

# ALBUQUERQUE RESTAURANTS

(A BIASED SAMPLER TO MORE OR LESS DISTINGUISHED LOCAL CUISINE)

The following is a guide to dining in the Albuquerque area that makes, as the subtitle suggests, absolutely no pretense of being unbiased or objective. The restaurants are listed according to the area of town you would find them.

Some hints on New Mexican dishes:

Posole, a stew of dried corn, pork and chile

Sopapillas, light, deep-fried clouds of bread

Blue corn tortillas, enchiladas, tacos and chips for salsa. The blue-gray color is natural from a variety of natural blue corn.



## Red or Green Chile ???

Most New Mexican restaurants will offer you a choice of red or green chile. Both colors start out as the same vegetable: the green is made from the fresh, frozen or canned chiles; the red is made from the dried pods. Which color is spicier varies from restaurant to restaurant depending on where the chile they use was grown and how it was prepared. If you are not sure which to choose, ask to have the chile served "on the side."

🍷🍷🍷🍷	UNIQUE IN ITS CLASS
🍷🍷🍷	ABOVE AVERAGE
🍷🍷	AVERAGE/CHAIN, LOCAL COLOR OR CONVENIENT
🍷	BEST OF LOCAL FAST FOOD

## UPTOWN

### ELEPHANT BAR & RESTAURANT 🍷🍷

2400 Louisiana NE, 884.2355. Hours 11 am-10 pm Sunday-Thursday, 11 am-11 pm Friday-Saturday.

### BRAVO CUCINA ITALIANA 🍷🍷

2200 Louisiana NE, 888.1111. Open • 11:00 am - 10:00 pm. An upbeat Roman ruins restaurant with traditional Italian food. Full bar and outdoor patio.

### MCALISTER'S 🍷🍷

2200-A Louisiana NE, 884.5004. Hours 10:30 am - 9 pm Sunday-Thursday, 10:30 am - 10 p. Friday-Saturday.

### CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN 🍷🍷

2241 Q Street NE, 883.3005. Hours 11 a.m - 10 pm Monday-Thursday, 11 am -11 pm Friday-Saturday, 11 am – 9 pm Sunday.

### MARCELLO'S CHOPHOUSE 🍷🍷🍷🍷

2201 Q Street NE, 837.2467. Hours 5 pm - 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 5pm - 11 pm Friday-Saturday. Enjoy great chops, the finest steaks and beautiful wines in a relaxing neighborhood setting.

### ROMANO'S MACARONI GRILL 🍷🍷

2100 Louisiana NE, 881.3400. Open • 11:00 am - 4:00 pm • lunch; Sun - Thurs: 4:00 - 10 pm; Fri - Sat: 4:00 - 11:00 pm. Fresh pasta, fish specials, pizza baked in a wood-burning oven. Entertainment by waitstaff.

### LEPEEP 🍷🍷

2125 Louisiana NE, 881.7272. Open • Mon - Fri: 6:30 am - 2:30 pm; Sat - Sun: 7:00 am - 2:30 pm for breakfast and lunch.

### CHILI'S GRILL & BAR 🍷🍷

6909 Menaul NE, 883.4321. Open • daily for lunch and dinner. Family restaurant featuring baby back ribs, fajitas, salads, burger. Full-service bar.

### LOS CUATES NEW MEXICAN FOOD 🍷🍷🍷

4901 Lomas NE, 255.5079. Open • daily for lunch and dinner. Live music, full bar, best margaritas. People's Choice Award.

### MARIO'S PIZZERIA & RISTORANTE 🍷🍷

2401 San Pedro NE (at Uptown), 883.4414. Open • Mon -Sat: 11:00 am - 10:00 pm; Sun: 12 - 10:00 pm. Pasta, pizzas, salads and calamari, casual dining, beer and wine.

### **BJ'S RESTAURANT & BREWHOUSE** 🍷🍷

2100 Louisiana Blvd NE (Winrock), 872.8600. Open • Sun - Thurs: 11:00 am - 12:00 am; Fri-Sat: 11:00 - 1:00 am. Casual dining, handcrafted beer, wine and full bar.

### **GENGHIS GRILL** 🍷

2100 Louisiana Blvd NE (Winrock), 312.8333. Open • Sun - Thurs: 10:30 am - 9:30 pm; Fri-Sat: 10:30 - 10:00 pm. Build your own stir fry

### **UPTOWN SPORTS BAR** 🍷🍷

6601 Uptown NE Open • daily: 11:00 am. Soups, sandwiches and homemade desserts. Great burgers. Full-service bar.

### **ABQ BREW PUB** 🍷🍷🍷

6601 Uptown NE, 884.1116. Open • Mon - Thurs: 11:00 am - 10:00 pm; Fri - Sat: 11:00 am-11:00 pm.

### **COOPERAGE RESTAURANT & LOUNGE** 🍷🍷

7220 Lomas NE, 255.1657. Open • daily for lunch and dinner. 20 years in Albuquerque. Steaks, lobster and prime rib...40-plus item salad bar. Full-service bar.

