



# *Omaha* Restaurant Guide

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## Welcome to Omaha!

We have lovingly prepared this guide because we are lovers of Omaha cuisine.

All of it—the classic Reuben (invented here!), the steaks (Omaha cut, of course!) and the ice cream. *Food and Wine* magazine named Omaha one of America's Next Great Food Cities, and it's no longer a secret.

Since we hope you will be spending some time here as a student, we wanted to get you started on your foodie expedition.

Whether you seek sushi, are venturing out for vegetarian or want to treat yourself and your family to a world-class steak, it all begins just a couple of blocks off campus.

**Bon appétit!**

### OLD MARKET

#### Block 16

*home-spun street food, sandwiches, burgers, gyros*

A James Beard finalist chef, guaranteed to knock your socks off.

#### Blue Sushi Sake Grill

*traditional sushi with an American attitude*

Fun atmosphere, great sushi and frequent happy hour specials.

#### Café Postale

*quick-serve restaurant featuring a fresh take on café classics for breakfast and lunch*

Historic ambiance of this former Burlington Mail Terminal, loads of vintage charm.

#### Hiro 88

*sushi, Asian fusion cuisine and tapas*

Delicious bento boxes, tuna poke and sesame chicken.

#### Jams Old Market

*American grill, cold drinks and creative cocktails*

Omaha restaurant legacy with a melting pot of different styles and varieties of food dishes.

#### Kitchen Table

*inventive sandwiches made with fresh ingredients*

Check their Facebook page for daily specials. Consistent vegetarian options.

#### Omaha Tap House

*gourmet burgers and other elevated pub grub, plus craft beers on tap*

More than a dozen burgers on the menu. Enough said.

#### Plank Seafood Provisions

*oyster bar and restaurant with a broad seafood menu*

Great if you like oysters or not. Variety of seafood and delicious options.

#### Spaghetti Works

*Italian cuisine*

Omaha institution for over 40 years, offering a unique dining experience in a restored warehouse.

#### Ted and Wally's

*old-fashioned, homemade ice cream*

Daily specials and unique flavor combinations. Sometimes has a long line, but well worth the wait.

#### Trini's

*tex-mex chow and margaritas by the pitcher*

Locally owned restaurant nestled in the Old Market Passageway.

#### Twisted Fork Bar and Grill

*contemporary American food with a cowboy twist*

Try the chicken pot pie and chili relleno dishes. Consider the white truffle risotto as a side.



#### Upstream Brewing Company

*local brewery featuring American varieties*

Plenty of options for everyone. Try their homemade root beer!

#### V. Mertz

*contemporary American restaurant emphasizing the use of local food*

Located in the Old Market Passageway, so you can't see it from the street. (*Dinner only*)

#### Zio's Pizzeria

*New York-style pizza, by the slice*

Great lunch specials, excellent Thai pizza and calzones.



## NORTH DOWNTOWN

### Blatt Beer and Table

*elevated bar food, on-tap craft beers and a seasonal rooftop beer garden*

Named after Rosenblatt Stadium, where College World Series was previously held.

### DJs Dugout

*voted Omaha's #1 Sports Bar*  
1/2-pound Angus beef burgers, wings, steaks, sandwiches, nachos and more.

### Hook and Lime

*seafood-centric, Mexican-inspired tacos, small plates and tequila*  
Fantastic carnitas and mahi mahi tacos.

### The Old Mattress Factory Bar and Grill

*American pub chow*

Sports bar in an 1883 venue with live music and special events.

### Pettit's Pastry

*premier supplier of fresh-baked donuts, pastries, cakes and cookies*  
What may be lacking in flair is more than made up for as soon as a fresh doughnut melts in your mouth.

## MIDTOWN CROSSING

### Modern Love

*swanky vegan comfort food made with love and a modern twist*  
It's a vegan restaurant, but there is something for everyone.

### Pickleman's Gourmet Café

*gourmet sandwich shop*  
Offers freshly toasted sandwiches, chopped salads, thin-crust pizzas and gourmet soups.

### Smokin' Oak Wood-Fired Pizza and Taproom

*Texas-style barbecue restaurant and bar with Texas roots*  
High-quality smoked meats, craft cocktails, beers and wines.

## BLACKSTONE

### The Blackstone Meatball

*industrial bar/eatery with creative meatball dishes and handmade sides*

A menu that revolves around meatballs. Yes, please.

### Cheeseburgers

*guess their specialty?*  
Burgers—hot dogs—chicken fingers rounded off with fries and a shake or malt.

### Coneflower Creamery

*handmade ice cream from local ingredients*  
Tour guide favorite and staple for local ice cream.



