

## Palo Alto Restaurants

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### AMERICAN CUISINE

**Dan Gordon's**                      **640 Emerson Street, Palo Alto**                      **650-324-1960**  
<http://www.gordonbiersch.com/locations/palo-alto?action=view>  
Brew-pub serving traditional American fare. Very casual, pool tables and great appetizers for a shorter engagement.  
*Directions: Left on El Camino Real (north), right on University Avenue, right on Emerson and it is on the left hand side.*

**Nola Restaurant and Bar**                      **535 Ramona Street, Palo Alto**                      **650-328-2722**  
<http://www.nolas.com/index.html>  
Everyday is Mardi Gras at Nola's. It is Cajun style experience.  
*Directions: Left on El Camino Real (north), right into University Avenue, right on Ramona and it is on the left hand side.*

**Lyfe Kitchen**                      **167 Hamilton Ave, Palo Alto,**                      **(650) 325-5933**  
Balanced flavors from real high quality ingredients - gluten free and vegan options available.  
<http://restaurant.lyfekitchen.com/>  
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### CALIFORNIA CUISINE

**Calafia Cafe & Market**    **855 El Camino Real, Suite 130 , Palo Alto**    **(650) 322-9200**  
[calafiapaloalto.com](http://calafiapaloalto.com)  
Best of Winner    \$\$

**Pluto's**                      **482 University Ave. at Cowper, Palo Alto**                      **(650) 853-1556**  
[www.plutosfreshfood.com/](http://www.plutosfreshfood.com/)  
Best of Winner    \$

**St. Michael's Alley**                      **140 Homer Ave., Palo Alto**                      **(650) 326-2530**  
[www.stmikes.com](http://www.stmikes.com)  
Best of Winner    \$\$\$

## CAJUN/CARRIBBEAN CUISINE

**La Bodeguita del Medio**      463 S California Ave., Palo Alto      (650) 326-7762  
[www.labodeguita.com](http://www.labodeguita.com)  
Best of Winner \$\$\$  
Cajun and Caribbean

## CHINESE CUISINE

**Chef Chu's**      1067 N. San Antonio Rd. Los Altos      650-948-2696  
<http://www.chefchu.com/>  
Traditional Chinese cuisine in a comfortable setting. The restaurant offers just about any Chinese dish you can think of. \$20-\$25  
*Directions: Right on El Camino ( south ) go 1.75 miles, on the right hand side is the entrance.*

**PF Chang's**      900 Stanford Shopping Center Building W      650-330-1782  
<https://www.pfchangs.com/index.aspx>  
A restaurant known throughout the west coast for endless variety of Chinese cuisine served family style. Trendy and fun. \$25-\$30  
*Directions: Left on El Camino Real (north) Go 2.5 miles and it will be in the left hand side in front of Stanford Shopping Center.*

**Mandarin Roots**      3345 El Camino Real, Palo Alto      650-565-8868  
<https://www.mandarinroots.com/>  
Casual atmosphere with a large variety of food for lunch and dinner. Great for a sit down meal or lunch on the go. \$\$  
*Directions: Left on El Camino Real (north), Go about half a block and the restaurant is in the right hand side.*

## FRENCH CUISINE

**Left Bank Brasserie**      635 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park      (650) 473-6543  
[www.leftbank.com](http://www.leftbank.com)  
Best of Winner \$\$\$  
French

**Pastis**      447 S California Ave., Palo Alto      (650) 324-1355  
<http://www.pastispaloalto.com/>  
Amazing French cuisine in an authentic bistro ambience.

## INDIAN

**Amber India**                                      **150 University Ave., Palo Alto**                                      **650-329-9644.**  
<http://www.amber-india.com/#/home>  
Arguably the best Indian cuisine in the peninsula, with charming décor. \$18 - \$27

**Darbar Indian Cuisine**                                      **129 Lytton Ave., Palo Alto**                                      **(650) 321-6688**  
Best of Winner \$\$\$  
[www.darbarcuisine.com](http://www.darbarcuisine.com)