### **BUCA DI BEPPO** 🍷🍷

6520 Americas Parkway NE, 872-2822. Open • Dinner only, 5 p.m. until closing Monday to Friday; 4 p.m. until closing Saturday; noon until closing Sunday Full bar.

### **GARDUÑO'S** 🍷🍷

2100 Louisiana Blvd NE @ Winrock Mall, 880-0055. Open • Mon - Thurs: 11:00 am - 9:00 pm; Fri - Sat: 11:00 am - 10:00 pm; Sun: 10:30 am - 9:00 pm. Mexican. Full service bar.

## ***NORTHEAST HEIGHTS***

### **CRACKER BARREL OLD COUNTRY STORE AND RESTAURANT** 🍷

5200 San Antonio NE, 821.8777. Open • Sun -Thurs: 6:00 am - 10:00 pm; Fri -Sat: 6:00 am-11:00 pm. Features country cooking, a old country store. Take out and children's menu available.

### **HOOTERS OF ALBUQUERQUE** 🍷

4601 San Mateo Blvd NE, 884.6600. Open • daily for lunch and dinner. A rustic Florida-style restaurant featuring clams, wings, shrimp, oyster roasts, a huge patio, satellite TV and the world famous Hooter Girls! Beer & Wine.

### **FLAMEZ BURGERS & MORE** 🍷🍷🍷

9821 Montgomery Blvd NE, 878.9327. Open • Mon - Thurs: 10:30 am - 9:00 pm; Fri - Sat: 10:30 am - 10:00 pm; Sun: 11:00 am - 8:00 pm. Albuquerque's most diverse collection of burgers, sandwiches, salads and entrees. Beer & Wine.

### **SAVOY BAR & GRILL** 🍷🍷🍷

10601 Montgomery Blvd NE, 878.9327. Open • Lunch: Monday-Friday 11:00 am – 3:00 pm; Dinner: daily 5:00 pm; Patio Bar & Lounge: daily 3:00 pm. An upscale bar and grill with happy hour. Entrees include steak, lamb, duck, seafood and pasta.

### **EL PATRON RESTAURANT & CANTINA** 🍷🍷🍷

10551 Montgomery Blvd NE, 275.0223. Open • Mon & Sun: 11:00 am - 9:00 pm; Tue-Thurs: 11:00 am - 9:30 pm; Fri - Sat: 11:00 am - 10:30 pm. As the name implies Mexican/New Mexican cuisine. Full bar.

## ***NOB HILL & UNIVERSITY***

### **QUARTERS - YALE** 🍷🍷🍷

801 Yale SE, 843.7505. Open • Mon - Sat: 11:00 am - 9:00 pm; BBQ sandwiches and more. Full Bar.

### **THAI HOUSE** 🍷🍷🍷

106 Buena Vista SE, 247.9205. Open • Mon - Fri: 11:00 am - 2:30 pm; Mon - Sat: 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Thai cuisine - eat-in or carry-out. Non smoking and no liquor.

### **SCALO, NORTHERN ITALIAN GRILL** 🍷🍷🍷🍷

3500 Central Ave. Nob Hill Shopping Center (Central & Carlisle), 255.8782. Open • Mon - Sat: 5:00 - 11:00 pm; Sun 5:00 - 9:00 pm. Fresh pastas, grilled meat and fish. Full bar. Reservations recommended.

### **YANNI'S MEDITERRANEAN GRILL & OPA BAR** 🍷🍷🍷

3109 Central SE, 268.9250. Open • 11 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Mondays to Thursdays; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; noon-9 p.m. Sundays, no smoking; full bar. Specializing in seafood, lamb dishes and US Prime steaks.

## **RAGIN SHRIMP**

3624 Central SE, 254-1544, Open • Mon – Thurs: 11am • 2pm & 5pm • 9pm; Friday: 11am • 2pm & 5pm • 10pm; Saturday: 4pm • 10pm; Sunday 4pm • 9pm. A spicy restaurant dishes with a Cajun twist – menu includes sandwiches, salads and Cajun specialties like jambalaya and gumbo.

## **NOB HILL BAR & GRILL** 🍷🍷

3128 Central SE, 266-4455, Open Monday-Saturday 11am • 10pm; Sunday 11am • 3pm. “An upscale joint” Normal food with a twist! Full service bar.

