafel Stop I was a bit disappointed, hope it was just a blip.

Love XLB Kitchen! The soup dumplings are fire but they have this pork dish they serve in bamboo that's su

XLB kitchen is also my go-to after Shanghai dumpling rebranded a couple times. Joy dumpling isn't the same

dim sum king <3 mammoth portions for the price, too!

Redwood City one still exists...

Good call. It's been years but I think I might have to pay them a visit soon.

It just makes me miss Brennan's

Miss that place

Don't know about food there but their cocktails are awful pre-mix junk

The Icon Showplace theater food in all of the ones in the bay area is pretty decent

I work near Ben's and was excited to try it. I got chicken chow menu for lunch, and it made me sick unfortunately.

Are you talking about Ben's on 3rd across from Oakland Grill? Always thought that place was part of one of the best spots in the city.

Wow I never expected someone to mention Fresh and Best Cafe 2. I am a regular there and the place is just what I need.

Are you talking about Ben's Fast Food or something else?

Fresh and best 2 is the GOAT. Salad and juice for like \$20.

Omg yes Fresh and Best 2 for banh mi, spring rolls and Vietnamese iced coffee!!

Fresh & Best 2 is such a great spot for breakfast in the neighborhood. The banh mi is great. I also love the coffee.

yes! Super tasty!

They are really great. Oh man, now I need that strong ginger daal!!

The traditional lamb curry is so good.

Thanks for the rec, that's right by me.

Have you ever tried their pork leg stew (ka moo)? Super tender and fatty braised pork in a tasty broth with potatoes.

I have made it a goal in my life to find GOOD Kao Soi in the bay and you sound like you know good Kao Soi.

+1 for Zareen's and Nursel. Refuge is great for their beer (tons of Belgians), but their sandwiches are a little bit off.

Love Zareen's! We go to Refuge mainly for their draught beers.

Didn't the Refuge close? Or at least the one in Menlo Park?

Basque Cultural Center - Rack of Lamb is SO good

And El Farolito is across the street from there!

> Basque Cultural Center Are you my father? My dad loves that place and I have no idea how he discovered it.

Seconded. Their Mongolian beef, fried chicken, clams and of course the noodles (black bean noodles and chicken).

Such a great spot! Their Tan Tan Ramen is amazing.

Try Ramen Shu a block down the road

I love them but I always get violently sick after. It's so weird. Maybe the oil gets me?

one of the best and oldest ramen spots in the bay!

Himawari in San Mateo is my favorite for tan tan ramen

>clean pho Giving me Fight Club vibes.

So stoked to see them represented on this list! I wish I still lived only a few blocks away

I second this! Soo so good! My fav is the kung pao "chicken".

Chavez market is as good or better than anything the mission has to offer and I'll fight anyone who disagrees.

Seconding that Chavez market!!

> just don't look into the kitchen too much Please elaborate lol

I've been to one Chavez market, not redwood city, for the Mexican food, it tasted very basic and not that good.

Man, that makes me miss Clarke's Charcoal Broiler in Mt. View. Was my favorite spot for burgers.

That place used to be a go to, treat yourself spot for me in high school after a big game or practice. Such good food.

So damn good.

IMO, best burgers in the Bay Area (and i've lived here my whole life). Every time i've been to Kirk's, the burgers are good.

Big up volcano curry. Would go there all the time with friends when I went to CCSF

Would sometimes make the trip just for it

Don't sleep on their fried chicken! Any of the sauces are great, but our personal favorites are the Gangnam
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Seconding this. I still think about their burgers.

The Zapatos are so tricky. They look so smol and compact that I sometimes think I can eat two of them. I a

Long been intrigued by the reviews but only ever around there for a Giants game, seems like — is it jamme

If you're willing to come out here, La Grana or Sinaloa in Oakland

Ophelias taco truck in Fremont. On Decoto. Best carnitas ever.

Concord

TACOS EL AUTLENSE Truck next to Hotsy Totsy bar. Al Pastor is fire. Owned by the uncle of the owner o

Rico rico is solid.■■■Edit: Said with understatement.

The taco truck outside Hotsy Totsy in Albany is bomb

El ultimo baile

El Taquito in Hayward off Mission Blvd.

northern east bay, two spots:■■1) the taco truck outside of the hotsy tots in albania■■2) el garage in richmo

If you're near Albany/Berkeley, I like Cactus Taqueria on Solano Ave. a lot!

El Chaparrito

Taco truck outside the planet fitness in the Laurel District. If you know, you know.

Lots of the places mentioned are good. ■■■El paisa is top notch in terms of meats. Not the best salsa sele

Maya taqueria in Point Richmond

Tucan Tacos is legit.

La parrilla loca or tacos mi Reynita. Both make excellent TJ style tacos

check out the yt channel did you eat yet. ■■■he has a couple of taco tours in oak

I just tried El Paisa in Oakland and it was some of the best tacos I've had since I left LA. The suadero was

El Gordo in San Lorenzo on Hesperian or their truck on Int'l and High St in Oakland(opens in the evening,

Good one! Throw in some loards ice cream next door and you'll be in cardiac arrest by dinner time.

Deep cut

Is the restaurant still there? The last time I passed by a few months ago, I saw the storefront but didn't see

are they a restaurant again or are they still only doing takeaway?

Tom Douglas restaurant?

Nation's is great, just make sure to tell them "light mayo" and "no lettuce" or you'll end up with all the filling

In N Out - Is it the "best burger" I've ever had, nope. But the quality of the food and service is much better

Omggg nations breakfast was so bomb when I lived in the east bay

Well said. Nations is a true institution. ■■■Any time I leave town for an extended period of time, this is the f

Nation's! Growing up in Fremont, this was the high school hangout.

Nations ♥■■■Never had mayo on a burger before and it's a game changer. We used to get wasted and go

1/4 pounder burger is the burger of the bay
nations over everybody

Nations is upgrading their restaurant in Concord on Clayton Road. They must be doing ok!

I love nations for nostalgic reasons but I'm curious what everyone else sees in them

i just wish the servings of fries were bigger

Super Duper is better than all of these

Nations is sooooo mid

Why no one ever mentions Habit

Everyone likes what they like but every burger I've had from Nations is extremely underwhelming■■■I've tri

That spicy bbq sauce is soo good.

I'm sorry but I don't think Kinders is "top notch"■■■It's a really good chain tho

The only good thing at kinders is the ball tip (which is very good) and maybe the hot links if they aren't drie

I love their BBQ beef sandwich, especially when you can get the JOG sauce on the side. ■■■I tried the Bal

Disagree- politely. I think Kinders is freakin disgusting. If they didn't call themselves a BBQ place, I wouldn

I get so much hate from everyone around here for preferring chain pizza, but I refuse to pay twice as much

Lived off of their large pepperoni and crazy bread in the early 2000s while working full time and doing to co

I have to admit.... I've always liked Costco pizza. Thick, chewy crust, nice sauce, not too much cheese. B

My fat ass always gets the cheese stuffed crust. ■

Domino's is so much better though. Large 5-topping for \$12.99 with their coupon? Fuck yeah. Pineapple, p

Nothing like fake cheese on cardboard.

It's HOT and it's READY

Finally an answer that's true to the original question. I'm checking the ratings of other restaurants posted h

I love their crazy bread and hot wings. Instead of marinara, I dip the crazy bread in the hot wing sauce. So

Can also ask them to add red onions. So sexy

Try out local pizza places... I recommend Premiere Pizza in Santa Clara and Bossman Pizza in south San

Absolutely agree. Although I've only been to the Oakland location. Love that place

Yes

Randomly walked in here while spending the day in Alameda and it was so good!

But it's closed forever

Heads and shoulder above Turtle Tower

I've been to Las Pencas 2 in San Mateo. It was ok, nothing special and my gf got food poisoning.

Hella good, pretty fucking expensive though.

Love the tsukemen, but that one weird waiter really bugs me...

Looks great. Have you tried shwarmajii?

the tahina fries are simultaneously the greatest and worst things to happen to the culinary scene

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MJ sushi is amazing! Went earlier today again and you cannot beat the prices and quality. \$12 for two mas

You should try Sumac... much better than Falafel Tazah

Hell no on Falafel Midzah

Mazra in San Bruno also great I absolutely adore Tazah as well

tinderella got the clams over noodles. ■■■i finished eating. went to the restroom. come back. i'm like.....di

Decent bloody mary too, IIRC.

um we just get google lol

What's good there?

Gott's is a chain. There's one that's part of the Chase Center here in San Francisco.

It's in Palo Alto and lots of other places

A+ Burger in Oakland makes a great impossible burger if you're in the east bay.

you don't go to gotts for the burger, you go for the chicken schnitzel which is absolute fire

Also in Walnut Creek

Gotts is hands down the worst and most overpriced hamburger I've yet to find basically anywhere.

There are better options if you're in North Bay. I just tried Acme Burger recently and it's way better than Go

Nice. Does anyone know if their Turkey Burger is any good? Or better off getting the Impossible or Veggie

I live walking distance and I've been meaning to check it out. Anything in particular you'd recommend?

They used to have an amazing fried chicken sandwich but they recently changed it for the worse unfortunat

The one in Newark is closed permanently

They also have a great happy hour. \$4 craft beer is unheard of these days. They also have a points system

They also have a sit down in Redwood City, great molé.

I once found inner piece with a chalupa, staring at the sun go down over the blue pacific.

California Breakfast Crunchwrap is the most underrated item ever, I don't know why they don't even show

Only the one in Pacifica. Taco Bell sucks.

Chevy's.

Mid

Love their Samosa!

Haven't had good experiences with The one here in Sonoma . What do they do well so I know for next time

Eataly is underrated? It's a famous chain. ■■■Great food.

Bad in food and horrible in service

True burger ■

Marufuku Ramen is good! ■■■They have the best packaging for take-out ramen. It keeps the noodles in the

I order from there and it is delicious! Hard to find good pizza on the Peninsula. That said, a Round Table

Holy hell, yes!

Unless I'm mistaken I don't think State of Mind Slice House in PA has any relationship to Slice House by T

Really? I'm from Texas and you can't find bbq that cheap, unless it's absolute shit.

I've seen that place all the time whenever I get gas at Costco. Def will try some soon

Their dark broth skews strongly towards salty/vinegary, which I personally loooooove in my adobo. And that Rickshaw Corner baby!!!!

There's a Rickshaw in Pinole too. I live in Concord but head out to Richmond for therapy. I lightweight look Oh yeah, i love their portions, have it for lunch & diner!

Yes it still exists! Right at the corner of El Camino and Castro next to Mr. Sun

Never knew about a mt view location. Similar name but not sure if affiliated in Cupertino but didn't like that Rickshaw Corner on Edgewater in Foster City

Pupusas*

Im a fan of the laney college swap meet stand, but im pretty much my username soo grain if salt.

It's at the Mitote Food Park. I should have mentioned that. ■■■<https://maps.app.goo.gl/GvzpKGZZw47kpvM>

For people outside the immediate Berkeley/Oakland area, I'd say they're relatively unknown

I agree fully, though I haven't tried them in the new location. Their portion sizes shrunk and the flavors were besides the obligatory "dont leave anything in the car or visible", i've been there at least half a dozen times

Well, you can't because it's max two plates now. Extras are another \$10. Just had lunch there and it's \$19

Now there's a Bentley SUV parked out front...

Glutinous Rice W/ Pork In Bamboo

San Leandro too

Sureeee does. I try and go a few times per year.

They have good beers on tap as well

And always busy when I pass by after 6:00 p.m. I need to stop and have dinner before they disappear like

Yep. I always try and go the day before thanksgiving and Dec 23rd/24th. Seems like the right time.■■■St. F

I am actually having one right now. Your cocktail criticism seems fair. It was happy hour price of 6 bucks so

I would totally believe that tbh.

[This one in Jack London.](<https://www.yelp.com/biz/bens-oakland-2>) Like they said, it's not a place worth

Been a fan since day 1. Never had afghan food before this opened and it's pretty damn good. Family run a

Ooooo I have not, but I will!

YESSSSSSSS. I was worried no one else knew about or cared about good Kao Soi.■■■I hope it doesn't dis

I personally like Dusita on El Camino for Khao Soi. The restaurant in general tastes a bit more authentic to

Menlo Park location closed, but there's still the other ones.

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I've been to Ramen Shu once and I did like it, but Tadamasa's crispy pork belly has me hooked.

Been going 10+ years now and never had any issues

My husband has issues with oily and fried food if he has a beer with it, but he's okay if he sticks to soda.

I'll join you in that fight. It's the perfect size too, not too big or small. And if you wanna make it yourself they

■■■I feel you.

I don't think they're related, the el cerrito one's website doesn't mention the fremont restaurant. also the one in
No but they do own Pyeong Chang Tofu House in oakland. Also great and underrated.
oh yeah, I'll do a rolls royce and a maverick and do 1 half of each then think "well, surely I can get through"
Last time I went to Sinaloa the tacos were so salty and fatty. It happened 2x and it made me sad. I hope I j
Is that the one right off the freeway?

Rico Rico is phenomenal. Al pastor on the spit with the salsa is life changing.

TACOS EL AUTLENSE

■■■■ yes ■■■

man, this place sucked. Flies everywhere in the restaurant, chicken was extremely hard and chewy. Chips
I honestly don't know. I get their food to go or eat it in their courtyard.

Don't believe so, family owned Sichuan place.

3 egger. Half sausage half bacon. Over medium.

The prices at Shake Shack are truly wild for what you're getting.■■■I do dig their breakfast sandwiches tho
Never been to Nations, but you nailed the other three.

They just added a breakfast burrito which is basically a giant breakfast in a tortilla. It's pretty good.

They use Miracle Whip if you want to duplicate at home.

Yeah, the one in Hayward is still fire.

Imao no, super duper is almost 3X as expensive and the quality is basically the same, but with worse fries.

Super Duper is no good imo

Yeah I can't believe how expensive pizza is around here and a lot of the local places are not that great. ■■■

Not sure about only 10% better. Little Ceasars is good for what it is but it's not a good pizza.

I like regional chains. Round Table is my favorite and Mountain Mike's is a close second. Unless there is
for real. you can't even buy frozen pizza at the grocery store for under \$10 anymore. ridiculous.

I went to a party and they really elevated the Costco pizza. When the cheese pizza is hot, put a few slices

Yeah but it's not overrated. It's perfectly rated as a good value

Agree - big Domino's fan. The 2 for 6.99 is also a sweet deal - easily 5 meals for ~\$14. I had Little Caesar

When I was in college in LA the local Dominos franchise would often send their delivery guy to our Frat with
lol

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Right? The pizza slice is like a wet rag. But you do get what you pay for.

