

Restaurant Guide

Following is a guide (adapted from the Rare Book School Vade Mecum) to a variety of places to eat that are within walking distance of the Omni Hotel and University of Virginia. Because the Charlottesville dining scene is so rich and dynamic, this listing is by no means exhaustive, and some information may no longer be current.

UVA "Corner" District

Along University Ave., across from UVA

Baja Bean Co.

1327 W Main St (near the railroad bridge; 434-293-4507). Southern California-style fresh Mexican. Bar, with live music and karaoke some nights. Patio in back. 7 days 11am-2am. ☑

Basil Mediterranean Bistro

109 14th St NW (near the railroad bridge; 434-977-5700). Mezzas (tapas), laffas (rollups), paninis, pasta, gourmet pizzas, fresh salads, kabobs, Italian desserts and speciality drinks. M-Sa 11am-10pm. ☑-☑☑

Biltmore Grill

16 Elliewood Ave (434-293-6700). Traditional American fare. Large outdoor patio. 7 days 11am-2am. ☑-☑☑

Bodo's Bagels

1609 University Ave (434-293-6021). A Charlottesville tradition with bagel sandwiches, salads and daily soups. M-F 7am-8pm; Sa 8am-8pm; Su 8am-3pm. ☑

Café Europa

1331 W Main St (near the railroad bridge; 434-295-4040). Cafeteria-style eatery serving Greek/Mediterranean fare, cold salads, and many vegetarian options, with drinks to grab and go. 7 days 8am-9pm, opens 8:30am Sa-Su. ☑

Christian's Pizza

100 14th St NW (near the railroad bridge; 434-872-0436). Pizza by the slice with many speciality toppings. Another location on the Downtown Mall (118 W Main St). M-W 11am-2am; Th-Sa 11am-3am; Su 11am-12 midnight. ☑

Lemongrass

104 14th St NW (near railroad bridge; 434-244-8424). Thai. Lunch, specials Tu-F 11am-2:30pm; dinner 5-9pm; Sa-Su noon-9pm. ☑-☑☑

littleJohn's New York Delicatessen

1427 W Main St (434-977-0588). Subs and sandwiches. Grilled veggie flatbreads and salads. 7 days, 24 hours. ☑

Martha's Café

11 Elliewood Ave (434-971-7530). Sandwiches, salads and vegetarian options. Lunch 7 days 11am-3pm; dinner W-Su 5:30-9pm. ☑

Michael's Bistro & Tap House

1427 1/2 University Ave (on the Corner, upstairs above littleJohn's Deli; 434-977-3697). Gourmet soups, salads and sandwiches for lunch and other options for dinner. Large beer selection. Lunch M-Sa 11:30am-2:30pm; dinner 7 days 5:30-10pm; bar until 2am. ☑☑

Qdoba Mexican Grill

1415 University Ave (434-293-6299). Fast, fresh Mexican, counter service. M-Sa 11am-10pm; Su noon-9pm. ☑

Revolutionary Soup

104 14th St NW (near the railroad bridge; 434-979-9988). Fresh soups made daily from scratch and seasonal menu. Another location off the Downtown Mall. M–Sa 11am–9pm. 🍴

Sakura

105 14th St NW (near railroad bridge; 434-923-0238). Japanese sushi, noodle dishes, bento boxes. M–F 11:30am–10:30pm; Sa–Su noon–10pm. 🍴-🍴🍴

Starbucks

1601 University Avenue (434-970-1058). Coffees, teas, pastries. Upstairs lounge. Wireless hotspot. M–Sa 6am–11pm; Su 6:30am–11pm. 🍴

Sublime All-Natural Food & Juice Bar

107 Elliewood Ave (434-923-8880). Features raw, whole foods and organic and local produce, extract juices and a wide selection of wraps and salads. Many vegetarian and vegan options. M–F 8am–6pm; Sa 9am–6pm; Su 10am–5pm. 🍴

Take It Away Sandwich Shop

115 Elliewood Ave (434-295-1899). As the name says, take-out sandwiches; limited outdoor seating. M–Sa 10am–7pm. 🍴

three—a kitchen and a lounge

1517 University Ave (434-984-4653). Traditional grill and southwestern. 7 days, late night, 11am–2am; brunch 11am–2pm. 🍴-🍴🍴