## **FAN TANG** 🍷🍷

3523 Central SE, 266-3566, Open • Mon - Thurs 11am • 9pm; Fri-Sat 11am-10pm; Sunday noon • 9pm. Fan is Chinese for “food or Cuisine” and Tang is Chinese for “room or hall for a specific purpose.” Fan Tang is a place where friends and family gather to enjoy good food and good company. Beer and wine.

## **ZINC** 🍷🍷🍷

3009 E. Central, 254.9462. Open • Monday-Friday 11:00am - 2:30pm • Dinner: Monday-Thursday 5:00pm - 10:00pm, Friday-Saturday 5:00pm - 11:00pm • (main bar opens at 4:00pm Monday-Friday)

## **THE RANGE** 🍷🍷🍷🍷

2200 Menaul NE. Open • Lunch M-F: 7:30 - 3:00 pm; Sat & Sun 8:00 - 3:00 pm. Dinner: Daily from 5:00 pm. Good Homestyle cooking - try their infamous meatloaf which has gained quite a following through out the Land of Enchantment.

## **RANCHERS CLUB** 🍷🍷🍷

1901 University NE (in the Crowne Plaza), 884.2500. Open • Mon - Fri: 11 am - 2:30 pm; daily for dinner 5:00 - 10:30 pm. An authentic grill, featuring prime meats and fresh seafood prepared over a selection of aromatic woods. Full Bar. Reservations recommended.

## **THE ARTICHOKE CAFE** 🍷🍷🍷

424 Central Ave SE, 243.0200. Open • Mon - Fri: 11 am - 2:30 pm; Tues - Sat: 5:30 - 10:00 pm. French, Italian pastas, new American, fresh seafood. 80-year old building on old Route 66 featuring changing exhibits of original artwork by contemporary artists. Full-service bar. Reservations recommended.

## **PIATTINI** 🍷🍷🍷

1403 Girard Ave NE, 792.1700. Open • Mon - dinner – 5:00 – 9:00; Tues - Sat: 11:00 am - 10:00 pm; Sun – brunch & dinner - 11:00 am - 9:00 pm. . Wine and beer. Reservations recommended.

## **FUNKY/FUN**

### **IL VICINO** 🍷🍷🍷🍷

3403 Central NE, 266.7855. Open • Mon - Thurs: 11:30 am -11:00 pm; Fri & Sat: - 11:30 am -midnight; Sun: - 11:30 am -10 pm. Wood oven pizzas, salads, baked pastas, desserts, microbrewed beer (Il Vicino’s own), wine, cappuccino, espresso.

### **GECKO’S GALLERY AND GRILL** 🍷🍷🍷

3500 Central Ave. Nob Hill Shopping Center (Central & Carlisle), 262.1848. Open • Mon - Sat: noon - 2:00 am; Sun noon - midnight. Sandwiches and snacks. Full bar.

### **O’NIELL’S PUB**

4310 Central Ave. (Central & Washington), 255.6782. Open • Mon - Sat: 11:30 am - 2:00 am; Sun 11:30 am - midnight. Sandwiches and snacks. Live music Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. Full bar.

### **FRONTIER** 🍷🍷🍷

2400 Central Ave SE, 266.0550. Open daily 5:00 am – 1:00 am. An Albuquerque tradition located across from UNM. Serves breakfasts, burritos, burgers, roasted green chile, homemade flour tortillas, fresh squeezed orange juice and the famous Frontier Sweet Roll.

### **66 DINER** 🍷🍷🍷

1405 Central Ave NE, 247.1421. Open • Mon - Thurs: 10:30 am - 10 pm; Fri: 10:30am - 11pm; Sat: 7 am - 11 pm. Nostalgic roadside diner on historic Route 66. Burgers, blue plates, chicken fried steak and a complete soda fountain. Beer & wine.

### **THE CUBE** 🍷🍷🍷

1520 Central Ave SE, 243.0023. Tues – Sat 11:00 am – 10:00 pm; Sun 12:00 – 8:00 pm. Memphis-style barbecue, variety of hot dogs and homemade desserts that are to die for!

### **SATELLITE COFFEE AND TOYS ☪☪☪☪☪**

3513 Central Ave NE, 265.2556. Open • early for coffee and treats enroute to work.

### **FLYING STAR COFFEE ROASTERS ☪☪☪☪☪☪**

3412 Central SE, 255.6633. Open • 6 a.m.-midnight Sunday-Thursday, closing at 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday  
Beer & wine. No smoking except on patios. Fresh roasted coffees, teas, desserts, lunches and light dinners. Outstanding selection of publications.