Funny you mention Bossman - we do love their pizza, but they actually contributed to my appreciation of L

The Oakland location is an institution and an absolute gem!

Hope you liked it. I have lot of good memories attached to that place since they were in Oakland china town

WAIT WHAT!!! oh noooo i feel like i didn't go THAT long ago RIP i loved it

Damn forreal? I honestly feel like you may have visited on a bad day or something. I been there dozens of

Full disclosure, I'm the chef (for the past two years). It isn't cheap, agreed. But my promise is I buy the bes

Went for lunch today, incredible! I'm mad at myself for waiting so long to try it.

well then I'll be trying it

I've had both. Sumac doesn't have as much meat flavor or as much veggie flavor variety.

> Mazra in San Bruno ■■The roast cauliflower from Mazra is soooooo good. We had it at a work thing and

I've never tried one. They are the only ones to make a decent French Toast and their biscuits and gravy is

Vegan burritos are noteworthy. No fake meat and have a mix of lots of fresh vegetables in them.

I really like their Fish Tortas, but their burritos are great too

And at the Ferry Building

It's overpriced but it's a good burger. Fight me■■■What do you like and don't say super duper

Their cornbread and mac n cheese are good. I usually get the country fried steak and gravy or shrimp poe

Noooooooooooo

Their lunch menu is a \$10 meal - big sandwich with quality, smoked meat and fries

Is it still around? They've all closed in the South Bay. I worked there in college.. getting people to do tequila

Mtn View is Castro @ El Camino, but on the opposite side of ECR from the rest of Castro stuff. Looks like

Is that the thing next to Farolito in front of the old bowling ally?

I am hitting the gym now to get my smashing hand ready for the bowl.

That's the one! Soooooo tasty. ■

I see, thank you!

I know exactly what you mean! They way you described it tells me everything I need to know! I'm so excited

I've gotta check them out!

There are so many better taquerias in South City than that specific El Farolito.

When it's too hot to cook or I'm just lazy, we go straight to Chavez for the grilled chicken, rice, beans and s

I still need to get out to Breakwater — good tip on the burger! Maybe this will be the weekend ■

What meat did u get? I can attest that their carne asada taste like shit and is always bad. Please try the Su

To add on to the first comment, the places that mince their carne asada put in the worst cuts of meat which

It's right off 880 on Decoto. On the east side. Easily googlable. Ate there yesterday after writing this. Can c

I heard that they're the same people from El Gordo on high Street. That would explain why the salsa is ide

Makes sense. I know TD has a restaurant called wild ginger in Seattle and wondered if they were related

Shake Shack's prices are insane, but the food quality is solid. It's one of those, if you're feeling it once in a

Bro stfu ■■

It's not cheap exactly, but the slices are big enough that 1 slice is plenty for lunch, and where else are you

If you're in San Leandro I also recommend Blue Bird. I prefer it slightly to slice house and about the same

I guess I meant more Pizza Hut and Papa Johns, which frequently have 2 mediums for \$25 deals, with the

Mountain Mike's full price would make me rethink it. But I've only ever gotten it on their carryout deal days.

Round Table got the large Hawaiian for \$24. Bussin!

As a transplant from the East coast, I think Bronco Billy's is my favorite. I wish they had some locations on

I've never seen arugula in a Costco (SF, Colma, Airport, Richmond). Where have you seen it?

Sounds like me an keg back in my day. I would buy a keg or two for parties and sell party cups at \$5/per,

What does Domino's have to do with Little Sleazer's?

Dayum, \$70 for A pizza? That's ridiculous.

No diss meant, my man. The food is ****fantastic****. I fully encourage folks who can swing the bill to give it a

I tend to judge breakfast places by their Joe's Special, their pancakes, and their Bloody Mary. Lou's is one

And the airport

SD isn't my favorite, but it's far better than the shit Gotts sells for \$19. Brodericks is solid, and if I'm going o

Best place in that area might be Taco Bell cantina though lol

Emeryville is going strong

Union City has one, and it's quite good. Super packed. Better carnitas than most tacquerias, to be honest.

SSF still going too

Taqueria El Favorito, yes.

Makes me laugh when you see rookies there using a single bowl.

The points program for Round Table is great. Not Sure if Mountain Mike's does similar.

Good question. I haven't seen it too. I guess you buy the arugula from Safeway/ TJs .

No diss taken, promise. Sorry if I came off defensive, didn't mean to. I'm just super stoked on the whole gr

Joe's Special?

And downtown Walnut Creek

I'm not sure if you are caught up in the poor value. If someone was like "hey free gotts burger" would you

Dominico's is amazing too!

Got it.■■■I think Favorito went back to the Farolito branding.

Always noodles in one bowl and meat/veggies in another. Learnt this from my kids basketball teammates.

Or I guess you could get the spring mix and pull the arugula and arugula-adjacent stuff for the pizza and s

Type of scramble. Has hamburger, spinach, and onions in it along with eggs and cheese.

I literally threw away the last one I had after 2 bites, and I never waste food.

Don't waste your time or money with a Mike's Mess at Zachary's restaurant in Santa Cruz. It was hyped up

Costco has hotdogs for 1.50 and pizza for 2.00.

Sam's in northbeach has a great burger for under 10 bucks. Paired with fries and a beer I believe it's still u

Berkeley bowl sells so much produce that anything that looks like it even might be getting old isn't going to

There are a bunch of terrific taco trucks in the Fruitvale neighborhood, none of which is particularly expens

Banh Mi Ba Le in El Cerrito. Not sure if it's connected to the one on International in Oakland, but they both

Falafel drive-in, San Jose

Gypsy's in Berkeley is good

Gateway Kitchen(Daly City) or Superstar(SF Mission). Their silogs, which comes with garlic fried rice, pine

Kabul's in Dublin, not the San Carlos one. Plates are much cheaper.■■■Falafel Stop in Sunnyvale ■■■Los

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Oakland Chinatown bakeries and takeout Mexican food in the Fruitvale District.

If you don't mind stepping in poop and drug dealers everywhere then Saigon sandwiches at 5\$ a pop in the
Second Little Lucca's. Only knock is that you have to pay for cheese, when it should be complimentary. ■■■

Cordon Blue Vietnamese in SF

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Rickshaw Corner in Foster City.

Little Lucca is \$18 a sandwich... there is a banh mi place called Banh which on taraval in the city, i think the

A super burrito from almost any authentic taqueria usually gives great bang for your buck.

Tao Yuen Pastry in Oakland. Little hole in the wall takeout only dim sum. You can load up on a bunch of st
tbh, Little Lucca is a little bit overrated. ■■■Try the sandwich shop down the street of Little Lucca in SSF ca

In and out

I live a few blocks from the little stretch of Mission St in SF that has all those Salvadoran restaurants. You

The Ranch 99 at Oakridge has a panda-express-like restaurant. For the same price as panda they will fill t

It used to be Old Spaghetti Factory for me.

iDumpling in Redwood City

Moscow Tbilisi in SF - best meat&cheese piroshki for under \$3. Lots of other good things there too!

If you come out to HMB ever, I reccomend Tres Amigos Taqueria or China House. Majority of both their m

Falafel's drive in on Steven's Creek, San Jose is pretty darn good if you're into that kind of stuff.

Phnom Penh House in Alameda. Their tofu in peanut sauce is phenomenal aa are many of their other dish

To-go dimsum at Tao Yuen pastry in Oakland Chinatown, or good mong kok in sf Chinatown. Savory buns

I couldn't find Indian and Nepalese places mentioned here but Rajjot in Sunnyvale can fill up with \$3-\$4 ve

Costco. Slice of pizza for \$2, hotdog and soda for \$1.50, or I sometimes grab their whole rotisserie chicken

Smokehouse in south Berkeley. Cheap and delicious burgers, fries, and shakes.

Lee's Deli used to be THE spot for lunch on the cheap, not sure if that is still true...

Too good to go! It's great, mostly bakery things but essentially just getting the restaurants "leftovers" for th

Little Chef on Winchester. San Jose/Campbell border. Huge portion of food for \$10.

Taqueria el Grullense in Redwood City

Morucci's in Walnut Creek. \$9.49 for a sandwich that can easily be spread across two meals.

Dude, Little Luca sandos are two meals for real. Hot Wok bistro in Burlingame used to be pretty good for it

Safeway breakfast burritos, \$5.99.

Orient express in San Ramon. Take out Chinese food, and even though they've raised their prices quite a

Dulce's Antojitos in Walnut Creek (the Orchards). Best super tacos- \$5.95 includes tortilla chips and salsa

Any I&I! I love getting their mini katsu curry meals. Fills me up :)

Saigon Sandwich in SF. Some of the best Banh Mi's for \$5. Can't beat it!

Lawlers in Napa. Liquor store that makes killer sandwiches. Nothing fancy just a simple sandwich for like \$

Las delicias in Berkeley. Salvadoran cuisine. Full meal for 6 bucks. High recommend the chicharron papus
Basa Seafood in the SF Mission on 24th. Fried shrimp sandwich is the closest it gets to Florida that I've for
In and out, duh. Comparatively speaking it's the best deal vs quality

Costco

Bhan Mae Vane. 1511 Webster St, Alameda, CA 94501. \$16 generous dinner plates■■■Taqueria Ramiro &
20-piece McDonalds Chicken Nuggets for \$5.99?■■■2-Piece Chickens \$2.99 from Pop Pies Tuesday Spec
Anyone in the Hayward area, Asian Delight on Hesperian, not the best quality, for \$10 you can feed the en
Classic burger on Hesperian in San Lorenzo. Call in and order ahead, and get the onion rings!

Best dim sum on 12th near 5th ave. Oakland ■■■Especially like their pai guat

El Molino in Sonoma let's you do a half order for stuff. \$8 for basically a whole meal.

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Or just go to san jose taqueria next to the churro cart burritos are super burritos are 8 and there the best in

I just learned about the rainy day happy hour at Ale and I want to go back just for that haha

GOAT RESPONSE

The El Cerrito one feels more Thai to me which is also a good thing.

i love this place! deserves more love

This place is great! I love getting the little desserts in the cups too

\$5 mini bahn mi is a steal. Ask for mayo, cuz it's often without and can be dry.

I was just coming to say this! ■■■I've never, ever left that place hungry. And you can eat well for \$10 or less

I miss that place. Might need to make a little drive down some day soon.

Where? Thx

Pretty solid especially for the price. But man, the pitas completely fall apart every time without much effort.

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Gateway Kitchen is my favorite. Just a classic Mom and Pops spot with huge portions. Hong Kong style po

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Falafel Stop has half-size falafel sandwiches which are actually a bit more than half the regular size. Great

What's your go to order at Los Altos Taqueria?

Falafel Stop is pretty bland. Great pitas though, probably my favorite in the South Bay. Helps that they make

Tacos el autlense is elite. Cash only though!

I miss Saigon Express. Good, filling and cheap!

Looking forward to giving this a try! I had a Bahn mi recently from super super on telegraph and while it was

House of curries is such a solid choice

Which bakeries?■■■Others have commented about Sinaloa, Guadalajara, and Taqiara San Jose (my favorite)

Been there a few times and honestly love their sandwiches. But yeah the fecal landmines are almost a deal

Was going to add this. Tasty + adorable, they deserve all the business they can get

This brings back so many good food memories of living in the TL. Saigon, Pho 2000, Tadu, Drunk nights at

Amazing, on California and Polk if anyone's looking

They have a location in Santa Clara too!

That place gave me food poisoning the first time I went there 5-6 years ago. Never went back.

Was hoping someone posted this. Rickshaw has always been great

Cheap chinese food for a reason

The Burlingame location isn't consistent, at least in my experience.

Banh wick is better than Saigon Sandwich in my opinion! Favorite bahn mi in the city

No way! I haven't been in a long while but they've always been a favorite spot for deli sandwiches. Gotta c

Yea but wasn't it nice when they were 8 dollars as opposed to 13-15 now ■

Don't go to any Chavez super market. A burrito is \$18

Roma Deli in San Bruno is really good too.

Great answer. Still an affordable price, can feed four people for under \$40

My go to lunches are Costco pizza for \$2 or in and out for \$3.

I think all Ranch 99s have a hot food bar, if that's what you're talking about? It's only really open around m

Fun fact: At the hot bar, you can pile on as much food as you want into the to-go container as your heart desires. I've not tried it yet but what changed? Price increases through the years?

Can still taste that spumoni

Phnom Penh is so amazing. Owners are great people as well. Love the fried banana dessert

FYI, they raised their prices 30% a couple weeks ago. A single-patty cheeseburger plus cheese fries is now \$10. In n out is now better and cheaper, but quite a drive to get to one from there. The old smokehouse used to be better.

Second this!! I have gotten some great items

Shhhhhh!

Dood, Eduardos right behind that McDonalds there is one of the best burritos in San Jose.

Pretty new to the Walnut Creek area, going to give Moruccis a try tomorrow!!!

Best sandwiches I've had!

Not sure what sorcery they do to their Italian sandwich but it tastes better the second day. I need to go there soon.

Appreciate the list my dude!

From the deli/ sandwich area? Had no idea

Safeway Sushi is not bad too.

I'll add their hot combo (like chicken tenders or fried chicken and potato wedges, Mac cheese, other sides)

> Orient express in San Ramon. ■■■ They fell off some years ago. The Salt&pepper chicken used to be excellent.

And on Tuesdays tacos are a dollar ~ take them next door to Mike Hess and get a 5\$ pour.

Prices have gone up quite a bit at the one near me so less of a value now, but still good.

I think that's a secret for good cheap food. Look for the loss leaders (the Costco hot dog, for example) that are good.

I think this place sells fillets of sashimi also right? If I'm thinking of the same place, their sashimi quality is fantastic.

> Asian Delight on Hesperian ■■■ I prefer China Cook in the next parking lot over, the one with the foodmax.

I lived down the street from them for close to 10 years. So good! Also love their fish sandwich/burger.

Was looking for this one, definitely the best cheap meal in SF that I know of. Just went a couple weeks ago.

Here's a list of FREE places to eat in the Bay Area! ■■■ <https://www.kqed.org/bayareabites/110356/where-to-eat-free-in-the-bay-area>

They've got a deal on 40 nuggets too.

The rewards on the app are nice. And drinks are still cheap

Never was a huge fan of crispy tacos, but theirs are fire!

Sam's was delicious but I wouldn't call it good value. Just went last week and our 2 meals and 2 coffees came to \$15.

> La Victoria's Taqueria on Mission, in Hayward ■■■ Try out El Taquito, a couple blocks north of Mission and 10th.