### Corkscrew Wine and Cheese

*wine shop and wine bar under one roof*  
Choose from 700 wine options and order a cheese board, flatbread, salad or panini to go with it.

### Crescent Moon Alehouse

*burgers, wings, local and regional beers*  
Order the Reuben just blocks from where it originated (Blackstone Hotel.)

### Early Bird

*elevated breakfast, brunch and cocktails 7 days a week*  
Get brunch every day of the week. Recommended to call ahead.

## MULA

*street-style Mexican cuisine, handmade tortillas*

A fresh, updated twist on Mexican tapas.



## NOLI'S PIZZERIA

*combining traditional and artisan into a New York-style slice*  
Great. Authentic Italian ingredients. Get the garlic knots!

## DUNDEE

### Amsterdam Falafel and Kabob

*snug sandwich counter serving Middle Eastern specialties*  
You can't go wrong with anything from here, but make sure to get curry fries too.

### Avoli Osteria

*simple, thoughtful dishes indigenous to Northern Italy*  
Outstanding cuisine—moderate to high-end. Great special date night or special occasion.

### eCreamery

*ice cream, gelato and sorbet shop*  
Featured on the TV show "Shark Tank." They do 80% of their business online!

### Good Lookin'

*"best part of your day café"*  
Great breakfast sandwiches and homemade pastries. Breakfast, brunch and lunch on Wed-Sun.

## Pitch Pizzeria

*coal-fired pizza and Italian cuisine*  
From pizza to pasta to brunch, you can't go wrong; reservations recommended.

## AKSARBEN

### Herbe Sainte

*Cajun and Creole fare and drinks*  
Delicious jambalaya, etouffee and grits. Weekend Brunch.

### Inner Rail Food Hall

*the place to go when no one can make up their mind on what to have*  
The food hall includes nine vendors with a variety of cuisines, all surrounding a central bar. Good spot for vegan options and indoor/outdoor seating.

### Le Peep

*voted Omaha's Best Breakfast year after year*  
Features a menu that reads like a cookbook with line after line of intriguing food options.

### Ponzu Sushi and Grill

*a trendy spot for contemporary takes on sushi, Asian Fusion grilled plates and stylish cocktails*  
Located in the heart of Aksarben and will please every palate.



### Voodoo Taco

*wicked good tacos with exotic, fresh ingredients*  
The smoked brisket taco is to die for! If you like it "spicy," try the Habanera Lightning sauce.

## NORTH OMAHA

### Alpine Inn

*home of the wildlife*

This fried chicken joint has been open for over 50 years and allows you to toss your scraps to the resident raccoons who live outside the restaurant.

### Au Courant Regional Kitchen

*a modern European kitchen*

Dishes focus on regional ingredients in a friendly and approachable atmosphere. A 6-course chef's tasting menu that changes weekly is their specialty.

### Best Burger

*family-owned fast casual dining*

Not only a good burger, but from a place that uses fresh quality ingredients that doesn't cost an arm and a leg.

### Big Mama's Kitchen

*second-generation soul food*

Family-owned restaurant specializing in the rich flavors of classic comfort dishes from recipes over 100 years old.

### The Cabin Bar and Grill

*comfortable, cozy atmosphere*

Perfecting the art of "bar food" with an expansive menu.

### El Muchacho Alegre

*authentic Mexican cuisine*

Fresh ingredients, cooked according to time-honored family recipes with a dash of inspiration for a delicious dining experience and something for everyone.

### Jackson's Fair Deal Café

*real food, real fast*

By Omaha Natives. Try the North Omaha Breakfast Casserole—as they say, "It's so good ... It don't make no sense."

### Taco Co.

*las recitas son de su abuela*

On the main street in the Benson neighborhood. Puffy shell tacos and sides that you can order family style.

### Virtuoso Pizzeria

*by the slice and whole pie*

Made fresh from scratch, all items on this menu are truly Virtuoso and you can taste the difference.

## OTHER SPOTS AROUND OMAHA



### Don Carmelo's Pizzeria

*award-winning NY style pizza, authentic Stromboli and Calzones*

3rd generation (and Creighton grad) still cooking up their Sicilian family recipes at 2 locations around Omaha.

### Greek Islands

*you know you want to shout it, OPA!*

An Omaha favorite for over 30 years, this is THE place for Greek cuisine.

### La Casa Pizzeria

*legendary pizza and pasta since 1953*

Run by the third generation of Patane family members, still at the original location.

### Lisa's Radial Café

*classic breakfast and lunch diner close to campus*

Great breakfast place. Open early morning to 2 pm every day.