The Virginian

1521 University Ave (434-984-4667). Charlottesville's oldest eatery offering burgers, sandwiches, salads, pasta, steak and seafood. M–Sa 11am–2am; Su 10am–2am, with brunch 10am–1pm. 🍴-🍴🍴

West Main Street

Between Downtown and UVa Grounds (lower street numbers nearer to Omni)

Blue Moon Diner

512 W Main St (434-296-3294). Gourmet diner fare, popular for brunch. M–F 8am–10pm; Sa 9am–11pm; brunch Su 9am–3pm. 🍴

The Continental Divide

811 W Main St (434-984-0143). Southwestern eclectic cuisine with vegetarian options. Dinner M–Th 5am–10pm, F–Sa until 11pm, Su until 10pm. 🍴

L'Étoile

817 W Main St (434-979-7957). Contemporary Virginian cuisine with French-inspired menu. Upscale lunch and dinner destination with seasonal menu and wine selections. T–F 11am–2:30pm; W–Sa 5:30pm–9:30pm. 🍴🍴-🍴🍴🍴

Horse & Hound Gastropub

625 W Main St (434-293-3365). British-influenced cuisine serving traditional English dishes. Dozen beers on tap. Outdoor seating available; large parties easily accommodated. T–F lunch 11am–3pm; T–Sa dinner 5pm–11pm; brunch Sa–Su 11am–3pm. 🍴🍴

Main Street Market

406-418 W Main St. Home to a collection of high-end shops including an espresso bar (**Calvino Café** 434-293-5696) specialty grocer (**Feast!** 434-244-7800) with lunch specials and an award-winning cheese counter, a wine bar (**Orzo** 434-975-6796) with inexpensive flights, a chocolatier (**Gearhart's** 434-972-9100) and a bakery (**Albemarle Baking Co.** 434-293-6456). Call for individual store hours.

Maya

633 W Main St (434-979-6292). Southern-inspired fine dining, outdoor patio, full bar. Dinner Su–Th 5pm–10pm, F–Sa until 11pm; brunch Su 11:00am–2:30pm, bar open daily until 2am. 🍷🍷

West Main—A Virginian Restaurant

333 West Main St (434-293-2605). Casual southern comfort. 7 days, late night. M–Sa 11am–2am, with brunch Sa 11am–3pm; Su 10am–2am, with brunch 10am–1pm. 🍷🍷🍷

Wild Wings Café

820 West Main St (located in the historic Amtrak Station; 434-979-9464). Sports bar, featuring 33 varieties of wings and a dozen draft beers. Weekday lunch includes all-you-can-eat wing bar. Su–Th noon–10, F–Sa until 11pm; bar open later. 🍷-🍷🍷

Zinc

420 West Main St (434-245-9462). Gastropub. Anglo-Franco tapas-style comfort food. Bar and patio. Dinner Tu–F 5pm–9pm, Sa–Su until 10pm. 🍷🍷-🍷🍷🍷

Downtown Pedestrian Mall

Including side streets

Bang!

213 2nd St SW (434-984-2264). Tapas with Asian flair. Extensive martini menu. M–Th 5:30pm–9:30pm, F–Sa until 10:30pm. 🍷🍷

Bashir's Taverna

507 E Main St (434-923-0927). Middle Eastern cuisine. Live music Fri, belly dancing Sat. Lunch Tu–Th 11:30am–3pm, F until 2:30pm; dinner F–Sa 6pm–10:30pm. 🍷🍷

Bizou

119 W Main St, on the Downtown Mall (434-977-1818). Casual upscale dining. Short, eclectic menu and sensible wine

list. Lunch M–Sa 11:30am–2pm; dinner Su–Th 5:30pm–9pm, F–Sa until 10pm. 🍷🍷

Blue Light Grill & Raw Bar

120 E Main St (434-295-1223). Seafood specialties, salads, soups. Full raw bar, extensive wine list. 7 days, bar and raw bar from 4:30pm; dinner 5:30pm–10pm; Th–Sa late-night menu 11pm–1am. 🍷🍷