Haven't been there in probably 5 years. I really do miss their sourdough jack with the loaded curly fries

The birria tacos with cheese at Tacos El Patron Pleasant Hill are undefeated and their employees are super nice.

I tried El patron once and was pretty meh on it, didn't try the birria though, I'll have to give it another shot. ■■■

If you're in the peninsula, check out white elephant in ssf. Mom and pop. Definitely good stuff

That's a crazy deal for seafood and the drinks!

Shows how long I haven't been there daaaaaamn

Me too, and the salad. It was a good price for that big salad.

Veggie pizza. It was better than pizza hut.

I was the guy giving out the 10 sacs near downtown mountain view. Life was good man■■■Edit: 14ish years

Why are these so watery though? I got one the other day and the black plastic was almost filled with just...

My husband takes a baggy of chopped onions to Costco, for his hotdog! Be prepared!

It's \$60. But for the food court, optometry, pharmacy, and alcohol purchase don't require a membership.

Here is a hack, you can get a Costco gift card and use it instead. No need for membership. Only need is y

In the past you could get to the food court without purchasing the membership, as it is in the same area (u

No. You don't need a membership to buy food from the food court.

Weirdly enough.. you can get the chickens by going through door dash!

It's a classic place that prides itself on keeping its prices lower. Remember to bring cash as they don't acc

When I was just starting out here I was so broke that I really couldn't afford to eat some days, so I'd stand

Tommy's is legit.

I hella agree with you; actually in n out is the burger that I use to weigh against all other burgers. Thing with

Ok to your first point, yes Sam's is delicious when drunk. But drunkenness makes delicious things more de

Careful, they charge by weight....

Nope, they have a big rack in the back of their produce section and that rack is pretty much always full of s

In addition to the discount shelves in the back of the store, they always have bags of other stuff heavily dis

I like them whole and frozen. It's personal preference.

Slice the actual grapes themselves in half solely to provide a better eating experience when they're frozen.

they have it at both. it's a metal rack in the produce section at the old BB and a room between the fish cou

Main. No idea if west has this.

The both have it!

No idea sorry

they're truly the worst

I think the super burrito is just the regular with extra beans and rice. ■■■Their tacos and nachos kick ass.

San Jose by the Valley Fair Mall

because they're not really that good?

Hard shell tacos, crispy carnitas, extra cilantro and jalapeños

Wonder Bakery, Napoleon Bakery are two of the Chinatown bakeries I like. But there are so many I can't r

Sorry to hear that! I've been eating there for over 10 years (literally picking it for dinner tonight), sometimes

That place is way better traffic wise compared to the South City one.

Yeah it wasn't great when I tried their Burlingame location, not much flavor, bland bread, I didn't get the hy

Saigon is good not great but \$5 is \$5 especially with the rising food costs. Also the TL is a dump.

They've gone downhill IMO, especially the burlingame locations. Not to sound like an old fart but they dont

Cherimoya in Burlingame has decent sized Bahn Mi for about \$10, they're pretty good

When I moved here in 96 they were \$5. ■

It happened so fast

Haven't given that place a try yet! I'll put that on my list

This is more like an actual restaurant where the employees dole out the food. I've actually had to stop there

I'm basically not eating out anywhere post-pandemic.

I'd rather they raise their prices than go out of business. Shits crazy right now. But your point stands.

What city?

#1 with mustard is a staple.

Hell yeah! Hope you get to try some out:)

Yep!

I disagree to some point. The salt and pepper chicken has been better, but the lemon chicken was my favorite

Yes, this is the place! Decent sushi.

Did you get the most expensive stuff on the menu, like the trout and eggs, and also tip well?■■■I always go

Thank you!! I'm always down, big foodie

Gotta get their munchies meal at night for \$8. Sandwich plus tacos plus fries plus a drink

They still have the caesar salad. It's in the back with the pre-made meals, next to the rotisserie chicken section

It is!

I've tried this method before and it's fine if all you want to buy is the hot dog and pizza. If you're actually trying

It's fine but pretty sure you have to be trashed to appreciate it like Bourdain did.

Thank you so much for sharing and being vulnerable...best believe I've been there too. Shit, I work for the

Yeah, the other day I just picked up a gigantic 3lb bag of spring mix greens for \$5.99. It's so big, it barely fits

I like popping them between my teeth. I like that they are distinct packages of icy sweetness.

it does, it's called bargain or something. Between fish and produce

Yes, BB west has it in a room at the very back

Nope super is huge compared to the regular

That's hella true.

South City is a different owner and much better than Burlingame

I absolutely agree! That's one of the reasons why Bahn Wich takes it for me...plus they got more range in

Yeah I've always had good experiences with Roma. You can get regular or large sized sandwiches and the

I don't even blame you dude. The tipping expectations and hidden fees are outrageous. Even takeout places

It's an app! I've only used it in SF, but I'm sure a lot of cities nearby use it as well ■

I know it is available in Oakland. ■■■Check their website,

The s&p chicken was the only thing kept me going there, otherwise I'd go around to [Three Brothers](http://www.threebrothers.com/)

I've seen them. They are bigger but cost more too. I think the other one was like \$5.

There was a Mexican place down one of the side roads off Castro near the train tracks (two or three blocks from

Hahaha it's definitely better when inebriated! Good thing there's a full bar!■■■Edit: Tommys has a full bar. ■

I've had the super twice and was very disappointment by how little meat there was.

Never had the sardine, will be next to try.

Three brothers was a staple for my mom and I going to lunch growing up. Definitely a good one. It's been a

Trust me...it's delicious

Costco has hotdogs for 1.50 and pizza for 2.00.

Sam's in northbeach has a great burger for under 10 bucks. Paired with fries and a beer I believe it's still u

Berkeley bowl sells so much produce that anything that looks like it even might be getting old isn't going to

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Oakland Chinatown bakeries and takeout Mexican food in the Fruitvale District.

If you don't mind stepping in poop and drug dealers everywhere then Saigon sandwiches at 5\$ a pop in the

Second Little Lucca's. Only knock is that you have to pay for cheese, when it should be complimentary.■■■

Cordon Blue Vietnamese in SF

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Rickshaw Corner in Foster City.

Little Lucca is \$18 a sandwich... there is a banh mi place called Banh which on taraval in the city, i think the

A super burrito from almost any authentic taqueria usually gives great bang for your buck.

Tao Yuen Pastry in Oakland. Little hole in the wall takeout only dim sum. You can load up on a bunch of st

tbh, Little Lucca is a little bit overrated. ■■■Try the sandwich shop down the street of Little Lucca in SSF ca

In and out

I live a few blocks from the little stretch of Mission St in SF that has all those Salvadoran restaurants. You

The Ranch 99 at Oakridge has a panda-express-like restaurant. For the same price as panda they will fill t

It used to be Old Spaghetti Factory for me.

iDumpling in Redwood City

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Lee's Deli used to be THE spot for lunch on the cheap, not sure if that is still true...

Too good to go! It's great, mostly bakery things but essentially just getting the restaurants "leftovers" for the

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Is there anything equivalent on the peninsula?

I'll drive over a bridge to go there.. miss the Bowl!

My man, I had Costco's churros last month. Let me tell you, that thing is a sin to all churros that ever existed

Or just go to san jose taqueria next to the churro cart burritos are super burritos are 8 and there the best in

I just learned about the rainy day happy hour at Ale and I want to go back just for that haha

GOAT RESPONSE

The El Cerrito one feels more Thai to me which is also a good thing.

i love this place! deserves more love

This place is great! I love getting the little desserts in the cups too

\$5 mini bahn mi is a steal. Ask for mayo, cuz it's often without and can be dry.

I was just coming to say this! ■■■I've never, ever left that place hungry. And you can eat well for \$10 or less

I miss that place. Might need to make a little drive down some day soon.

Where? Thx

Pretty solid especially for the price. But man, the pitas completely fall apart every time without much effort.

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Gateway Kitchen is my favorite. Just a classic Mom and Pops spot with huge portions. Hong Kong style po

This!

Falafel Stop has half-size falafel sandwiches which are actually a bit more than half the regular size. Great

What's your go to order at Los Altos Taqueria?

Falafel Stop is pretty bland. Great pitas though, probably my favorite in the South Bay. Helps that they make

Tacos el autlense is elite. Cash only though!

I miss Saigon Express. Good, filling and cheap!

Looking forward to giving this a try! I had a Bahn mi recently from super super on telegraph and while it was

House of curries is such a solid choice

Which bakeries?■■■Others have commented about Sinaloa, Guadalajara, and Taqiara San Jose (my favorite)

Been there a few times and honestly love their sandwiches. But yeah the fecal landmines are almost a deal

Was going to add this. Tasty + adorable, they deserve all the business they can get

This brings back so many good food memories of living in the TL. Saigon, Pho 2000, Tadu, Drunk nights at

Amazing, on California and Polk if anyone's looking

They have a location in Santa Clara too!

That place gave me food poisoning the first time I went there 5-6 years ago. Never went back.

Was hoping someone posted this. Rickshaw has always been great

Cheap chinese food for a reason

The Burlingame location isn't consistent, at least in my experience.

Banh wich is better than Saigon Sandwich in my opinion! Favorite bahn mi in the city

No way! I haven't been in a long while but they've always been a favorite spot for deli sandwiches. Gotta c

Yea but wasn't it nice when they were 8 dollars as opposed to 13-15 now ■

Don't go to any Chavez super market. A burrito is \$18

Roma Deli in San Bruno is really good too.

Great answer. Still an affordable price, can feed four people for under \$40

My go to lunches are Costco pizza for \$2 or in and out for \$3.

I think all Ranch 99s have a hot food bar, if that's what you're talking about? It's only really open around m

Fun fact: At the hot bar, you can pile on as much food as you want into the to-go container as your heart d

I've not tried it yet but what changed? Price increases through the years?

Can still taste that spumoni

Phnom Penh is so amazing. Owners are great people as well. Love the fried banana dessert

FYI, they raised their prices 30% a couple weeks ago. A single-patty cheeseburger plus cheese fries is no

In n out is now better and cheaper, but quite a drive to get to one from there. The old smokehouse used to

Second this!! I have gotten some great items

Shhhhhh!

Dood, Eduardos right behind that McDonalds there is one ofnthe best burritos in San Jose.

Pretty new to the Walnut Creek area, going to give Moruccis a try tomorrow!!!

Best sandwiches I've had!

Not sure what sorcery they do to their Italian sandwich but it tastes better the second day. I need to go the

Appreciate the list my dude!

Fron the deli/ sandwich area? Had no idea

Safeway Sushi is not bad too.

I'll add their hot combo (like chicken tenders or fried chicken and potato wedges, Mac cheese, other sides)

> Orient express in San Ramon. ■■They fell off some years ago. The Salt&pepper chicken used to be ex

And on Tuesdays tacos are a dollar ~ take them next door to Mike Hess and get a 5\$ pour.

Prices have gone up quite a bit at the one near me so less of a value now, but still good.

I think that's a secret for good cheap food. Look for the loss leaders (the Costco hot dog, for example) that

I think this place sells fillets of sashimi also right? If I'm thinking of the same place, their sashimi quality is f

> Asian Delight on Hesperian■■■I prefer China Cook in the next parking lot over, the one with the foodmax

I lived down the street from them for close to 10 years. So good! Also love their fish sandwich/burger.

Was looking for this one, definitely the best cheap meal in SF that I know of. Just went a couple weeks ago.

Here's a list of FREE places to eat in the Bay Area! <https://www.kqed.org/bayareabites/110356/where-h>

They've got a deal on 40 nuggets too.

The rewards on the app are nice. And drinks are still cheap.

Never was a huge fan of crispy tacos, but theirs are fire!

Sam's was delicious but I wouldn't call it good value. Just went last week and our 2 meals and 2 coffees cost

> La Victoria's Taqueria on Mission, in Hayward. Try out El Taquito, a couple blocks north of Mission and

Haven't been there in probably 5 years. I really do miss their sourdough jack with the loaded curly fries.

The birria tacos with cheese at Tacos El Patron Pleasant Hill are undefeated and their employees are super

I tried El Patron once and was pretty meh on it, didn't try the birria though, I'll have to give it another shot.

If you're in the peninsula, check out White Elephant in S.F. Mom and pop. Definitely good stuff.

That's a crazy deal for seafood and the drinks!

Shows how long I haven't been there daaaaaamn.

Me too, and the salad. It was a good price for that big salad.

Veggie pizza. It was better than Pizza Hut.

I was the guy giving out the 10 sacs near downtown mountain view. Life was good man. Edit: 14ish years

Why are these so watery though? I got one the other day and the black plastic was almost filled with just...

My husband takes a baggy of chopped onions to Costco, for his hotdog! Be prepared!

It's \$60. But for the food court, optometry, pharmacy, and alcohol purchase don't require a membership.

Here is a hack, you can get a Costco gift card and use it instead. No need for membership. Only need is y

In the past you could get to the food court without purchasing the membership, as it is in the same area (u

No. You don't need a membership to buy food from the food court.

Weirdly enough.. you can get the chickens by going through door dash!

It's a classic place that prides itself on keeping its prices lower. Remember to bring cash as they don't acc

When I was just starting out here I was so broke that I really couldn't afford to eat some days, so I'd stand

Tommy's is legit.

I hella agree with you; actually in n out is the burger that I use to weigh against all other burgers. Thing with

Ok to your first point, yes Sam's is delicious when drunk. But drunkenness makes delicious things more de

Careful, they charge by weight....

Nope, they have a big rack in the back of their produce section and that rack is pretty much always full of s

In addition to the discount shelves in the back of the store, they always have bags of other stuff heavily dis

I like them whole and frozen. It's personal preference.

Slice the actual grapes themselves in half solely to provide a better eating experience when they're frozen.

they have it at both. it's a metal rack in the produce section at the old BB and a room between the fish cou

Main. No idea if west has this.

The both have it!

No idea sorry

they're truly the worst

I think the super burrito is just the regular with extra beans and rice. ■■■ Their tacos and nachos kick ass.

San Jose by the Valley Fair Mall

because they're not really that good?

Hard shell tacos, crispy carnitas, extra cilantro and jalapeños

Wonder Bakery, Napoleon Bakery are two of the Chinatown bakeries I like. But there are so many I can't r

Sorry to hear that! I've been eating there for over 10 years (literally picking it for dinner tonight), sometimes

That place is way better traffic wise compared to the South City one.

Yeah it wasn't great when I tried their Burlingame location, not much flavor, bland bread, I didn't get the hy

Saigon is good not great but \$5 is \$5 especially with the rising food costs. Also the TL is a dump.