### Salween Thai

*some like it hot—go for a level 5 or above*

A favorite of students for the great food at fair prices and generous portions. Choose your spice level, 1-10. The Pad Thai is always a winner.



### Sips on 10th

*brunch? yes please*

Enjoy delicious seasonal fare and culturally diverse foods that pair well with your favorite drink. Don't forget to make plans for their weekend brunches, guaranteed to energize your day.

### Stella's Bar and Grill

*down-to-earth staple known for hand-pressed burgers served on napkins*

Frequently listed as Omaha's best burger.

### Sweet Magnolias Bake Shop

*made-from-scratch bakery*

Order the scones. Baked fresh daily—and they sell out quickly, so don't wait!

## OMAHA STEAKS

### 801 Chophouse

*sharp, white-tablecloth spot serving a menu of upscale steakhouse classics including fresh seafood*

Yes, you can find an 801 Chophouse in cities other than Omaha, but only in five, so we've included it on the list as it is a recurring favorite in the Big O.

### Brother Sebastian's Steakhouse

*choice cuts delivered by staff dressed as monks in cozy digs*

Early California mission décor with great steaks. Perfect spot for a special dinner. Reservations recommended.

### Cascio's Steakhouse

*storied family-owned bar and grill offering steaks, pizza and Italian fare*

Old-school place that never fails to deliver. Generations of the Cascio family have kept this steakhouse a perennial favorite in Omaha. Open Wednesday—Sunday.

### The Committee Chophouse

*a return to the art of the chophouse*

High-end, contemporary dining in historical digs. Reservations are recommended.



*Alumni owned business*

### The Drover

*landmark chophouse specializing in steaks marinated in whiskey and then grilled to order*

Well-known old-school salad bar, it's worth the short drive from campus to find The Drover. Reservations recommended.

### Gorat's Steakhouse

*local fixture offering steaks, salads and sandwiches in an old-time environment*

Warren Buffet's choice for steaks in Omaha—do you need more than that? Some gluten-free options are available.

### J. Gilberts

*wood-fired steaks and seafood*

Serves Midwestern raised, USDA Prime Black Angus beef cooked over an open wood-fire grill. Delivers a fine-dining meal in a down-to-earth atmosphere.

### Johnny's Café

*1922 chophouse highlighting Midwest beef, including steaks aged on-site*

Local, family-run steakhouse. The décor is a treat.

### Mahogany Prime Steakhouse

*upscale chophouse chain branch presenting prime beef and seafood in a white-tablecloth dining room*

Often listed as one of the top fine dining experiences in Omaha. Dinner hours only, closed Sunday. Reservations recommended.

### Monarch Restaurant

*upscale new American kitchen with weekend brunch and tasting menus in a stylish high-ceilinged space*

Classically inspired cocktails, exclusive theatre menu and charming dining room and lounge are sure to please.

## COFFEE, TEA, PLEASE!

**13th Street Coffee and Tea**  
*espresso beverages, baked goods and gelato in an airy café setup featuring rotating art on the walls*

Like Central Perk, this hang-out spot right off Old Market is a favorite. Try the cannolis.

### Archetype Coffee

*craft coffee shop with an industrial feel, emphasizing natural flavors*

Serving small batch roasted coffee, lattes, cappuccinos, macchiatos or in-house brewed chai.



### Artemis Tea and Botanical

*hand-crafted, small-batch tea blends*

Teas arouse the senses, stimulate imagination and promote total wellness.

### Astute Coffee

*coffee with a purpose*

Connects young adults to the workforce and supports self-sufficiency. Jump-start your day with traditional caffeine choices that warm your heart.



### Hardy Coffee Co.

*small-batch coffee roaster and bakery*

Sweets galore and scrumptious coffee; four locations around Omaha.

### Rally Coffee Co.

*coffees, teas and assorted menu items*

This coffee classic makes their flavorings in-house. Stop by for terrific seasonal options all year round.

### Stories Coffee Company

*local, fresh roasted coffee*

Each quarter a portion of the sales are given to a local, non-profit organization that is doing great things.

### Zen Coffee Company

*green certified specialty coffee co.*

We bring the community together by sharing the love of high-quality coffee beans and delicious espresso beverages in a warm, welcoming environment.

## NEXT-LEVEL NUTRITION

### The Grove Juicery

*made fresh daily in Omaha*

Nourishment for a sharp mind, glowing body, healthy heart and happy soul! Products are plant-based—no additives or preservatives.

### Vitality Bowls

*made fresh to order*

Specializes in making delicious açai bowls topped with organic granola and a selection of superfood ingredients.

### Ital Vital Living

*jamaican rastas call a plant-based way of life ITAL*

Juices, dehydrated snacks and smoothie bowls.



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