**Passage to India**                                      **1991 El Camino Real, Mountain View**                                      **650-969-9990**  
<http://www.passagetointia.net/restaurant/>  
Offers a variety of western cuisines. Although it is primarily an Indian cuisine, they also offer Chinese and Japanese selections. \$25-\$30.  
*Directions: Right on El Camino Real (South) Go 1.5 miles south, on the right hand side.*

## ITALIAN CUISINE

**Il Fornaio**                                      **520 Cowper Street, Palo Alto**                                      **650-853-3888**  
[http://www.ilfornaio.com/?page=138&restaurant\\_id=3151](http://www.ilfornaio.com/?page=138&restaurant_id=3151)  
A very popular Italian restaurant. Lovely setting that offers both indoor and outdoor seating. Reservation is suggested. \$25-\$31  
*Directions: Left on El Camino Real ( north ) go 2 miles, right on University Avenue and right on Cowper Street. Restaurant is on the right hand side.*

**Bucca Di Beppo**                                      **643 Emerson Street, Palo Alto**                                      **650-329-0665**  
<http://www.bucadibeppo.com/restaurants/ca/palo-alto/>  
Excellent environment for a group outing. Very fun, family style restaurant with many selections to from. \$10-\$18  
*Directions: Left on El Camino Real ( north ), go 2 miles , right on University Avenue, right on Emerson and it is on the right side.*

**Carpaccio**                                      **1120 Crane St., Menlo Park**                                      **(650) 322-1211**  
<http://www.carpaccios.com/>  
Best of Winner \$\$\$

## ITALIAN CUISINE (CONTINUED)

**Osteria**                      247 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto                      (650) 328-5700  
<http://www.osteriatoscanapaloalto.com/>  
Best of Winner    \$\$\$

**Café Pro Bono**                      2437 Birch St, Palo Alto                      (650) 326-1626  
<http://www.cafeprobono.com/>  
A Place for taste conscious people. A wide variety of traditional Italian dishes are offered at a reasonable price with a freshness you can see and taste.

## JAPANESE CUISINE

**Fuki Sushi**                      4119 El Camino Real, Palo Alto                      650-494-9383  
<http://www.fukisushi.com/>  
Sushi and Japanese cuisine. Lovely Japanese décor, relaxing atmosphere.  
*Directions: Right on El Camino Real (south), left on Maybell Street and the restaurant is on the right side.*

**Naomi Sushi**                      1328 El Camino Real, Menlo Park                      (650) 321-6902  
[www.naomisushi.com](http://www.naomisushi.com)  
Best of Winner    \$\$

## MULTICULTURAL CUISINE

**Bird Dog**                      420 Ramona Street, Palo Alto                      650-656-8180  
<http://birddogpa.com/>  
Menu is influenced by the rich cultures of Northern California, Japan and wherever the chefs have recently travelled to eat. Highly recommended.

## MEDITERRANEAN CUISINE

**Anatolian Kitchen**    2323 Birch St. Palo Alto, CA 94306                      (650) 853-9700  
<http://anatoliankitchenpaloalto.com/>  
Modern Mediterranean, offering traditional central/eastern Kurdish and Turkish Cuisine.

**Cafe Baklava**                      341 Castro St Mountain View, CA 94041                      (650) 969-3835  
<http://www.cafebaklavamountainview.us/>  
Cafe Baklava's wide selection of wine and foods, the perfect patio combination on a warm evening revealed the variety and freshness of Turkish foods.

**Evvia** 420 Emerson Street, Palo Alto (650) 326-0983  
[www.evvia.net](http://www.evvia.net)  
Best of Winner \$\$\$\$ Greek

### MEXICAN and SOUTH AMERICAN CUISINE

**Celias** 3740 El Camino Real, Palo Alto 650-843-0643  
<http://www.celiasrestaurants.com/>  
All Mexican with casual décor. Mexican music to accompany dinner. \$10-\$15  
*Directions: Right on El Camino Real ( south ) , go .5 miles and the restaurant is on the right side.*

**Pampas** 529 Alma St., Palo Alto (650) 327-1323  
[www.pampaspaloalto.com](http://www.pampaspaloalto.com)  
Best of Winner \$\$\$\$  
Brazilian

**Coupa Cafe** 538 Ramona St., Palo Alto, (650) 322-6879  
<https://www.coupacafe.com/>  
A lively Venezuelan restaurant which combines the best of Venezuelan dishes with the philosophy of promoting the use of organic and fair trade ingredients.