They've gone downhill IMO, especially the burlingame locations. Not to sound like an old fart but they dont

Cherimoya in Burlingame has decent sized Bahn Mi for about \$10, they're pretty good

When I moved here in 96 they were \$5. ■

It happened so fast

Haven't given that place a try yet! I'll put that on my list

This is more like an actual restaurant where the employees dole out the food. I've actually had to stop ther

I'm basically not eating out anywhere post-pandemic.

I'd rather they raise their prices than go out of business. Shits crazy right now. But your point stands.

What city?

#1 with mustard is a staple.

Hell yeah! Hope you get to try some out:)

Yep!

I disagree to some point. The salt and pepper chicken has been better, but the lemon chicken was my favo

Yes, this is the place! Decent sushi.

Did you get the most expensive stuff on the menu, like the trout and eggs, and also tip well?■■■I always ge

Thank you!! I'm always down, big foodie

Gotta get their munchies meal at night for \$8. Sandwich plus tacos plus fries plus a drink

They still have the caesar salad. It's in the back with the pre-made meals, next to the rotisserie chicken se

It is!

I've tried this method before and it's fine if all you want to buy is the hot dog and pizza. If you're actually try

It's fine but pretty sure you have to be trashed to appreciate it like Bourdain did.

Thank you so much for sharing and being vulnerable...best believe I've been there too. Shit, I work for the

Yeah, the other day I just picked up a gigantic 3lb bag of spring mix greens for \$5.99. It's so big, it barely fi

I like popping them between my teeth. I like that they are distinct packages of icy sweetness.

it does, it's called bargain or something. Between fish and produce

Yes, BB west has it in a room at the very back

Nope super is huge compared to the regular

That's hella true.

South City is a different owner and much better than Burlingame

I absolutely agree! That's one of the reasons why Bahn Wich takes it for me...plus they got more range in

Yeah I've always had good experiences with Roma. You can get regular or large sized sandwiches and the

I don't even blame you dude. The tipping expectations and hidden fees are outrageous. Even takeout plac

It's an app! I've only used it in SF, but I'm sure a lot of cities nearby use it as well ■

I know it is available in Oakland. ■■Check their website,

The s&p chicken was the only thing kept me going there, otherwise I'd go around to [Three Brothers](http:/

I've seen them. They are bigger but cost more too. I think the other one was like \$5.

There was a Mexican place down one of the side roads off Castro near the train tracks (two or three blocks

Hahaha it's definitely better when inebriated! Good thing there's a full bar!■■Edit: Tommys has a full bar. ■

I've had the super twice and was very disappointment by how little meat there was.

Never had the sardine, will be next to try.

Three brothers was a staple for my mom and I going to lunch growing up. Definitely a good one. It's been a

Trust me...it's delicious

Use the El Pollo Loco coupon book that they send out in the mail!

Ohana Hawaiian BBQ.

Costco Slice is inefficient. ■■Get the pie for \$9.95. ■

Mac's Old House. \$16.95 prime rib dinner. Comes with bread, soup, salad, pasta, and veggies.

Why is this post yellow

Little Cesar's used to feed broke me for days ■■Grocery Outlet Bargain Market has some questionable in

The panda-express-style restaurant at 99 Ranch. Their combo boxes get filled so much they can hardly cl

In-N-Out Burger

Costco and INO are staples when we're trying to go cheap. ■■Taco Bell has a Limited time "Value Deal" v

Have you tried the app 'too good to go' it's goal is to reduce waste by restaurants and bakeries and grocer

Grocery Outlet

the new 'stacker' for \$2.50 at taco bell is great and I like sprouts' \$5 sandwiches ■■85° bakery has surpris

Marugame Udon is priced well

I find that the area's Indian restaurants are still surprisingly cheap. You can get a big plate of Tandoori chic

The \$5 Bahn Mi at Duc Huong is hard to beat considering the quality you get. Freshly baked bread, amazi

Beef piroshki from:■■Check out Moscow & Tbilisi Bakery Store <https://yelp.to/lxxX71HygM>

Popeyes meal for 2 (5 piece chicken and 2 sides) for \$11.99. And on Tuesdays, my local store has a spe

Sodam in Dublin! They prices went up a little bit, but always gotta get some kimbap and tteokbokki

Cheapest takeout for a large family: Wok's On Express ■■■The menu may look like typical prices for Chi

Sizzler salad bar. \$12 bucks or so, you get salad, taco bar, fruit, soup, desert..

Some asian supermarkets will sell their to go food items for half off if you go late enough

Costco, in n out, ranch 99 and Daiso snack sections. ■■Saigon Sandwich in the tl and the asian ghetto in

I tend to go for 'family meals' for the 3 of us. Panda Exp family meal works out to 3-4 (9 ish servings) meals

Taco Bell cravings box \$6. Mobile order only

Download Too good to go app. If you get your pick early, there are some decent options there

You lost credibility at \$2.49 for a cookie,

Ikea

Here's what I do:■■Don't eat out, period. ■■Just buy what is on sale each week at your local supermarket

on fridays safeway has \$5 sushi. safeway's frozen pizza is usually on sale for under \$5 and it's really good

Daly City's best kept secret is Fil-Am. The food is delicious and it's only \$10 for a BBQ skewer and a huge

N&A market in west Oakland makes good sandwiches for a decent prices

Kam Po in north beach. Had bbq duck over rice and cabbage + chicken chowmein with broth for \$20 total.

Berkeley Bowl hot bar I'm pretty sure is still under \$9 for an entree and two sides. Ikea meals are mostly un

Damn. Thought I'd find something new. You guys know all my good spots.

Taco Tuesday at ole ole burrito express, 3 tacos for \$5

* Any Chinese dim sum place in SF is a cheap eat.■* Chase Luck Bakery for their X item lunch special.■*

Jade China - this place isn't exactly what i would call 'cheap,' but there is a lot of value. an entire styrofoam

In N Out, family of 4 for less than \$40.

Cardenas for tacos

San Leandro. Hanami. About \$13 for a massive, packed, and delicious Poke Bowl. Best deal in the Bay Area

Domino's Pizza -- if you use the mobile app, go into the Coupons and you'll find one that gives you medium

Dim Sum King in Sunnyvale. \$4.95 for any 3pc dim sum? yes please!

The Katsu Curry from L&L is usually two meals for me. I once ate it all but it was like a hangover cure only

Dumpster diving at various Whole Foods

Los Panchos (Pleasant Hill or Danville). Bean, Cheese, and Rice burrito for \$5. Danville spot has unlimited

you can buy the cooked chicken for \$5 but i think it tastes awful.they use foster farms for cooked and raw

Kaiser cafeteria ■

Is cheap==good/healthy?

Olive garden. Fill up on bread and salad and entree can be taken home as meal for another day. SOmetim

Little Chef right here off Winchester in San Jose, CA. A little under \$12 for good Chinese food that tastes c

Super Star! 2 slices of pork chop, egg, and garlic rice for less than \$6.

When something comes up and I don't have the time to cook, we get a "Grande Sampler" of BBQ meat at

In N Out salad for \$6!■■■I order a double, protein style, with both kinds of onions (raw & grilled). When I ge

I'm a big fan of the app Too Good To Go. It connects customers with merchants who have surplus food/m

Taco truck literally across the street from where i live, \$10 OTD (cash) "super" burrito. Meat choices includ

Rice junky

My kitchen after buying groceries

Which exact part of Bay Area?

Depends on definition of cheap, I guess. ■■■AYCE sushi. ■Local Diner ■99Ranch for \$13 combo.. At lea

My house

The cafeteria inside IKEA Palo Alto

Los Pericos super burritos - \$12 , enough for two meals for some people. San Leandro ■■■Hamani Ramen

Hmart

you can get [free wings](<https://stories.inspirebrands.com/buffalo-wild-wings-overtime-free-wings-for-ameri>

my go to... subway mobile app with coupon code for a footlong. Can get a footlong for \$7 which is pretty fil

Chipotle. Get a bowl. ■■■Grab a bag of tortilla chips or tortillas from a grocery store and you will have your

Reading all these comments just reconfirms my opinion that Bay area food is gross.

If you think those are good deals wait til you see the full pizza price, \$10 never went so far.

SF Chinatown. \$1.60 pork buns at Wing Sing on Stockton.

Tacos Sinaloa. A super burrito will easily last you three days. For \$23 that's a steal. Bonus it's delicious. P

Costco food court has a cookie?

Dollar tree. You can literally buy stuff in their frozen section and cook some decent meals ■

There is this amazing organic falafel shop on Kittridge up from the movie theater.

Dollar menu items off any fast food place

Chicken bowl at Chipotle! ~\$10

Chipotle and use their app to order everything. Chipotle's super cheap to begin with and you'll get free me

At home.

Chipotle - good food for \$10

You've got to be more specific. The Bay Area is pretty big.■■■That said, if you're looking for cheap food, fir

Alexander's Steakhouse

Jack in the crack: 2 tacos ■ for \$99

Cheap? Almost never. I would rather go somewhere nice once a month than somewhere cheap multiple ti

Food trucks FTW!

rotisserie chicken is still under \$10, way better than the crap from costco

al hamra on 16th street between mission and Valencia. \$5 Indian pizza slices all day.- \$7 for a order of sa

Chinese lunch specials are a win too usually 15 bucks for soup salad rice and a main dish

Rubios fish taco Tuesdays or tacomania 2x1 Wednesdays

Please checkout Hub61 in Milpitas. Authentic Indian food, reasonable price, ■ more to lower end pricing. V

that's what i was gonna say too i'm gonna go to costco rn actually LOL

I hate to say it but InNOut, also BJ brewhouse has good daily deals which helps for birthdays and other ev

king egg roll, specifically the one off morrill

You should try frosty king in Richmond on Harbour way. It's fire with good prices. Get a double bacon with In-n-out is pretty damn cheap also

Yamo in the mission district. It's a cash only spot that has stellar Burmese food. All of their entrees are \$8
Orient Express in San Ramon

Grocery Outlet! Everything is less than at the larger chain markets.

Take out at Tirupathi Bhimas in Milpitas. I order one of the dosas between \$10-\$12 and get enough for 2 meals
My mom's house.

This post caused me to Google an old spot in San Jose and find out it's closed down after being in business for 40 years.
Costco. Cookie, Hotdog, and pizza all for \$6 and you get around 2000 calories worth of food. Not the healthiest
most Chinese places have \$10 lunches. some have put prices to 12

The ranch99 at wolfe/homestead does higher box for smaller box price towards the end of the day. So meal deal
vietnam house restaurant in the tenderloin!

Pupusas are about \$4 apiece these days, two makes a meal, it comes with a salad topping and salsa, often with cheese.
Hole in the wall Mexican joints. Chinese fast food that's been around 10+ years.

Tacobell alp deals. ■■■ Weinershnizel ■ ■■ Trader Joes

is Shalimar (Pakistani) still around? I think the one on Polk in the City closed, but there used to be one on L
Yamo!

Panda, bowl of rice and Beijing beef \$9-\$10 no drink ■■ Chipotle, burrito \$10-\$11 no chips or drink ■■ McDonald's
Miyako's Old Fashioned ice cream on Fillmore. ■■■ Tom is the owner. \$4 or \$5 deli sandwich combo (sandwich, chips, and drink)
Costco hot dog ■■■ chipotle chips ■■■ for date night, it is all you can eat Korean BBQ (Oghane in the Town, or Oghane's)
Home

Cafe Raj in Albany

Costco, In N Out and the local mexican joint by my house has a big rice bean and cheese burrito for \$5 (usually \$6)
Cheap Jack in the Box twofer tacos.

Can Anh on Webster in Chinatown. Haven't been 1 year but really affordable Banh Mi sammies and soups
Moving out of California

The \$5 chicken rice and beans bowl is actually fire and is so much food. Feels like what chipotle used to be
If you download the app they often have good coupon. When I need a cheap meal I resort to their shredded chicken
I get the family meal on the app. Good for dinner and lunch for a few days

You can ask for them in the restaurant too.

I certainly don't feel healthy after eating here but I went for the first time a couple weeks ago and I was surprised
The Petaluma location is costly.

There used to be a ohana grill next to my high school. those \$1 rice bowls with whatever amazing sauce it was
>prices went up they used to have manager special \$6 usually 8.99 ■■> ■■>now its a lot more

Get their rotisserie chicken. ■■■ Feeds a family of 3 for 2 meals and bones can be used for broth. ■■■ Best deal

There's no discount on the calories though.

Yeah but then you gotta eat a whole pie...

Something about the slices hit different lol

Go to Domino's and use a coupon to get two medium pizzas for \$7.99 each.

(approximate?) location?

Goddamn that sounds like 2-3 meals for me. (Chipotle bowl is 2)

Just reminded me of a yesteryear place called The Farmhouse(?) which our family often visited along with

Been meaning to check that place out . Good good there ?

Very cheap indeed. Drinks are also dirt cheap. Think I got a cocktail for 3\$. BUT, the food is awful. Unfortunat

paid up votes. https://www.reddit.com/r/reddit/comments/16ryhv9/celebrating_great_content_is_as_good_

Idk but it made me want to open it

My man really put respect on the name by typing out Grocery Outlet Bargain Market

That's how I feel about everything not name brand at Grocery Outlet wondering where they got the stuff. D

\$10.00 for banh mi! I used to pay \$1.50 in San Jose in 2000.

Zachary's has 15%(?) off on Mondays too

Cam Huong is my go-to

I always get lambasted by the lolos for not filling up my boxes more than they already are. ■

Fr. Plus the people there WANT you to stuff your boxes with overflowing food lol

Ooh, I pass one of those during my errands in the late morning. I should stop in for lunch.

Don't close the containers. Get those plastic bags from the produce area and use those to cover the conta

few years ago I found cooked magots in my ranch 99 fast food. true story. Never again.

This sounds interesting as I've been wanting to get something just like Rice Garden (better Panda Express

I love their hot deli.

You gotta budget for the gas you will burn if you let your car idle while waiting in line, though...

Those are good burgers

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Taqueria los gallos *express* has them for \$1.00 on tuesday too (also Concord/PH). Free chips and salsa

My wife did this once and we drove like 20 minutes out of the way to some random market. They gave us

The Safeway clearance section has yesterday's pastries for half price, which sometimes includes a dozen

Tried it for donuts, great value if you want a lot of donuts :)

I buy almost everything there now.

Gross Out is the best! The one in the outer richmond in sf has some great stuff.

