

Palo Alto Restaurants

Open when checked 5-31-19

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.

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.

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

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

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

Bistro Elan **2363 Birch St. Palo Alto** **(650) 327-0284**
<https://www.bistroelan.com/>
Charming little restaurant crafts its whole world around ingredients, many of which are grown in the lovely back garden. Citrus trees, olive trees, and beds full of herbs, are used in the kitchen. What isn't grown in the back is sourced from the local farmers market.

CAJUN/CARRIBBEAN CUISINE

La Bodeguita del Medio 463 S California Ave., Palo Alto (650) 326-7762
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

PF Chang's 900 Stanford Shopping Center Building W 650-330-1782
<https://www.pfchangs.com/home>
A restaurant known throughout the west coast for endless variety of Chinese cuisine served family style. Trendy and fun. \$25-\$30

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. \$\$

FRENCH CUISINE

Left Bank Brasserie 635 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park (650) 473-6543
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

Passage to India 1991 El Camino Real, Mountain View 650-969-9990
<http://www.passagetoindia.net/restaurant/>
Offers a variety of western cuisines. Although it is primarily an Indian cuisine, they also offer Chinese and Japanese selections. \$25-\$30.

ITALIAN CUISINE

Il Fornaio 520 Cowper Street, Palo Alto 650-853-3888
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

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

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

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.

Naomi Sushi 1328 El Camino Real, Menlo Park (650) 321-6902
www.naomisushimenlopark.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://anatolianskitchenpalto.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

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

Pampas 529 Alma St., Palo Alto (650) 327-1323
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

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.

Palo Alto Sol **408 N. California Ave.** **Palo Alto** **(650) 328-8840**

<https://www.solrestaurantsca.com/pa-sol>

This colorful cantina serves up traditional Puebla cuisine, from chile relleno to enchiladas. Great margaritas and guacamole.

PIZZA

Howie's Artisan Pizza **855 El Camino Real, Palo Alto#60** **(650) 327-4992**

<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

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**
<https://kirks-steakburgers.com/about-us/>

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

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

Taro San **Stanford Shopping Center** **(650) 815-2700**
<https://www.simon.com/mall/stanford-shopping-center/stores/taro-san-noodle-bar>

Japanese Noodle Bar
LOCATION IN MALL: Along Arboretum Walk in the Street Market

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

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.

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

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

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

Tamarine Restaurant 546 University Ave., Palo Alto (650) 325-8500
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
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/index.html>
Mouthwatering snacks - Vegetable Delights - Delicious Chaat