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Places to Eat

Tucson is an awesome city for eating; you just have to know where to go. Here are some of our favorite places to chow down in the Old Pueblo. These are all very reasonably priced cafes and restaurants; if you want to get dressed up and go somewhere expensive give us a call and we'll recommend somewhere else.

El Charro (Mexican)

Downtown: 311 N. Court Ave. | 520-622-1922 Eastside: 6310 E. Broadway Blvd. | 520-745-1922

Ventana: 6910 E. Sunrise | 520-514-1922

Our favorite Mexican restaurant in Tucson, an institution since 1922. If you can, head for the original downtown location which has a great atmosphere, colorful patio, and we're convinced the food even tastes better there than at the satellite locations. The carne seca burrito is a their most famous dish (they cure the meat by drying it in a metal cage on the roof) and the fish tacos are to die for.

Guadalajara Grill (Mexican)

West: 220 E. Prince Road | 520-323-1022 East: 750 N Kolb Road | 520-296-1122

Delicious Guadalajara-style food and salsa made fresh at your table to your spiciness specifications. They also have *mariachi* players most nights of the week, and for a tip you can request a song (try "La Negra," "Cielito Lindo," or "Guadalajara").

El Guero Canelo (Mexican)

South Tucson: 5201 S. 12th Avenue | 520-295-9005

Home of the famous Sonoran hot dog (a bacon-wrapped frank covered in beans, salsa and a wonder of other condiments) and featured on TV's Man vs. Food. Skip the modern Oracle Road restaurant and head to the original South Tucson location. This is about as casual as it gets - you sit outside a glorified food truck with a glass bottle of Mexican Coke in one hand and your dogo or burrito in the other.

Pinnacle Peak Steakhouse (Steaks & burgers)

East: 6541 E. Tanque Verde Rd. | 520.296.0911 dinner only

If you want a sneak peak at our reception venue, head over to Trail Dust Town to dine at Pinnacle Peak, across "town square" from the Savoy Opera House. Famous for their mesquite-grilled cowboy steaks and casual atmosphere; don't wear a tie or the sheriff will come cut it off!

Baggins (Sandwiches)

Central: 2741 E Speedway Blvd | 520-327-4342 East: 7233 E Speedway Blvd | 520-290-9383

Williams Center: 5420 E. Broadway #260 |520-305-3922 other locations around town too; see their website Quick, yummy sandwiches. What more can we say?

Beyond Bread (Sandwiches, soup & salad)
Central: 3026 N Campbell Ave | 520-322-9965

East: 6260 E Speedway Blvd | 520-747-7477

We describe Beyond Bread as a local version of Panera but way better. WAY better.

Blue Willow (American)

Central: 2616 North Campbell Ave | 520-327-7577

A charming Tucson institution with a line out the door for Sunday brunch and a nice patio, Blue Willow's food is thoughtful and delicious.

B-Line (American)

4th Ave:621 N. 4th Avenue | 520-882-7575 One of the mainstays of the Bohemian 4th Ave district, the B-Line has great pastas, salads, and good beers on tap.

Cup Cafe (American)

Downtown: 311 East Congress Street | 520-798-1618

In downtown Tucson's historic and awesomely funky Hotel Congress (John Dillinger was arrested here), the Cup Cafe features nice food and irresistible desserts, and has a cute outdoor seating area.

Tucsonans travel to Chicago and decide they'd rather return home to Rocco's. Eat in or

bento boxes, terivaki, and noodle dishes. A favorite with students (they have Happy Hour specials on appetizers) and grownups alike, Yoshimatsu's quirky Japanese decor will

Little Cafe Poco Cosa (Mexican - breakfast & lunch M-F only) Downtown: Stone Avenue at Alameda Street | cash only; no phone

Delicious, fresh Mexican food in the heart of downtown. They don't take credit cards or have a phone because they're plenty busy without them!

Rocco's Little Chicago (Deep dish pizza) Central: 2707 East Broadway | 520-321-1860 Chicago deep-dish pizza but a little less buttery and completely delicious - many

take-out. Yoshimatsu (Japanese)

Central: 2660 N. Campbell Ave. | 520-320-1574

Bypass the sushi bistro in the back and head straight to the counter to order delicious

Zemam's (Ethiopian)

Central: 2731 E Broadway Blvd | 520-323-9928

or a first-timer at eating with your hands.

make you feel like you're not in Tucson anymore.

Delicious and inexpensive (it's BYOB too) - we recommend getting a sampler platter to share. You will love Zemam's whether you're a regular to Ethiopian food's aromatic stews