It's been a while since I was last at one, but a lot of their stuff is overpriced considering it's overstock or stu

I second rotisserie chicken from Costco. I purchase 2 at a time, cut out the chicken breasts for sandwiches

> 85° bakery has surprisingly decent prices on most of their pastries■■■Dunno which 85 you going to, but t

I like 85 but it's definitely not cheap■■■You're looking at a couple dollars for some of their individual things.

Their cravings box has been awesome — especially as a vegetarian who struggles to find any sort of affor

85(idk how to do degrees on mobile) is so flipping good. I just recently was turned onto them by a coworker. Seriously underrated comment since the quality is also outta the park as well.

An Indian friend of mine told me because the food tends to be so heavily spiced, they can get away with us. I remember just a few years ago this meal was \$7.99. Would buy it for lunch and have leftovers for dinner. Popeyes' Tuesday legs and thigh set is definitely a good value.

Yes! Their kimbap is the perfect lunch! I also like the snack selection.

Some of the best fast Chinese food around! They are like the only place that still has sweet & sour pork. Taco Bell has been growing on me lately. That California crunchwrap is a legit breakfast for like \$4.50. I haven't tried the cookie but that means I have to go to Costco. lol.

We used to love Ikea food, but our most recent trip was very disappointing. The value has really slipped, eh? Also, all entrees are 50% off on Fridays!

Tip: get a plate of fries and ask for them to pour gravy on it ■

Food banks too, they get all food that goes bad for free.

They have the big sub sandwich or fried chicken deals for \$5 too! I check the ad for these changing deals.

There is so much good Filipino food in this area! Can't wait to try this.

There's two servings in those plates. I consider myself a big eater and no way can I finish all the pancit they serve.

Hot link sandwich is my go to.

This! I get about 5 meals out of it. Shrimp fried rice, garlic eggplant, and beef string beans. If I'm feeling real, I'll get the burger too.

Just a burger is not filling :(

Honestly, most ethnic markets (Las Montanes, Cardenas, 99 Ranch, Seafood City, etc.) offer pretty solid prices. The Asian street eatery down the street is good.

****MQ Healthy Fast Food**** in Millbrae offers surprisingly reasonable prices for a big plate of healthy food. I've been there a few times.

Was waiting for someone to comment this! Gateway Kitchen in Daly City is also a sister store. Super cheap. I gotta drop the deets.

Send me location.

doesn't pge bill negate cost savings of raw materials :)

Whole Foods hot bar is definitely not cheap unless you don't need normal sized portions. And what are the portions? It's new, but someone in the Costco subreddit posted today saying that they're getting rid of it and bringing in something else.

None of them are a dollar anymore...

\$49.50 A PIECE?? Forty-nine dollars and fifty cents per TACO??

Food trucks are by no means cheap. In fact, most of them are downright ripoffs.

Yes, this working is entirely dependent on you managing not to buy 10 pounds of oreo cookies on your way out.

Also has carrageenan.

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Also you need a membership for this...food court not.

Calories don't make people fat. It's insulin resistance.

refrigerator.

Not only is a Costco pizza larger than 2 Domino's medium pizzas, but what you're suggesting is also 60%
Actually, use the dominoes app to get a large carry out pizza for \$7.99. Do that twice and then you are elig

I hate how much this was downvoted

Antioch, out towards the Delta

Antioch.

There was one in RWC. Their minestrone was so damn good!

Blasphemy, Mac's old house has great food imo. Far from fancy but always solid.

He wanted us to sing it

Yeah, we all used to call it groce out... we still do, but we used to too.

Nee "Dented Cans"

Don't look at the expiration dates

I think it's 8 dollars now, they're at risk of closing :(to be fair, I included the price of the pork bun too!

I have heard this exact line 20 different times from one of my previous managers, lol.

I heard in the early 90s, by SJSU, it was buy 4 get 1 free.

I've had to tell them to stop adding noodles because I don't want to eat them for a week straight lol

Always the Lolos or the Titas.

They toss everything at the end of the day.

I think they just don't want to store the leftovers since they have to make it fresh each day

They wrap a bag when you pay.

Pure protein, baby....

Tell 311/Health Dept

Yes, most have orange chicken.

You could also just park and order inside. 9 times out of 10 it's faster anyways.

I've never seen an innout line that didn't move fast

I am the Walrus.

Lmao thread's post opens with a Costco slice of pizza and a Costco cookie that are both over 700 calories

In N Out is all fresh ingredients and honestly not bad macro wise especially if you get no cheese and light

No shit Sherlock.

Thank you Dr. Oz. Please go talk to the fine people over at the Whole Foods sub, they'll welcome you with

Did anyone ask?

Agree, I've only seen it occasionally at my local stores (TB).

Yeah, one place gave us like \$26-worth of sauces and one pasta salad at the end of their life.■■■Another v

Yeah that is a risk. I like to stick to places that specialize in one thing so I know what I getting even if it's a

When I got laid off I lived off those 6 dollar pot pies.. 1 was enough to hold me■■Over for the day. You just

Sometimes there are loaves of breads or even dozen bagels, so worth it.

Food banks always have free donuts unfortunately

I think that's the normal price?

And it's like the TJ Maxx of food. You never know what strange failed test marketed product you might find

Overpriced? Nah. At worse "priced".

Agree. Plus they are getting smaller and smaller. A bun can no longer fill u up.

I went to the one in fremont (or newark? idk, wasnt driving - it was next to a costco) yesterday and I think n

maybe it depends on location? most of my favorites are like 2 bucks■■■I checked the prices for the cuperti

is there anywhere that doesn't charge at least a couple dollars per thing?

Location?

I haven't either, but op asks for cheap food recs. And then spends \$2.50 on a cookie.

I somehow spent \$34 there yesterday on a meal for 2 ■

Yeah, I know it's not supposed to be amazing food, but considering the price, it's pretty mediocre these da

Went there last Tuesday. All hot entrees are \$3.99!!! Lunch for 3 was \$14!

Burger and fries is <\$7. Can probably do a double-double and fries under \$10.

Hell yeah!

Tarasco tacqueria at the corner of Sandia and Lawrence and their street tacos are still under 3 bucks if I'm

If you are in the southbay there is kenzo Sushi in SJ that has AYCE for \$31-35 and they give you a 2 hour

That's why I said it's dependent on the definition of cheap. It's cheap to me to get two slices of pizza for \$7

Taco bell's value menu is still ok. \$1.69 for a bean and rice burrito.■■■■Still more than a dollar tho.

:(

Burger King does. Just had it today.

Oops a decimal point missing. \$0.99 not \$99 ha!

Too late; didn't understand the mission. Now have 3 gallon jug of Nutella

Processed carbs (e.g. pizza crust) are significantly worse for your health than dietary cholesterol.

cant have everything if youre looking for cheap eats

You ever refrigerate a costco pie after cooking it? It gets hard as a rock

I love the mathematical pizza problem. ■■Another interesting factor when thinking about value pizza is we

Hell ya. This math rules! ■■■My initial thought was "IDGAF about dealing with Dominos, coupons, or get

Don't forget to factor in a free medium pizza every 6 orders though■■■Honestly the whole Costco pizza is t

I don't even know why.■■■■Yeah, I'm picky about the apps I download and would rather use mobile websi

Really? I've been 3 times and each time the food and the service was far below average. I've ordered the

It worked ■

Still, inflation is a bitch.

I know, I'm old!

Yeah, idk I started sjsu in 1999. I know It was \$1.50 because it was a great and filling meal for rel cheap. T

Was gonna say that!

If you keep giving this secret away, eventually it won't be!

Come to vallejo during dinner time lol

Coleman

Dude's profile is just ragging on the Bay Area/California. Ignore that weirdo.

Cheap calories

I hate American cheese on burgers and I'm genuinely confused why they even bother providing salt with the

KM instead of spread also saves some cal.

And even better if you get it protein style. Fries aren't great no matter how you do it but as fast food sides go

yes, I go wholefoods all the time only because I care about food safety and quality. ■ I practice frugality all the time

Not unfortunate if you're using a food bank, I imagine. I know that's an easy donation from the bakery but I don't

No, that's a dollar a donut.

Stocked up on so many products I knew I would never find again.

The Oreo Thins in Lemon Cream was ace.

Last week I bought a total of 19 boxes of Magic Spoon across 2 trips. One flavor was 4 for 97 cents and the other was 4 for 99

I keep hearing this, and keep going there because I'm a sucker for new flavors/varieties of things, but in all fairness

Last time I was in there, they had some kind of energy drink(?) stacked up by the cash registers branded "Magic Spoon"

If it costs just as much as at a regular grocery store then it's overpriced in my book.

El Camino near Sunnyvale rd in Sunnyvale

THAT'S better!■(And now I'm jonesing for a couple of those tacos.)

Reheat on the pan. Oil on the bottom, get a lid ready, then sprinkle some water and slam that lid on before cooking

■ I mean I get disagreeing but sheesh, 48 downvotes felt aggressive. I actually like both for separate reasons

Sounds like it's just not for you, which is fine. I go to Mac's when I'm in the mood for a basic no frills meal and

I agree with your review of Mac's Old House. The big appeal is the value for the quantity of food, but it's low quality

How about \$4.75 pho on Santa Clara and 8th? I remember getting that in 2001

It still moves fast. It's just really long.

Hey, at least it's a rent-free living in that dude's head.

KM=Ketamine?

What does that mean? Kraft mayonnaise? Kill myself?

The fries are pretty good if you ask for them light well (I personally don't mind if it's regular but light well is better)

OP is literally asking for cheap meals not healthy meals smh

Once again, no one asked.

Dollars to donuts ■

The Dunkin' Donuts cereal was a hard pass however

You can not PAY me to eat magic spoon! The aspartame after taste is the worst!

I think I got oreos-covered popcorn and cranberry oat milk ice cream last time I was there. Maybe I'm not so

That's actually just water. It's for designated drivers to feel edgy.

Liquid Death is canned water. The marketing is very odd.

That's just water with edgy branding .

Definitely more abnormally cheap things there now, especially with 2024 grocery retail. Some basics are r

I get free pizzas through the website. I think it's just a matter of buying enough through a single account. I've

I can definitely understand the novelty of going. The three times I went was with friends who share the same

That's the area I would get banh mi. I never got pho, when I lived in San Jose. I used to get cheap Thai food

This is the secret sauce

The real secret menu item. What else they got?

Ketchup and mustard ya dummy

I used to hate aspartame so so much until I got covid. No aftertaste anymore!

In tall-boy cans, with a gothic font, so it looks like it might be beer.

It used to be marketed to people who didn't want to drink at a social gathering and didn't want people to no

Yes same. And ■■ that would be weird. I also have a membership and can appreciate both. As I have also

Yeah it's definitely not the kind of place that someone who describes themselves as a foodie would be into

I always enjoy a good trip with a burger and fries...

Who the fuck decide to abbreviate random words like that? At least put a & sign in between

Lucky!! I got Covid and coughed for what felt like 2 years... ■

It's the Affliction gear of water.

This ,

But it saves 2 whole seconds while failing to communicate the intended meaning!

Any taqueria that doesn't show up on Instagram is gonna give you a fantastic meal dirt cheap. La Plaza ma

Banh Mi Ba Le in Oakland. Amazing sandwiches.■■They also have off menu rice crepes (banh cuon) for \$

It'd be awesome if some Bay Area cities would adopt the 'food hall' template to allow smaller mom/pop folk

Super Star Restaurant - Full meal for \$5.50! ■<https://yelp.to/ZYKUAZieSub>■■Filipino Breakfast with meat

Clover Bakery in San Jose off saratoga. They make mostly baked goods and are very Japanese. The past

Two Item combo at [Turo Cafe](<https://www.turocafeandgrill.com/menu.html>) in SF for \$13.

Ebiko in piedmont. <https://www.ebikosushi.com/>■■Restaurant quality sushi in a take out restaurant!

Vons Chicken, House of Bagel, Dumpling Depot in Sunnyvale, Magic Wok in Sunnyvale, In n Out of course

Tulan on 6th in SF never fails

In n out

If you want a lot of food Chef Elmy's Royal Egyptian Cuisine is a good option. It's a food truck that varies lo

Volcano curry in the Richmond is still very affordable!

India cash and carry Kitchen ,Sunnyvale

Gypsie's!!! I miss it so much! Don't plan to do anything productive after eating their Alfredo pastas tho!

[Duc huong, San Jose](<https://www.yelp.com/biz/duc-huong-gio-cha-sandwiches-san-jose>) and other local

Rainbow Pizza on the San Mateo/Belmont border by Crystal Springs. their serving sizes are so insane yo

Pretty much any restaurant in Millbrae.

Yo-Yo's in the Embarcadero area. Great quality soba/udon takeout costing you around \$10. Run by a super

Giant Burger in Oakland you can get a really good bacon cheeseburger and fries for under 10 bucks Big B

Tacos Jalapa is first class. Hands down the best burrito I've eaten in the Bay Area. I used to love spitting d

Pakwan

Smokehouse in Oakland

Hunan cafe #2 in the Richmond also hasn't raised their prices

For pho, PPQ in SF in the sunset, and Pho Vy in oakland are both excellent and pretty cheap, around \$12

Whole Foods made-to-order sandwiches are still reasonably priced for the quality

Chao chi in milpitas

Teani's deli in South City has HUGE sandwiches for like \$10.75. ■■■It's a few doors down from Little Lucca

One of my favorite "cheap" meals is a Pizzadilla from Tostadas in San Jose for 25 bucks. The rest of their

L & G > Saigon sandwich■■■Get the bbq pork

Thu■■n-Phát Vietnamese Sandwiches - Santa Rosa. ■■■\$5.75 for a sandwich, \$1 for extra meat(recommen

Sliver pizza, cheeseboards cooperate spin off, is pretty good, \$7 for two slices, one type of pizza a day.

Arizmendi at Valencia or 9th ave has a pizza slice for under \$3, and they throw in a tiny slice for free. Dece

funny you mention Banh Mi, I just paid \$9.50 for one last week. That's when the inflation sunk in for me.

If you really wanna go really under the table, the light industrial area by Fruitvale has a ton of literal side of

Supermercado taquerias! That's the stuff.

I work by Cam Huong in Oakland. \$7 banh mi is my go to.

There's a ba le banh mi in el cerrito also, don't think it's the same owner. But the banh mi is only \$5 and th

Only Friday through Sunday now though.

A few of these exist, and they're always pretty expensive for whatever reason, and the seating isn't ideal.■■■

I've heard Singapore's hawker system only works bc their government controls the rent prices of hawker co

[La Cocina Municipal Marketplace](<https://lacocinamarketplace.com/about>)■■■in SF does exactly that. It ha

I have no idea if this is anything like it, as I've never been there, but is [<http://www.thenightmarketssf.com/>]

Shhhh quiet this is supposed to be a secret

Just note that the portions are small. Walk a few blocks and try Hawaiian Drive In.