Bluegrass Grill & Bakery

313 2nd St (in the Glass Building, south of the Downtown Mall just across the train tracks; 434-295-9700). “Down-home holistic” food: fresh baked breads, fresh veggies, meat & taters, sandwiches, omelets. Breakfast served all day. Tu–Sa 7am–2pm; Su 8:30am–2:30pm. 🍷

C & O

515 E Water St (one block to the south of the Downtown Mall; 434-971-7044). Fine dining and wines. Reservations required. Dinner Su–Th 5pm–10pm; F–Sa 5pm–11pm. 🍷🍷🍷

Cassis

210 W Water St (434-979-0188). French-style menu, bar. Upscale casual, good for groups. Dinner T–Su 5pm–10pm. 🍷🍷

Christian's Pizza

118 W Main St (434-872-0436). Pizza by the slice with many specialty toppings. Another location in UVa “Corner” District (100 14th St NW). 7 days 11am–10pm. 🍷




Court Square Tavern

Corner of 5th St NE and East Jefferson, at Court Square (434-296-6111). Pub menu and extensive (130+) beer list, many on tap. M–Sa 11:30am–midnight. 🍷🍷


Downtown Grille

201 W Main St (434-817-7080). Fine steaks and seafood. Extensive wine, martini, cigar lists. 7 days 5:00pm–10:00pm, F–Sa until 11pm, Su until 9pm. 🍷🍷🍷


Enoteca

401 E Main St (434-974-9463). Italian wine and panini bar. M-Sa 3pm-midnight; Su 3pm-10pm (summer hours).   


Eppie's

412 E Main St (434-963-9900). Southern comfort food made fresh from jerk chicken with mac-n-cheese to collard greens and cornbread, with soft drinks, beer and wine. Order at counter, eat on patio. M-W 11:30am-3:30pm; Th-Sa 11:30am-9pm. 


Escafé

227 W Main St (434-295-8668). Late night destination, with DJ on Wed and Fri nights. Eclectic menu. LGBT friendly. Tu-W 5:30pm-midnight; Th-Sa 5:30pm-2am; Su 4:30pm-midnight. 




Five Guys

321 E Main St (434-293-2847). Burgers handmade to order and fries cooked in peanut oil. Su-Th 11am-9pm, F-Sa until 10pm. 




The Flat

11 E Water St (434-978-3528). Crêpes, savory and sweet. Order from the window, then stroll away and enjoy. Cash only. Tu-W 11am-6pm, Th until 8pm; F-Sa 11am-11pm. 




Fleurie

108 3rd St NE (434-971-7800) Upscale, modern French dinner in small, romantic setting. Tasting menu available with advance request; extensive wine list. Reservations recommended. M-Th 5:30pm-9pm, F-Sa 5:30pm-10pm.   


Hamilton's

101 W Main St (434-295-6649). Contemporary gourmet American cuisine. Frequently changing menu includes fresh meats, game, crab cakes and always a vegetarian "blue plate" special. Lunch M-Sa 11:30am-3pm; dinner M-Th 5pm-9pm, F-Sa until 10pm.   


Himalayan Fusion

520 E Main St (434-293-3120). Indian, Nepalese, Tibetan cuisine. Lunch M-F 11:30am-2:30pm, Sa-Su noon-3pm; dinner Su-Th 5:30-10pm, F-Sa until 11pm.   


Just Curry

1610 E Main St (434-295-4538). Features chicken, beef and vegetarian Caribbean curries and traditional sides (fried plantains, red beans & rice, cucumber salad). M-Th 11am-3pm, F until 8pm. 


Marco and Luca

115 W Main St (inside the York Place shopping center; 434-295-3855). Chinese noodles and pan-fried dumplings. Indoor and outdoor seating. M-F 10:30am-10pm; Sa-Su 10am-8pm. 



Miller's

109 W Main St (434-971-8511). Sandwiches, late-night menu. Live music downstairs, pool tables upstairs, patio seating outside. M-Sa 11:30am-2am; Su 12:30pm-2am. 



Milano Café

100 W South St (434-220-4302). Italian coffees and tramezzini (sandwiches). 7 days 7am-9pm. 




Miyako

112 W Main St (inside York Place shopping center; 434-984-3000). Japanese cuisine. M-Sa 5:30pm-9:30pm.  

Mono Loco

200 W Water St (434-979-0688). Casual with Cuban flair, good for large groups. Lunch M-Sa 11:30am-2:30pm; brunch Su 11:30-2:30pm; dinner M-Th 5:30pm-10pm, F-Sa until 11pm, Su until 9pm.  

