



# GUIDE TO ANN ARBOR: EAT/DRINK/DO

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

### Lunch and Dinner

- [Hola Seoul](#): Go-to spot for Korean-Mexican fusion food. They do great Korean fried chicken as well.
- [Sweeting](#): A Taiwanese Boba shop but they offer a nice selection of lunch and snack options. Good food. Fast serving. (Note that this is the one on 1205 S University)
- [Lan City Noodle Bar](#): Known for their hand-pulled noodles.
- [Tomukun](#): Noodle bar and Korean BBQ (two separate restaurants next to each other). Big portions, decent price, big selection.
- [Totoro](#): Sleek yet casual restaurant for Japanese specialties such as tempura, udon and creative sushi rolls.
- [Mama Satto](#): Another casual option for Japanese food.
- [Rich J.C. Korean Cafe](#): Good Korean bibimbap and more. Limited bar-style seating, best for groups less than 4 people
- [Pita Kabob Grill](#): Falafel wraps, shawarma and salads to go in a small spot right near campus -- [619 E. William](#)
- [Sadako](#): Another excellent sushi option
- [Taste of India Suvai](#): Indian restaurant with a variety of Indian and Indo-Chinese dishes.
- [Joe's Pizza NYC](#): Authentic New York style pizza by the slice. A tad pricier than most pizza by the slice shops but is also better in quality. Open very late.
- [New York Pizza Depot](#): Casual pizzeria known for its New York & Chicago-style pizzas. They often have unusual flavors and topping combinations to try by the slice.
- Fast food chains on S. University: Jimmy John's, Panchero's, No Thai!
- Fast food chains on N. University/State St area.: Panera Bread, Noodles & Company, Jimmy John's, Buffalo Wild Wings, Chipotle, Potbelly Sandwich Shop, Ben and Jerry's.

### Coffee and Tea

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

- [Sweeting](#): Same one mentioned above. They also offer fried ice cream.
- [UniTea](#): Coffee and boba, plus soft-serve ice-cream.

## Downtown Ann Arbor

### Mid-End Dining (\$15-30)

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

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

- [Vinology](#): Upscale dining along with a chic wine bar featuring over 150 wines from all over the world -- [110 S Main](#)
- [Sava's](#): Artisan foods, constantly changing menu of salads, burgers, panini, etc. -- [216 S State St](#)
- [Aventura](#): Trendy tapas restaurant known for their paella. -- [216 E. Washington](#)
- [Taste Kitchen](#): Great elevated French-influenced American food with Asian twists -- [521 E Liberty St.](#)
- [Miss Kim](#): Trendy spot for Korean food with a modern, seasonal influence. Great Korean fried chicken -- [415 N 5th Ave](#)
- [Slurping Turtle](#): Industrial-chic Japanese choice with long communal tables for tapas, noodles & sushi, plus sake.
- [Miki Sushi bar](#): Authentic, good sushi, big selection, offer omakase.

## **Bars and Alcohol**

- [Ashley's](#): Local multi-tap bar est. 1983 with lots of craft beers on tap. Famous stilton cheese fries, recommended if you like intense bleu cheese. Also has other good pub fare. Better for smaller groups. Has trivia on Monday and Thursday nights. -- [338 S State St](#)
- [The Last Word](#): Modern day speakeasy with fancy craft cocktails and an extensive whiskey/bourbon/scotch list. Great atmosphere. Small bites. No password needed, but it's difficult to find: look for the unlabeled door around the corner from LIVE. -- [301 W Huron](#)
- [Nightcap](#): Sleek cocktail bar with excellent drinks and good liquor collection. They do not serve food.
- [The Grotto](#): Probably the best craft beer on draught in downtown Ann Arbor, especially for aficionados of dark beer.
- [Bill's Beer Garden](#): Home garden shop by day, very green beer garden by night with outdoor seating, craft beer, cider, wine and sangria. Check website for hours as they change seasonally. -- [210 S Ashley St](#)
- [Alley Bar](#): Hipster dive bar with cozy booths and couches and PBR paraphernalia. Serves both fancy cocktails and cheap beer. -- [112 W Liberty](#)
- [Old Town](#): Old-school tavern with cheap drinks and pub food. -- [122 W liberty](#)
- [The Bar at 327 Braun Court](#): Hideaway Kerrytown bar with creative cocktails and craft beer -- [327 Braun Ct](#)
- Dominick's: Outdoor garden and patio seating, shareable food (chips & artichoke dip, bosco sticks, garlic bread, etc.) and the best sangria in A2 (ordering by the pitcher is recommended for large groups as the lines to order more food and drinks can get long during happy hour.) -- [812 Monroe St](#)

## Visit and Explore

- [Zingerman's](#): Famous, nationally renowned gourmet food business located in the Kerrytown neighborhood just north of downtown Ann Arbor. 15 to 20 minute walk from Central Campus. Superb sandwiches endorsed by influential people such as [Barack Obama](#) and [Oprah Winfrey](#) and hand-picked food from around the world. Peruse the racks of spices, pickles, jams, butters, oils, vinegars, coffee and chocolate, all world-class quality. Be sure to sample the olive oils, balsamic vinegar and cheese. Lunch time can get really busy right at noon with long lines. Excellent place to buy food gifts. Expensive, but the quality is very high.
- [Nichols Arboretum](#): If you need a break and want to take a walk through nature, this place is a close walk from central campus, located next to the Huron river. The closest entrance is on the medical campus on [Washington Heights](#).
- [Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase](#): Located near downtown, the Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase (formerly the Mainstreet Comedy Showcase) opened in 1984. Past performers include Tim Allen, Drew Carey, Rosie O'Donnell, Chris Titus, Ellen DeGeneres, and Paula Poundstone.
- [Michigan Theatre](#) and [State Theatre](#): Two movie theaters in downtown Ann Arbor, within easy walking distance of campus.
- [The Ark](#): Non-profit folk music venue on [Main St](#).
- **Ice cream**: [The Blank Slate Creamery](#) is on [Liberty St](#) and has a large number of house-made ice cream flavors and the go-to place for eclectic flavors. [Washtenaw Dairy](#) is a little [farther away](#) but also has good ice cream and donuts.
  - If American ice cream is a little too sweet for you, or you're looking for some non-Gelato options, try ice cream at [Sweeting](#) and/or [UniTea](#) above.
- [La Dolce Vitta](#): Must-try place if you have a sweet tooth