I really love their onigiri and korokke sandwiches! My mom and I (we're both Japanese) sometimes grab a

Absolutely ruined mitsuwa onigiri for me cause man warm, fresh Clover onigiri (a bunch of flavors, ikura is

He's such a great guy. Came across his truck on the Emeryville greenway and he was super generous, en

Yuck. Gross.

love their samosas, used to get huge trays from there for work parties

Gypsies is fire I just had it again for the first time in like 8 years since my friend died who told me about it b

Agreed, tho I prefer their McKee location as the parking lot is larger. Their promo is buy 4, get 1 free (large

Duc Huong is amazing. The lines are justified.■■■If you want something also spectacular and a little more

Safeway sandwiches are way better than Whole Foods and they used to do a buy eight get one free not sure if anyone is looking for quality or impact on health(

Just so people know, there's two. One on Webster and one on International. Most people are referring to the

The public market in Berkeley has changed. 20 years ago when my dad took me it was a lot of mom and

Same! This is definitely the closest to what I've had in Japan. I only wish they had katsu sandos. They kind

Funnily enough Clover supplies several of their baked goods to Mitsuwa. Not sure about onigiri though. I fe

Definitely! My brother and his girlfriend brought their tiny dog and Chef Elmy gave them a big portion of food

Wow high school flashbacks. I'll have the ranch hand, please

International is better

International one is way better

A lot of the mom and pops tried to emulate fast dining chain concepts anyway. It would seem to me there's

I recall they do have pork katsu sandwiches in the cold section and it comes with salad and (presumably k

Yeah I think I've seen them deliver the breads too. I don't think they do the onigiris but having them warm f

Ya, I know. But most people (especially with Reddit's demo) I know are talking about Webster because of t

I think I know the one you're talking about. It's more like a katsu patty in a longwise bun. Still pretty good th

I feel like part of it is the rice. Cold rice can be good but sometimes the texture is a little too firm but when i

I've only ever seen the one on International referenced on reddit

House of Prime Rib in the city. I would also vote for Little Lucca's sandwiches on the peninsula as a cheap

Cheese Board in Berkeley for pizza of the day

Harry's Hofbraugh in Redwood City is about 70 years old. Not a lot of places still doing California Hofbraugh

Their falafels are unique, haven't tasted another like them.■■■ Chez Panisse revolutionized California cuisin

<http://tadichgrillsf.com/> \- the oldest restaurant in California.■■■ Though some que

The roast chicken and Caesar salad at Zuni are classics.

Alice's in La Honda■■■ Duarte's in Pescadero

Fenton's in Oakland

Val's Burgers in Hayward has been around since 1958 and definitely iconic.■■■ While it's not "The Best Bur

Chef Chu's Los Altos. Opened in 1970. Fine "American" style Chinese food with an impressive photo galle

Henry's High life in SJ

* Sam's Chowderhouse and Miramar Beach Restaurant in Half Moon Bay■■■ * St. John's Burgers in Sunnyva

La Forêt is a fine French dining restaurant located in the Almaden valley of San Jose. The restaurant build

Manresa Los Gatos. Count the stars.

Barbara's fish trap in Half Moon Bay for a coastal trip

the Tea Leaf Salad and Rainbow Salad at Burma Superstar are genuinely some of the most wonderful food

Speaking purely from iconic standpoint, Taco Bell in Pacifica because due to its location, it's the most talk

Sol Food in Marin

Chef Chu's in Los Altos.

Chez Panisse, Berkeley. Can't get much more iconic in food than Alice Waters. The Cafe is outstanding and the Saigon Sandwich in Tenderloin. If you're down to walk through a 3rd world neighborhood, this place has history.

Iconic good restaurants, or iconic restaurants that are famous for some reason besides their food?

Not a fan of the falafel at Falafel drive-in's but it is popular. Chicken sandwich and banana shake for the win.

Bistro Jeanty in Yountville. Puff pastry tomato soup. Amazing.

If Yountville counts then I don't even have to tell you the name of the unmissable restaurant there. Hint: it's the Original Joe's in San Jose.

Not exactly a restaurant, but I'd consider it Iconic Bay Area Food - Gizdich Ranch. Their pie and ice cream are legendary.

Breakfast at Tiffany's in SF. Been around since the 70s. When they shut down and the restaurant got bought out, it was a tragedy.

That's It The Center of the Mile ■■■Anthony Bourdain agrees

Just For You Cafe in SF for brunch. Try the beignets. ■■Zachary's Chicago Pizza in Oakland for supper. Good food.

This is a great post! Thanks for asking! I've added a ton of restaurants to my list of places I want to try!

Buckeye Roadhouse in Mill Valley. The real ones know.

Turtle Tower Vietnamese Pho. It's in SF and the best pho house in the Bay Area.

For me, there's a special place in my heart for Taco Bravo in Campbell. It's not fine dining, but those tacos are amazing.

Nation's Giant Hamburgers

Thanks everyone for the great suggestions!! Will plan visiting these restaurants!

Lee's Sandwiches on Capitol Ave and Berryessa

Late to the party, but here's my \$0.02: ■■■If you're by North Beach in the city, consider Sotto Mare and their pizza.

Corn and pasilla will change your life

I go to the San Leandro one all the time

How much longer I wonder? ■■■Big condo buildings all around there now

I live in Redwood City and see this place all the time. I love their sign!

What do you get there? I went there today based on this thread, interior decor was cool, beer selection was good.

+1 Tadich. Good food, great service, iconic setting.

This is a good list! I went to Asia SF for a bachelorette party. Definitely a unique experience.

I tried it once because of the food, and it was SO BAD ■■■Edit: I think the ice cream is bad. Overpriced.

No cleats!

I went there years ago and was incredibly disappointed with the food. I swore I'd never go back, and haven't.

Seconded

Zareens is sooo good. Highly recommend the chicken samosas.

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Cliff House: could reopen this year. The National Park Service is entertaining leasing proposals as of Tuesday.

Additional iconic restaurants that come to mind include, ■■■Chez TJ (Mountain View) ■■■Chez Panisse (Berkeley)

Please don't patronize Burma Superstar. The owners had to pay \$1.3 million as part of a [class action settlement].

Chef Chu's! My rehearsal dinner was there, many many moons ago. Now when I go back to visit family and friends in the area, I always stop by.

Iconic good restaurants with best food in the class.

Yeah I dunno what the deal is, went with friends in 2012 and we were all disappointed. Never went back. F
[removed]

I hesitated to add this place. It really is like going back in time to the 1950s when entering. It used to be ca
Harry's isn't really downtown and is surrounded by one story buildings for the most part. Like one condo ne
Yeah, the food is definitely on the diner side aimed at older people. I usually get a turkey dinner or corned
Came here to add Tadich

The food is standard diner. The ice cream is pretty good.

Iconic and meh. You have to go there once. I have a lot of good memories their of friends (not of the food r

I went there with my family and it was just fine. Not spectacular but fine.■■■They don't have anything partic

They aren't first any longer? What does that mean? Agreed though, not iconic

Michael Mina is no more, it's now a Greek Restaurant, still by Mina, but different restaurant. ■■■<https://www>

Some of those restaurants are fairly expensive and would require a lot of pre-planning? Danko and French

Oh yes that timeless classic restaurant named Michael Mina

wow, TIL. thank you

If only Falafal Stop could figure out a better ordering system.

Falafel stop is solid. Cheap and tasty but only a basic eating area. I love their pita.

I live down the street. They've waxed and waned a few times as far as their ingredients go, especially arou

Have you driven by lately? I feel like I saw big developments getting closer

I'm from the midwest, love diner food, I'm not sure that's what I'd describe it as. It's really just straight up ca

Yes, history helps drive its popularity. I wouldn't categorize it as a white techie place (my words not yours).

Yeah I realized after I wrote this list that 1999 would like a word with me ■■

I've driven by Alice's a million times, it's at the intersection of Skyline and 84 so their parking lot and the ga

Yes, it's kinda silly, but it does work... though I always struggle to explain it to people I bring with me, haha

This is a weird list.

Aphotic - San Francisco■■■Azalina's - San Francisco■■■Burdell - Oakland■■■Copas - San Francisco■■■Co

Try the listings for *Check Please Bay Area* on the KQED website. Many hundreds of restaurants reviewe

According to a few writers who sampled a few places relative to the total options.■■■At least EaterSF h

There are so many great restaurants in the nooks and crannies of the Bay Area that are often hidden from

Obviously they tried every restaurant in the Bay Area before writing up this clickbait.

This list is not that bad compared to other lists that are very SF centric or basically just a who's who of Mic

I went to Egglicious because my co-worker loves eggs and said "It sounds intriguing." I like Eggs and Indi

\$15 for two tacos is crazy.■■■Rather than trendy spots I think it's better to highlight local good eats that do

The Chronicle skews heavily towards SF restaurants so not sure how "best" they are.

Huh, weird how the "Bay Area" best restaurants seem to be clustered in SF in the SF Chronicle.

Critic contrarians out in full force. Not sure what one gets out of broadly denouncing any and all Best Of lis

The best restaurants are the ones YOU like the most. It's subjective.

Sandy's making the list is funny

Mazra in San Bruno!

Shouts to Copas. Julio's the man.

Yet no restaurants in the hood lol

Brought to you by Aphotic...

I stopped after seeing first half (or more) in SF only. So completely missed out the "Bay" lol■■■Garbage and

The article says "New York style pizza" and "vegan cheese" in the same paragraph. As a person who grew

Comments section freaking out about an opinion piece lol ■■■I thought it was interesting, I want to try Kajik

Lol if you guys don't care about food critics then don't read this? Keep supporting your neighborhood resta

The Chronicle skews heavily towards SF restaurants so not sure how "best" they are.

is any of those recommended by Michelin?

Cesar Hernandez, really? who cares.

Mamas Boy isn't even the best drummer in the Beatles

Source the chronicle and the SF Kens and Karens come out in force and get triggered.

Rip maruichi

Aw big congrats to Dalida! Our neighbor in the presidio just doing amazing things!

Title says "15 best Bay Area Restaurants" but then the article says "15 Best **new** restaurants". This is s

You know who didn't make the list? San Leandro and South San Francisco... get your shit together guys.

I wish we had good options in the CoCoCo side■■■

Good, no Sonoma County restaurants on here...keep it that way, all ours

Han Sang in Millbrae looks good but \$20 for sul long tang is atrocious. Further proves my point that korean

RIP Val's Burger in Hayward.

Where's Applebees?

These are paid advertisement lists right?

Number of these where I've eaten? Zero.

So....eight in The City, one in Sonoma county, one in Napa county , and only *FIVE* around the Bay?? ■■■

Thank you!

>Aphotic - San Francisco - **4.4** Stars Yelp ■■> ■■>\- Owner' tag - Aphotic is a best fine dining practice s

What matters is that you can go anywhere in the Bay Area and have a great at your price point. As long as

Not sure why Healdsburg and Napa are on this list ffs.

Thanks for doing this

Burdell was awful when we ate there. The biscuits could break the glass on a Cyber Truck they were so de

Ok so you expect a proper food critic to try every restaurant in the Bay Area?

Sure, but I live in the east bay, go to Sf for work often, visit family in the South Bay and sometimes head to

There's also probably more restaurants than what a person can dine at 3 times a day for the year. ■■■Lots

Sadly the Bay Area never had a Jonathan Gold type individual

You aren't allowed to have opinions about restaurants unless you've been to every single one

I just refuse to eat out anymore. It's all gotten expensive. Tipping has always irritated me too. ■■■It's just

Did you even glance at the list? 7 out of 15 out outside of SF.■■■And it's not so much an authoritative Best

Common sense would tell you that the largest and most diverse City in the Bay Area has the best restaura

yeah srsly I was hoping to see people discussing the restaurants and get some first hand accounts on whi

It's because randoms on the internet believe they know more than critics whose literal job is to find, taste,

Nobody is saying that this is a comprehensive, definitive list, backed by data. 99.9% of the lists published c

Totally agree. People around here seem to love La Taqueria in SF. I think its one of the worst burritos I've

Why is that funny? Honest question

The third restaurant on the list is in Oakland...

I agree in principle but I work next to mamas boy and it's a pretty legit slice shop■■■Massive stretch for a B

Maybe try being inclusive? Some people can't eat dairy for health reasons, and others want to help the co

Just went to Kajiken last Friday - definitely worth almost getting back to work late!

downvoted for being real

That's funny, zero is also the number of these that I knew existed! I don't get out much.

That's cuz at Mama's Boy you need at least two slices, and either a third slice or a drink

They're in Bay area counties

They are areas that are - at least from a tourist perspective - linked to the bay area, and have a sufficient c

It's important to acknowledge the limitation. ■■■The writers of the article could have easily listed all the res

No, never said that, implied that.■■■With that said, reviewers should state dietary restrictions/biases in thei

true, but also food is about setting expectations and marketing. 99% of palettes cannot discern any food q

There is something like 68 Mexican places in Santa Rosa alone. It might be possible to eat at one a night

Soleil Ho is pretty good. I've enjoyed a lot of her recommendations

You are allowed to have them. However, saying certain restaurants are the "best" when you have not tried

Majority are North Bay. Oakland, Napa, Healdsburg also count as North Bay. South Bay isn't well sampled

I did. And the heading literally says "The Best," so that's what I'm reacting to. Do you know what "the best"

Yes but San Francisco appears in all the remaining 8 spots. It's the only city on the list to appear repeated

Most diverse city in the US is Hayward. SJ is most diverse over 350k population. ■■■<https://filterbuy.com/re>

Pretty sure San Jose surpassed SF in raw population. But SF is far more dense than SJ

i think the south bay is significantly more diverse, and in general my sense has been that it has better resta

Well it ain't called la burritoria....

I think this is one of the worse takes I've ever heard

Their tacos are amazing though

In my opinion, it isn't even the best muffuletta in San Francisco, let alone the best sandwich spot, or a best

Sandy's although decent is not a restaurant, it's a sandwich shop.