Monsoon

113 W Market St (at the corner of 2nd St NW, just off the Downtown Mall; 434-971-1515). Unpretentious Thai, as hot as you want it, in a cozy house with patio seating. 7 days 5pm-10pm.   

Mudhouse

213 W Main St (434-984-6833). Espresso, coffee, and juice bar. Free Wi-Fi. M 7am–7pm, Tu–Th until 10pm, F–Sa until 11pm; Su 8am–8pm. ☑

The Nook

415 E Main St (434-295-6665). Old-fashioned diner-style fare with breakfast until 11am weekdays, 3pm weekends. M 7am–3pm, Tu–Th until 8pm, F until 10pm; Sa 8am–9pm; Su 9am–8pm. ☑-☑☑

Petit Pois Bistro

201 W Main St (434-979-7647). Upscale casual, French cuisine. Same management as Fleurie. Lunch M–F noon–2pm; dinner M–Th 5:30pm–9pm, Fr–Sa until 10pm. ☑☑-☑☑☑

Rapture

303 E Main St (434-293-9526). Spicy international cuisine, lots of drink choices, pool tables. Lunch M–F 11:30am–2:30pm, Sa noon–4pm; bar/light lunch M–Th 2:30–5:30pm; dinner M–Su 5:30–10pm; brunch Su 11am–3pm; late-night menu Th–Sa 10pm–1am. ☑☑

Revolutionary Soup

108 2nd St SW (434-296-7687). Fresh soups made daily from scratch and seasonal menu. Another location in UVA “Corner” District. M–F 11am–7pm; Sa 11am–3pm. ☑

Shebeen Pub & Braai

247 Ridge-McIntire Rd (434-296-3185). Authentic South African menu with full bar. Occasional live music, patio dining. Su–Th 11am–10pm; Fr–Sa 11am–11pm; bar open until 2am. ☑☑

Siips Wine & Champagne Bar

212 E Main St (434-872-0056). Wine bar, tasting and lunch menus, Sunday brunch. M–W 11:30am–10pm, Th–Sa until midnight; Su 11am–9pm; bar open until 2am. ☑-☑☑

South Street Brewery

106 South St (434-293-6550). Eclectic pub cuisine. Live jazz on Mon and Wed evenings. M–Sa 4:30pm–2am. ☑-☑☑

Splendor’s Gelato Café

317 E Main St (434-296-8555). Authentic Italian handcrafted gelato, sorbet and espresso. Free Wi-Fi. 7 days 8am–11pm.

Tastings

502 E Market St (one block north of the Downtown Mall; 434-293-3663). American eclectic, best (and cheapest) selection of wines by the bottle or glass in Charlottesville. Lunch T–Sa 11:30am–2pm; dinner Th 6pm–9pm, F–Sa until 10pm. ☑☑-☑☑☑

TEN

120B E Main St (upstairs, above Blue Light Grill; 434-295-6691). Modern Japanese cuisine. Dinner M–Th 6pm–11pm, Fri–Sa until midnight. ☑☑

Twisted Branch Tea Bazaar

434 E Main St (434-293-9947). Middle Eastern and Asian cuisine and over 80 exotic loose-leaf teas. M–Sa noon–midnight. ☑-☑☑

The Upstairs

225 W Main St (434-872-0072). Prime steaks, seafood and wine cellar. Dinner Tu–Sa from 5:30pm. ☑☑-☑☑☑

X Lounge

313 2nd St SE (in the Glass Building, south of the Downtown Mall just across the train tracks; 434-244-8439). Eclectic, good late-night menu. Indoor lounge and outdoor patio seating. LGBT friendly. Tu–Sa 5:30pm–1am; bar until 2am. ☑☑

Zocalo

201 E Main St (434-977-4944). Latin-American cuisine. Large outdoor patio. Full bar. Good for groups. Dinner Tu–Th 5:30pm–10pm, F–Sa until 11pm, Su until 10pm; bar until 2am. ☑☑