**Reposado** 236 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto (650) 833-3151  
[www.reposadorestarant.com](http://www.reposadorestarant.com)  
Best of Winner \$\$\$

**La Bodeguita del Medio** 463 S. California Ave., Palo Alto (650) 326-7762  
<http://www.labodeguita.com/>  
Enjoy fresh seafood, tender and flavorful meat dishes, specialty cocktails, great wines from around the world, and an extensive selection of fine rums and cigars.

### PIZZA

**Howie's Artisan Pizza** 855 El Camino Real, Palo Alto#60 (650) 397-9730  
<http://www.howiesartisanpizza.com/palo-alto>  
Enjoy appetizers, hand-tossed artisan pizzas, sandwiches, salads and sides, beer and wine. Located across from Stanford University in the Town and Country Village.

**Pizza Chicago** 4115 El Camino Real, Palo Alto (650) 397-9730  
<http://pizzachicago.com/>  
"Voted #1 Pizza in Santa Clara County" serves the best-tasting Chicago-style pizza around.

**Terun** 448 California Ave., Palo Alto (650) 600-8310  
<http://www.terunpizza.com/>

This California Avenue Italian restaurant/pizzeria comes highly recommended by the locals. Homemade pizza, pasta, southern Italian entrees and pizzas cooked in a wood-fired Neapolitan oven.

## STANFORD SHOPPING CENTER RESTAURANTS

**Chipotle Mexican Grill**      **Stanford Shopping Center**      **(650) 618-6994**  
<http://www.simon.com/mall/stanford-shopping-center/stores/chipotle-mexican-grill>

*Chipotle offers a focused menu of burritos, tacos, burrito bowls (a burrito without the tortilla) and salads made from fresh, high-quality raw ingredient.*

*LOCATION IN MALL: Along El Camino Walk, between Bloomingdale's and Macy's Men's Store*

### Soups, Sandwiches and Such

**Cocola**      **Stanford Shopping Center, E715**      **(650) 329-1990**  
[http://www.cocolabakery.com/mm5/merchant.mvc?Screen=menu&Store\\_Code=cocola](http://www.cocolabakery.com/mm5/merchant.mvc?Screen=menu&Store_Code=cocola)

*Sandwiches, salads, soups sides and amazing pastries.*

*LOCATION IN MALL: Along Clarion Court in the Street Market*

**Gourmet Franks**      **Stanford Shopping Center**      **(650) 327-7246**  
<http://www.simon.com/mall/stanford-shopping-center/stores/gourmet-franks>

*Gourmet hot dogs for everyone. Gourmet Franks offers healthy, low-fat dogs, frankfurters and sausages. The hot dogs are made from chicken, turkey, vegetables and low fat beef products*

*LOCATION IN MALL: Along Lady Ellen Place between Macy's and Bloomingdale's*

**Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar**      **Stanford Shopping Center**      **(650) 329-8457**  
<http://www.simon.com/mall/stanford-shopping-center/stores/flemings-prime-steakhouse-wine-bar>

*Menu features the finest in prime beef, augmented by a tempting variety of chops, seafood, chicken, generous salads, inventive side orders and indulgent desserts.*

*LOCATION IN MALL: Along El Camino Real, in front of Bloomindale's*

**Kirk's Steakburgers**      **75 Town & Country Shopping Ctr, Palo Alto**      **(650) 326-6159**  
<http://kirks-steakburgers.com/>

*It's burgers, burgers, burgers. Think single burgers, double burgers, burgers with cheese, burgers with pineapple, burgers with pineapple and cheese. They're called "steakburgers" here, and they do resemble filet mignon more than McDonald's. Western fries and scoop-shop ice cream round out the offerings*

**Max's Opera Café**      **Stanford Shopping Center**      **(650) 323-6364**  
<http://www.simon.com/mall/stanford-shopping-center/stores/maxs-opera-cafe>