Nobody in their right mind considers them the bay unless you're a transplant or just love conforming to what the bay says. Obviously anecdotal but I've never heard of a single tourist thinking of Napa as the bay, and the general zeitgeist. Or even acknowledge in the title. ■■■I've tried (X) restaurants in the Bay Area in 2023, here are my top 15. The limitation is obvious and doesn't need to be said. If they listed every restaurant they tried, you would thank them. Yeah, like when I give you my favorite movies I'm always going to preface it with a list of all the movies I've watched. "I gravitated toward simplicity, affordability, fierce flavors and personal stories. Yet the restaurants I remember are from the SF Chronicle, they actively avoid coverage for the south bay. Thus, yes it's absolutely misleading for the title. True. And person I responded to is right that it skews heavily toward SF in the list being just over 50% in SF. The headline writer did the article writer a disservice. ■■■I suggest people look beyond the headline. It's an overpriced, overrated list. Did you really need to be this condescending lol

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Yes, it's a list by one SF Chron writer. Their personal choices and they're going to skew toward SF. But the list is not bad. [deleted]

Overpriced, overrated, better options change my mind

What's your favorite muffuletta in SF?

> love conforming to what the government tells you ■■■■■■■■■■ We should just let you decide what constitutes a "bay area" restaurant. Maybe a better way of thinking about it is : There's a lot of high end dining up there, it isn't so far removed from SF. Yeah it ain't hard

The limitation isn't obvious to people who are dumber than you, and there are varying degrees of severity of the limitation. Don't care because you're just a rando. ■■■I'd expect a "top" journal to have the money, time, people and resources to do a better job. Title should be edited w/ that best affordable, simple restaurants and those with stories.

Depends on the type of food. Overall I'd agree, but the Bay Area is a huge place and SF isn't even the biggest city. fact? Got a source?

"Better per capita" is a hard metric to measure without a baseline on "better".

It might be overrated but "one of the worst burritos you've ever had" is either contrarian just for the sake of being contrarian. Not Healdsburg, Napa, Santa Rosa, Dixon, etc. Let these places have their own distinct identity instead of being lumped into the "bay area". It's a list of 15 restaurants from one writer. It's not some exhaustive survey of the Bay Area. The headline could be better. >fact? Got a source? ■■■Anyone with tastebuds

FWIW, I pulled some datasets and tried to find an actual answer, but gerrymandering has completely fucked the data. I'm really not upset. It's kind of expected.

Amazed no one has said Lion Dance Cafe. Singapore streetfood in downtown. It's vegan, but some of the best. Champa Garden & Venetian Cafe.

bombera, belotti bottega, pho vy, ao sen, shan dong, delicious curry house, tacos oscar, aguachiles el tambo. Asmara is famous for Ethiopian but there are many. We like Cafe Eritrea.

La Grana Fish - tacos, cerviche, birria ■■■Lovely's - smash burgers ■■■Bird & Buffalo - Thai ■■■La Guerrera's - Mexican

Underrated: saap Ave on Piedmont

Jong-Ga House has delicious korean food and KBBQ. Enssaro & Barcote for Ethiopian. Agave uptown has
I've worked in the restaurant industry in the East Bay for over a decade, here's my favs:███-Ramen Shop :
People already mentioned most of what I would've said. Pizzaiolo, Shan Dong, Tacos Oscar, Burma Super
Graffiti Pizza, Rico Rico, Tacos Oscar, Comal Next Door, Belly, Burma Superstar, Barneys Burgers, Grand
I'm surprised I don't see banh mi ba le. Best Vietnamese sandwiches. Try the coffee smoothie. So good!
My personal choices.███Cholita Linda: Best fried fish tacos and Cuban food███Sparky's: A personal choice
Bombera, Mama, Enssaro, Hopscotch, soba ichi, world famous hot boys, horn bbq, farmhouse Thai
Taqueria El Paisa @.com (not to be confused with El Paisa Taqueria)███Bahn Mi Ba Le███Da Nang Quan
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Pizzaiolo, Burma Superstar, Shan dong, guru curry house, pomella, Mua, Enssaro, pizzeria violetta, super
Nick's pizza███Vientian ███Shan Dong███Arizmendi's bakery███Ramen Shop
/r/oaklandfood is a good place to check out. Any cuisine in particular?

An incredibly bomb dish I've only ever had in Oakland is Huangcheng Noodle House's Chongqing Street N
tin & pig for amazing korean bar food! better than porn bar imo and cute atmosphere with separate booths
Commis and C.D.P.

If you're willing to go to emeryville, Good To Eat Dumplings is amazing
Kamdesh Afghan Kabob House, Hotbird, Mehak Indian Cuisine, Rotten City Pizza, Zaytoon Mediterranean
5Spiced just opened in Montclair and is super good.

when i'm in the area my go-to's are:███\- messob on piedmont ave███\- halal guys - don't hate lol███\- sha
Bab Al-Yemen has amazing and affordable food!

Jo's Modern Thai███Already lots of great rec's on this sub, but Jo's is seriously top tier. ███Other great spo
Bird & Buffalo, Phnom Penh, Jo's Modern Thai, Sister, Hopscotch, the burger at Kon Tiki, Bake sale Betty,
Millennium, Souley Vegan, Golden Lotus. Those are our go-tos. If I had to pick one, Millennium is really go
Monster Pho is good

Many spots I like have been mentioned but I haven't seen anyone mention a yummy lil joint called "Camb
Bake Sale Betty. Best friend chicken sandwich I've ever had.

Teni East Kitchen is an awesome Burmese spot, IMO on par with Burma Superstar. For quick Chinese I lo
NIDOs Backyard; fun and yummy. Great for dates, groups, and good drinks!

Lois the Pie Queen!

My favorite pizza in the Bay Area is Arthur Mac's by MacArthur BART. Eat it there while the crust is still cri
So many great suggestions like Tacos Oscar and Pizzaiolo! Not a fan of Mua and I'm surprised to see it ge
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Holly's Mandarin for Chinese. Square Pie Guys has bomb detroit style pizza and their schezuan wings are
25 comments and nobody has said "your mom"?

Jack London for chicken and waffles, you're welcome. Bomb sweet tea

best tacos in the country tacos el paisa

Burma bear ■■■ Delirama (new pastrami spot, not actually Oakland, but Berkeley) ■■■ Korner (pop-up venue)

I like world ground cafe but it's pretty expensive

My additions ■■■ <https://www.kqed.org/arts/13895488/pho-vy-oakland-vietnamese-tacos-quesabirria-bo-kho>

The rendezvous on MLK between 54 and 55th

Xingones

The best pho in Oakland and maybe East bay: Pho king on e18th. Not the one 5th ave and international. Y

Commis

Ming's tasty for some good dim sum

Pyeong Chang Tofu House! Favorite Oakland restaurant

Kansai.

Oakland: Mua, Spices 3, Grand Lake Kitchen, Hot Boyz, Bakesale Betty, Hancock

Ruth's Bukka, arguably the best Nigerian food in the Bay Area!

Lucky 3 7!!

Soba iichi... my favorite place I've eaten since moving here

If you drink at all, the First and last Chance Saloon in Jack London Square is a unique experience . You ca

I heard their Laksa is really good.

Still haven't tried that spot. It always has a line. Any recs for a first dish?

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What did you order from champa garden. ■ Had some dishes and it was just eh?

Champa Garden is the best. Also try Yimm's in Rockridge.

Thank you for the rec

Belotti!!!

shan dong is alright. the dumplings are good. def caters to gringos tho

Cafe Collucci is tops for me

Enssaro or Shewhat are my go-tos for Ethiopian/Eritrean respectively.

Asmara's the best!

Lovely is great but man...that line.

Yes! Especially the soups. Drinks are interesting too.

Absolutely!

Don't know whether it's the location or some other reason, but I always forget about this place, and it's deli

This is a great summary but some of my go-to's that aren't listed: ■■ Shawarmaji - really awesome shawar

Oh wow... Thank you for the extensive recommendation!! I will definitely go to a couple of these ■

Aburaya is up there with Homeroom for overhyped bland food. Quite literally don't understand the high rati

>Surprised no one said Zachary's for Chicago-style pizza ■■ Eh, The Star is better anyway and they have

Oh I can't believe I forgot shawarmaji - the toum is to die for.

Yes, Grand Lake Kitchen!

Need to have the #13 here. Vietnamese grilled pork with a runny fried egg. Absolute game changer.
I would say Yoshi's is more for the vibe and jazz club, less for the food itself (still worth checking out though)
I have a huge soft spot for Sparky's simply because they serve curly fries
Sparky smacks!!
I couldn't disagree more with most of these choices. To each their own though.
Oh thank you for the recommendation ■■■ also saw farm house Thai on Yelp... It looks great !!
>farmhouse Thai■■■IMHO, their sister restaurant Daughter Thai is a bit better.
[Matt Horn has allegedly not paying employees on time and they've had dangerous working conditions](http://www.sfbay.com/news/food/food-safety-concerns-at-matt-horn-restaurant/)
someone actually saying el paisa wtf lmao agreed the best tacos i had outside of mexico
I have made that El Paisa mistake - it's not a good mistake
> El Paisa■■■Get the tripas.
Came to say phnom penh - the owners are super nice too!
Never knew about the New Gold Medal Restaurant. I'm so glad there is a good late night option out there!
Good recommendations!! I will check them out on Yelp right now !!
True Burger > Super Duper (and it's in Oakland)
Second Ramen Shop!■■■Get the pork ramen
I love Nick's pizza!
Oh I will check it out. ■■■Hmmm. Maybe southern American ?
I liked it before they changed to Tin & Pig. I think it was called Kang Tong Degi or something like that. The
I agree!
Oh word? I'll eat at your home. Send me your address, I'll be there in 15! Can you make some pasta?? Ma
I've had several of their dishes and they were all amazing. I loved the fried mushroom goreng and jackfruit
Tofu nuggets! They only have them one day a week now, though.
What do you recommend from Vientian? ■■■I've been a few times, and am not totally sold. Don't get me wrong
i just moved down the street from this place and have yet to try it! definitely trying it tonight
Sampler platter, curries
no prob. and oh yeah, one more I forgot: occitania. had a nice meal there recently and the cocktails were t
Had some extremely sub par noodles with pork and pickled veg. Little pork slices with about two to three p
Can't wait to check out their new location. They're planning on doing music and cooking events in the new
I just looked. Colluci has sea food. Now I have to try it.
The two times I've been there the line has been long - but it moved quickly. Like 15-20 minutes?
Also love MAMA and world famous hotboys! Will have to check out the others
Man these sounds sooo good
Just one data point but I personally enjoyed homeroom
Agreed, the food is pretty average at Aburaya. I think they're an Oakland favorite because the unique punk
Never been to The Star...is that the same company as Little Star on Solano and in SF? That place is great

also teriyaki burgers

Farmhouse really goes for jnstagram vibes but the food is super tasty

Google's reviews are better I think.. sort by newest

Oh I've never been. Will have to check it out. I did try Noka Ramen, their new place, and it was quite good

Ooof missed this. Thank you for sharing.

El paisa.com got a Michelin Guide mention: <https://guide.michelin.com/us/en/california/oakland/restaurant>

Yes, I love the one in Laurel!

It's real popular for dim sum during the day and people getting out of bars/clubs at night.

I do love me some true burger and their shakes, but I just recently tried Lana's smash burger. Legit!

The true deluxe (burger patty plus fried cheese stuffed portobello) with bacon is something special.

Pizzaiolo burgers > both those places

Third ramen shop!

For southern food, [Angeline's](<https://angelineskitchen.com/index.html>) was good the last time I tried it (in

Having lived in the South for a majority of my life, I haven't found any particularly good options here so far.

I deleted my comment, but I stand by what I said about eating at home. I like eating out, but as an example

also, I make a mean bowl of ramen

Final final Im booking marking this thread because there are so many good suggestions.

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shan dong is known for dumplings and a few other dishes like the spicy combination handmade noodles. I

Music? Fuck yeah. I'll show up. [My old housemate she called collucci 'pretty lady cafe'](#). Me I'm there for t

No interest in macaroni, but I like Aburaya.

Yes, they're all the same company.

WTF? Lol. I had no idea they highlighted restaurants like this. I'd love to see Michelin restaurant types sh

They also have my fave cookies in Oakland (Lana's)

Shan Dong had great house made noodles!

Best friends family is originally from Louisiana and they feel strongly that Angeline's is the best Cajun food

Oh Angeline's is so delicious

Check out Brenda's. It's hard to find good southern food here but they do some good New Orleans-ish foo

What do you think of Brenda's in the Tenderloin? I know it's not Oakland but I like it as a non southerner.

Haha I didn't really mind, no need to apologize to me. People probably just downvoted because it didn't ad

Thanks! Don't think I've had any of those. Will have to check it out

Oh ok I'll give the dumplings a try then [■■■](#)

Plus adding a cocktail menu, brunch, and more: <https://www.berkeleyside.org/2022/08/15/cafe-colucci-bru>

I eat aburaya weekly, does that dude know there's like 10 different seasonings? How the fuck is it bland Im

I must check this place out then !!!

Was great the time I ate there! Went a few months ago with my cousin but she didn't want to wait for a tab

Haven't tried it, but I'll add it to my list!

Yeah, some of their food is pretty average while other dishes are fantastic. The nam kao is my favorite tho
I've heard good things from Hanazen, they are run by an old Japanese couple who stands by their tradition
Sushi Sho in El Cerrito. One guy has been making sushi there (previously in Berkeley) for 40+ years. He fl
Look at Delage. I've really enjoyed my two times there but I also tend to enjoy everything (pretty easy sell,
Kiraku is my favorite place. Intimate and non-fussy but they know what they are doing and have a great sa

Sushi salon

Sushi Sho in El Cerrito omakase at the counter is always an experience.

Tancho in Castro Valley - in a terrible strip mall and omekase only - be sure to get reservations at the bar n

Mujiri Nigiri

Waki in Alameda is so good.

Utzutzu in Alameda. <https://resy.com/cities/sf/utzutzu?date=2023-09-05&seats=2>

Iyasare

The best fish we've had in Oakland is at Uzen in Rockridge.

Hashi Gawa in Alameda

Ippuku in Berkeley is really good it's not sushi tho

soba ichi in oakland is about as japanese as it gets around here. I don't think they've gone back to table se

Delage or if you really wanna go all out Utzutzu

You should go to Soba Ichi! Check their hours, they're only open on certain days, but they are the absolute

Judoku

I'd recommend Geta or Kirala!

Fish & Bird Izakaya is great for a special night out. It's in Berkeley off of Shattuck, good rotating menu of in

I know you said East Bay, but my favorite sushi I've ever had was in Sausalito at a place called Sushi Ran

Kirala is pretty awesome

Yansei Handrolls is great for a date night!

Ipuku in Berkeley.

Following!

Soba Ichi■And yes I'm a native Japanese

Kirala is my sushi jam in Berkeley but now I'm excited to try all these other recs! Thanks everyone!!!

I would thoroughly recommend Iyasare for their fresh fish / sushi and Ippuku.

