Recommended Restaurants near the Crowne Plaza Hotel

Note – reservations advised for many of these especially on weekends.

I. A short walk – all on St. Peter Street

*** St. Paul Grill in the St Paul Hotel 350 Market St. facing Rice Park There is a rear entrance on the corner of 5th and St Peter.

This is where the movers and shakers of Minnesota have their power lunches. A classic Amercian supper club atmosphere. We like to sit in the bar late and look at the pictures of the famous Minnesotans. www.stpaulhotel.com/dining.

Sakura 350 St. Peter St.

Japanese, sushi bar www.sakurastpaul.com

** Pazzaluna 360 St. Peter St.

Upscale Italian with beautiful wall murals and decor. www.pazzaluna.com

** Kincaid's 380 St Peter St.

American supper club with a nice atmosphere www.kincaid's.com

*** Meritage 410 St Peter St.

French Bistro. Considered by many to be one of the best in the city. They specialize in fresh shellfish and have a good Sunday brunch. Not open Monday. www.meritage-stpaul.com

Great Waters 426 St. Peter St.

A brew pub. They use a blessed underground spring to make their own. A more modest menu. www.greatwatersbc.com

A bit longer walk

on West 7th street

** Downtowner Woodfire Grill . 253 W 7th

Open hearth woodfired entrees including some Persian specialties. A cozy place on a cold evening. www.downtownerwoodfire.com

Near Mears Park

** Trattoria da Vinci 400 N. Sibley St.

Authentic Italian featuring copies of da Vinci's work. Nice decor.

- ** **Bin Wine Bar** in the same building as da Vinci, on the corner. Cozy wine bar with small plates.
- *** The Heartland 289 E 5th St. facing the farmers market

Upscale Midwestern cuisine featuring local products.

A short taxi drive or a very long walk

*** **W. A. Frost** 374 Selby St.

On cathedral hill, one of the most popular restaurants in the cities. Their large garden patio is very nice in the summer. If it is warm, it may still be open. In cooler weather we like their bar and the lower level lounge. Historic building in a historic neighborhood. www.wafrost.com

For the adventurous who want to travel to Minneapolis, ask the locals.