*America's favorite foods with an upscale style at affordable prices*

*LOCATION IN MALL: Along Arboretum Walk in the Street Market*

## STANFORD SHOPPING CENTER RESTAURANTS (CONTINUED)

**La Baguette**                      **Stanford Shopping Center**                      **(650) 321-0535**  
<http://www.simon.com/mall/stanford-shopping-center/stores/la-baguette>

A bustling French bakery with outdoor seating where you can enjoy authentic French pastries accompanied by your favorite coffees and teas.  
*LOCATION IN MALL: In The Pavilion near Macy's*

**Yucca de Lac**                      **Stanford Shopping Center**                      **(650) 322-1188**  
<http://www.yuccarestaurant.com/>

Fresh and exciting Asian-fusion menu and casual upscale dining.  
*LOCATION IN MALL: Located along Sand Hill Walk near California Pizza Kitchen*

## STEAKHOUSE/SEAFOOD

**Sundance Mine Company**    **1921 El Camino Real, Palo Alto**                      **650-321-6798**  
<http://www.sundancethesteakhouse.com/>

Directions: Left onto El Camino, Restaurant is on your right hand side.  
Traditional steakhouse with a relaxed atmosphere, dark lighting, a popular place among the Stanford crowd. \$285-\$30  
*Directions : Left on El Camino Real ( north ), go 1mile and the restaurant is on the right side.*

**Fish Market**                                      **3150 El Camino Real, Palo Alto**                      **650-493-8862**  
<http://www.thefishmarket.com/locations.aspx?id=1>

Casual atmosphere for a large variety of seafood cuisine.  
*Directions: Left on El Camino Real ( north ) go 1 block and the restaurant is on the left side.*

**THE SEA**    **4269 El Camino Real Palo Alto**                      **650-213-1111**  
<http://www.theseausa.com/>

The Sea By Alexander's Steakhouse is the bay area's premier seafood dining destination. Rich sumptuous morsels from the sea, prepared with modern technique and flair. \$25-\$30  
*Directions: Right on El Camino Real (south), and the restaurant is on the left hand side for about 2 miles.*

## THAI/VIETNAMESE /INDONESIAN CUISINE

**INDO Restaurant & Lounge** 3295 El Camino Real, Palo Alto 650-494-7168

<http://www.indorestaurant.com/>

Cozy setting with a smaller portioned dishes. Choice of indoor or outdoor dining. \$ 15-\$20

*Directions: Left on El Camino Real ( north), right on Lambert Street and the restaurant is at the corner.*

**Siam Fine Thai Cuisine** 3924 EL Camino Real, Palo Alto 650-812-0139

<http://www.siamfinethaicuisine.com/>

Great food, authentic menus, cozy setting, great service \$10-\$30

*Directions: Right onto El Camino (south), Thai city is on your left hand side about 2blocks down.*

**Tamarine Restaurant** 546 University Ave., Palo Alto (650) 325-8500

[www.tamarinerestaurant.com](http://www.tamarinerestaurant.com)

Best of Winner \$\$\$\$

Vietnamese

**Thaiphoon** 543 Emerson St., Palo Alto (650) 323-7700

<http://thaiphoon-restaurant.business.site/>

Best of Winner \$\$

Thai

**Three Seasons Restaurant** 518 Bryant St., Palo Alto (650) 838-0353

[www.threeseasonsrestaurant.com](http://www.threeseasonsrestaurant.com)

Best of Winner \$\$\$

Vietnamese

## VEGETARIAN

**Garden Fresh Chinese Vegan Cuisine** 460 Ramona St., Palo Alto 650-462-9298

<http://gardenfresh.us/>

Garden Fresh is a vegan Chinese restaurant based on Bud-dhist spirit that offers a variety of vegetable, tofu, and wheat gluten dishes. The main part of our menu consists of various tofu/soy bean dishes made with tofu skin, dry tofu or marinated tofu with unique and delicious sauces. The restaurant also offers appetizers, soups, and dessert - a special soy bean-based ice cream. Brown rice comes with almost all entrees

**Chaat Paradise** 165 E. El Camino Real, Mountain View (650) 965-1111

<http://www.chaatparadise.com/>

Mouthwatering snacks - Vegetable Delights - Delicious Chaat

*Directions: Right onto El Camino Real (south) travel about 4.5 miles*