I would look for a well regarded omakase outfit. Hanazen and Delage I can vouch for personally. Portions

Kinja!

Delage!

Mijori is my favorite place in Oakland. It's on Grand Ave. about a block down from the Grand Lake Theater

It's not exactly traditional dining but the food is absolutely fire:■KYOTO RAMEN in El Cerrito Plaza

Ippuku or Kiraku are both great izakaya/sushi options!

Yoshis is very good and you can get a huge platter for a good price and see a show after

Delage was unbelievable.■■■[https://preview.redd.it/xl9bzyo2ynmb1.jpeg?width=3024&format=pjpg&auto=](https://preview.redd.it/xl9bzyo2ynmb1.jpeg?width=3024&format=pjpg&auto=compress)

I love Delage! The sushi chef is a lady and the presentation of the food is absolutely spectacular. I also love

Tane in Berkeley

Coach on Grand Ave. The best!

Ooooo mujiri is so good

There's a new ramen place on Piedmont. Mensho. ■■■Very authentic. ■■■Exceptionally delicious ■■■<https://www.yelp.com/photos/mensho-berkeley-2>

Uzen in Rockridge. Hands down. Super fresh and they treat you really well.

Elephant Sushi!

Geta on Piedmont Ave■■■<https://getapiedmont.com/>

Samurai Sushi on Grand Avenue. Run by a Japanese family (and a new serving robot; Mama-san is getting

Your answer is coach's sushi. Bottomless sake. I can't remember how the sushi is though.

Coach Sushi in grand lake

If you want a special sushi dinner, go to Utzutz. Reservations required, 2 seating an evening. It was truly

Second this. And their sister place Utzutz in alameda. Been to delage since their grand opening when it

Delage was absolutely delightful!! One of the best dining experiences I've had in the East Bay.

Came in just to mention Kiraku..use Yelp's waitlist feature to get a table otherwise wait can be hours long.

I second this

Kiraku, while delicious, is not quite traditional Japanese. they've got a bit of fusion french/tapas flare to the

This is the one! This is the best. We also love Mujiri (and can't believe the incredible quality & price). Sushi

"We have a mandatory service charge of 20% to be added in your bill. This is not tips. Tips would be great

Just did a birthday here. Biiiiig +1 for Tancho. You'd never know how nice the inside is by the parking.

Damn, I've seen that spot countless times because I work in the area. Never knew it was like that though!

Seconded. Very high quality fish, intimate omakase restaurant.

This is the way.

Came here to say this if it wasn't said already. Super good fish, great experience, always very special.

We had one of the most disappointing meals of our lives here. Average fish covered with sauce and \$500

Yes. And it's a nice place for a birthday dinner. Excellent cocktails too.

Came here looking for this.

Same, and Market Hall sells their sushi on weekdays too. That's how I found out about Uzen - I had eaten

Second this!!!

But it is Japanese and really nice

Table service is back, and yes, this place is special. More so than anyone else one this list

This is a sister restaurant to Ippuku

Food is great. Sat at the bar and the bartenders were letting us taste everything. They make their own plums

Wasn't impressed. Overpriced for what you get. Inattentive service.

Reservations recommended!

Agreed. I think it's so freaking good. And they have my favorite whiskey that's super hard to find.

I was going to say Kirala too. I haven't been there in maybe 10 years. How does it compare to some of the
Also following!

How does it compare to Mensho in SF? I thought their ramen was fantastic. Best noodles and pork belly I've
News to me that it's finally open. Thank you.

literally searched for this very comment. boosting. wish i could even award it but i am a poor ■■■■ so here
I don't think Geta is actually that good. But considering their prices, it's actually pretty good AND extremely
Why the hell is anyone downvoting this? It's not fancy, that's for sure, but it's authentic as hell and absolute
I used to like Geta. But service is meh. And I lost respect for them when they gave a friend of mine a hard
I would love to hear about the wife's reaction if this happened.

Yup, Delage or Utzutzu is the answer! Both are delicious, authentic, special-feeling experiences. Enjoy!
Third this option!■■■If you put in your reservation the info about your wives bday, they will also do something
That's great to hear! Have no idea who you are but happy you enjoyed Delage.

Humble brag: I went to Japan three times and had multiple sushi dinners, a tempura omakase, traditional
If the omekase was listed at \$150 would that make a difference in how you viewed the experience?

I live for the negiyaki and aged umeshu

Pretty overrated imho

What's your favorite whiskey?

Is it like comparing the Beatles to Taylor swift. Apples and oranges?

Agreed. My teen and I prefer Geta to Delage (get the chef's special). ■■■The Geta folks have opened up h
I heard quality went down since Covid and it's no longer as good as how it was before? I haven't been in 4
I just went back today and it didn't miss!

The best part is coach's sushi is really good. Bottomless sake aside. I do think they're fish quality is quite n
Yep. Funny thing last year all 4 parties had a birthday including my wife. We all took a picture and the chef
It kind of would. Why pretend it's cheaper than it is by listing a lower price?

Where's your favorite?

the ambience, rave reviews, and the wait time did something to us, and we ordered the entire menu. yep. n
+1 they were fantastic precovid. now it's decent, but not amazing.

Agreed.

Weller. It's so freaking delicious.

It's still excellent!

I was there last month. Still rocks.

I've been twice recently and It's still good - but not as good

Frankly nothing in the east bay. I would just schlep it to sf for a special night. ■■■That Japa curry place in o
Bookies pizza at Sante Adairius

Aptos - Hong Kong Garden. ■ Family owned, and operated chinese cuisine. ■ ■ ■ For meat eaters : ■ salt ch
California burrito with carnitas at taqueria Los pericos
El chinos /capitola/ chicken chimichanga (deadpool voice) ■ Thank me later.
Pretty good advice ■ ■ Edit: and engfer's pizza!
Donnelly's chocolates has the best sea salt caramel ice cream bar I've ever had. In fact, best ice cream in
For breakfast, try the Mike's mess at Zachary's in DT SC. Or pretty much anything at Seabreeze Cafe.
Arepas at Pana!!
for coffee, check out coffee conspiracy downtown!
Marianne's ice cream
The DiGiorno at Safeway is kinda ok. And maybe Lillian's.
Barceloneta. Downtown Santa Cruz.
The Goyza and Ramen @ Full Steam Dumpling ■ ■ The Stracciatella @ Mentone ■ ■ The Carnitas tacos @
Las Palmas Taco Bar near the Wharf.
I like Pana food truck at the end of Western. Special Noodle is some of the best Chinese food I've had.
Man reading through these recommendations I'm like "I had to stop going there years ago, people can still
Strictly speaking City of Santa Cruz, I'd say: ■ ■ Cafe Brazil for Breakfast. Zocolli's Deli for Lunch. Mozaic
Home - farm-ish to table. Quality ingredients, thoughtfully prepared. ■ Trestles - fussy but terrific food. ■ Me
Chocolate in downtown Santa Cruz just for the chocolate cocktails and their insanely good hot chocolate. ■
Ambrosia for Indian and vegan.
Sugo Italian Pasta Bar
Pana!! There's a food truck and now a location in the Abbott square octagon. They sell arepas and are SO
Charlie Hong Kong
Mission at bbq, seabright deli, belly goat burger, home, Lilian's, Pana, Mo's dumplings, companion bakesh
Taco Bell on Soquel/41st.
bagels at firefly ■ ■ carne en su jugo at taqueria santa cruz ■ ■ wonton soup from yan flower ■ ■ banana pan
Riva Fish House on the Wharf! Santa Cruz' Finest Seafood! Sooooo good!
Either Mission Street or Aptos BBQ for best BBQ.
Zammeen...lamb burger w feta fries is amazing
Get açai bowls at samba rock (just go for the carmen miranda). Take them to anyplace from the wharf to n
Lillian's
Check same question here last week
Solid recommendations here for the most part, but Pizza My Heart seriously? It's an okay chain, but doesn
I love Daruma pop up for Izakaya
It so much food but Amazon Juice is a must hit
Pastor california burrito from Los Viejones food truck, blows every other taqueria out of the water, no offen
Laili downtown - afghan cuisine, semi-fancy, mind-blowing chicken and lamb, def get something with the p

Corn dog at Boardwalk

Surprised nobody else has mentioned Copal for Oaxhacan and mescal margaritas. It's terrific.

Sabieng has been the go to Thai spot for my family for decades. ■■ Garden market liquor and deli for lunch

Mozaic!

Pizza my heart

Thai ■-Sala Thai (Ocean Street) ■-Bangkok West (Aptos) ■■ Chinese ■-Guang Zho Restaurant (Portola) ■-

Engfer's pizza, Lillian's, de la hacienda taqueria, monster pot

Manuel's has the best Mexican food in the area. Gayles and The Buttery bakeries are to die for.

The \$12 burger and beer special at the Alderwood during their happy hour (wednesday-friday 4-6pm) is gr

Barceloneta, Santa Cruz is bomb.com

Santa Cruz the city or county? Aptos st bbq is pretty amazing if you like BBQ.

Trestles

shogun for the best sushi, tramonti for great italian (fck lillian's), and taqueria los pericos for the best mexic

Lago Di Como for the best pasta of your life. ■■ Bantam for cocktails and fried chicken. ■■ Naka Sushi ■■

olitas on the wharf

Can't believe no one's said Charlie Hong Kong's!!! Cmon people

Zachary's !!!

La Cabaña Taqueria ■ (831) 425-7261 ■ <https://maps.app.goo.gl/zsSyJwKKSVMTbUPA>

Sapporo ramen on Capitola :]

Saturn Cafe pre-2015

VIM on the west side: I think the butter board is decadently delicious, and I haven't ever come across that

Breakfast: cafe Brazil. ■■ Pizza: slice project in Watsonville... I have yet to find good pizza in Santa Cruz. ■■

Jack's burgers and tritip

Special Noodle on Ocean St. ■■ Fried Soup Bao Buns ■ Soup Dumplings ■ Spicy Beef Noodle Soup ■■ I sw

Haven't seen anyone mention Point market breakfast burritos even though that is in Capitola. Also I think t

I love their mushroom wings! So unique

This pizza is literally heaven on a plate.

I haven't had every pizza on earth, but it's hard to imagine a better one than Bookies.

Second Hong Kong garden. Best Chinese food around. Was so cheap before the pandemic too!

Thank you for the rec, had everything you suggested and it was all incredible. ■

Big thumbs up for El Chino! My family has been going there for 20ish years.

Did they used to be on Soquel near the drive in theater?

Omg ■ class is yesss omfggg

This place is AWESOME! The hours aren't great tho ■

Let's warn people that it's all vegetarian.

Literally Donnelly's has been rated some of the best chocolate in the world.

Are they on mission?

I second this!

Morrissey Safeway or gtfo

I love that place too! We go like every other week now haha!

I went and was so disappointed!

Also second this. Kinda pricy but everything is amazing..

That place fed me so many times as a nearly broke stoner teen. Haven't been there in years.

Crispy shredded beef tacos ftw

Got really sick from eating there the first and only time. But maybe just a bad day.

mentone is overrated as well

Oswald is so overrated. It reminds me 60-somethings first date spot. Food is ok, but not worth the dosh. I'd

Also their paninis and breakfast burritos are good

Their chicken mole is the bomb ■

Delivery person here the food might be good but the kitchen conditions are disgusting.

....namastes better in my opinion

I had a bandaid in my curry from there once ■

Eat there all the time. Some of the best Indian food on either side of the hill.

I have had food poisoning twice from there, my friend has aswell.

Bean and cheese burrito and get it grilled■■■■■

Lived a short walk from that one for years. Would grab a bite before heading into that Safeway to stave off

I came here to say this. Riva is really good. I've been to Scott's Seafood, lots of good local places in Monte

I disagree... there blue cheese salads fire though

F'd not to drop THE REAL knowledge on him. Best spot in town is Ferrell's on Mission

Slice project over everything

And if you've never been there, ask for the mole sampler. I never knew there was anything other than the m

Sabieng just closed for business. Can you believe it?

Do they ever still do the pastrami and mustard pizza? Sounds nasty but it was amazing.

+1 for Moaziac

Bangkok west has the best green curry. Get the roast duck too!

Mozaic is so good! Love the Flaming Cheese! ■

As someone who's strictly eats Mexican food in Watson because SC can't shake a stick at it, Hacienda is a

Sounds good but looking on the internet it appears that Alderwood has closed.

Don't support alderwood. They are racists. Hence why they have been shut down so long. Yes the burger

Good with all you said except skip Flash Bird and go to Chubb's Chicken and get a spicy chicken sandwich

Naka is hands down best sushi. The most traditional outside of SF. Naka and his wife are really great. A lit

Check out mad yolks chicken sandwich.... ■■

TGI-OLITAS! Never actually been there, but I love me a cheesy local commercial.

The most bland overrated spot in SC.

I went to CHK's and ordered ginger beef and rice. It was inedible, dry steamed gingery cubes of beef that I

THE BESTTTTTT

Food poisoning twice...

> Saturn Cafe when on Mission St.

Slice project in Watsonville is still some of the best pizza I've ever had. Both Detroit and NY style

Jayne Dough makes even better Detroit style pizza. Unfortunately she runs a pop up so you can't get it when

Still there! (Well, el chino is... not the drive in obviously)

Yes

I mean 9am - 5pm 7 days a week isn't bad at all.

Good looking out fam. Bleh!

Yup they are! There is parking at the back that is accessible from Bay. It's fucking delicious

Between the two, I'm GTFO

We overheard a woman at cvs telling the cashier that morrissey safeway has THE BEST chile relleño ever

Their prices have jumped the shark.

You got that right! In my 61 years, I've never been disappointed with Oswald. Food, drinks, service, ambia

Been going regularly for 15 years without issue but the old saying is very true, if you want to know everythin

Indeed. Can't emphasize that enough! The place fukin rocks!

I get that this was from 100 days ago but they're still open and they've been open for at least a few months

Once they got rid of the clams I gave up. Better pizza in the area by far.

They have a new location a few blocks away on Pacific Ave downtown called Alderwood Pacific. I believe

yeah you have to get the surf n turf casadilla, one of the best things i've had in santa cruz no joke, split it b

Did not realize it had that kind of reputation ■■ getting downvoted into hell I've always had pretty amazing e

Amen

Slice Project > Bookies all day

I like slice project better actually!

Thanks, I love that place.

If your a bank maybe.

I walk past it almost every day. I'll stop in sometime

That's a solid lead.

I go past it a lot and thought it was random. Stopped by when it was raining because I wanted them to hav

Noted. I appreciate that! Place is always pretty empty. But I'll definitely stop by!