### **TWO FOOLS TAVERN ☪☪☪☪☪**

3211 Central Ave NE, 256.0564. Open • daily: 11:30 am. Irish Sports Pub - Soups, sandwiches and homemade desserts. Full-service bar.

### **KELLY'S BREWERY & RESTAURANT ☪☪☪☪**

3222 Central Ave. SE, 262-2739. Open • 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-midnight Sunday. Beer and wine. Smoking on patio and in bar. Beer is the thing at Kelly's, with 20 home-brewed varieties ranging from a pale blonde ale to a stiff imperial stout. Kelly's serves salads, soups and sandwiches.

### **HOLY COW ☪☪☪☪☪**

700 Central Ave SE, 242.2991. Open • Mon - Thurs: 11:00 am - 10 pm; Fri- Sat: 11:00 am - 11pm; Sun: 11 am - 9 pm. Burgers to die for!

### **NOB HILL SHOPPING CENTER ☪☪☪☪☪☪**

3500 Central – fun place to wander -*Natural Sound, Geckos, A, Beeps, Hey Jhonny...*

## ***DOWNTOWN (CONVENTION CENTER) & EDO (EAST OF DOWNTOWN)***

### **SLATE STREET CAFÉ ☪☪☪☪☪☪**

515 Slate Street NW, 243.2210. Open • Breakfast Mon-Fri 7:30- 11:00 am; Lunch Mon-Fri 11:00 am – 3:00 pm; dinner Wed-Sat 5:00 – 9:00pm; Wine Loft Wed-Sat 4:00 – 10:00pm; Brunch Sat 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. Serves fun and delicious items like build-your-own- bruschetta, sandwiches with heaps of chips and blueberry cupcakes with lemon frosting. Wine and beer.

### **TUCANOS ☪☪☪☪**

110 Central Ave SW, 246.9900. Open • Open @ 11:00 am daily. Fusing the art of South American “churrasco,” or grilling with European seasoning and the best of North American cuts of meat.

### **THE GROVE CAFÉ ☪☪☪☪☪☪**

600 Central Ave SE, 248.9800. Tues – Sat 7:00 am – 4:00 pm; Sun 8:00 am – 3:00 pm. Serves gourmet breakfast & lunch, sells housemade English muffins and has a mini-shop filled with goodies like honey, jams, mustards etc.

### **GOLD STREET CAFÉ ☪☪☪☪☪☪**

218 Central Ave SE, 248.9800. Monday: 7:00 am – 2:00 pm; Tuesday-Saturday: 7:00 am – 10:00 pm; Sunday: 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, this charming sidewalk café serves up a newly revised menu of homey breakfast favorites like waffles and sophisticated lunch and dinner plates like mini salmon cakes with goat cheese or Asian beef and lettuce wraps.

### **STANDARD DINER ☪☪☪☪☪☪**

320 Gold St SW, 243.1440. Open daily 10:30 am – 11:00 pm Standard Diner is simply a high-end diner with fresh, homemade foods. Wine and beer.

### **AL'S NEW YORK PIZZA DEPARTMENT**

215 W. Central, 766-6973. Open • 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Mondays - Thursdays, 11 a.m.-midnight Fridays, noon-midnight Saturdays.  
Beer and wine

## ***OLD TOWN & VALLEY***

### **BLAKE'S LOTA BURGER ☪☪**

777 Rio Grande NW, 243.8343. Open • 11:00 am - 10:30 pm – 7 days a week. Breakfast burritos, hamburgers et. al. Located all around town!

### **MONROE'S ☪☪**

1520 Lomas Blvd NW, 242.1111. Open • 9:00 am - 9:00 pm daily. Authentic New Mexican food prepared in the traditional way.

**SADIE'S DINING ROOM** ●●●●

6230 4th NW, 345.5339. Open • 11:00 am - 10:00 pm Mon - Sat: 11:00 am - 10:00 pm; Sun: 11:00 am - 9:00 pm. Hot New Mexican Food. Full service bar.

**EL PINTO AUTHENTIC NEW MEXICAN RESTAURANT** ●●●●

10500 4th NW, 898.1771. Open • Daily 11:00 am - 9:00 pm. Serving hand prepared New Mexican cuisine since 1962. Live entertainment and weekday Happy Hours from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Reservations for groups of 15+.

**CASA DE BENAVIDEZ** ●●●●●

8032 4th NW, 898.3311. Open • 7:00 am – 8:00 pm, Monday-Thursday; 7:00 am – 9:00 pm, Friday-Saturday; 8:00 am -3:00 pm Sunday. Offers excellent food in a delightful and peaceful atmosphere. Traditional Mexican and New Mexican food in the surroundings of a beautiful garden and waterfall.

**HIGH NOON (OLD TOWN)** ●●●●

425 San Felipe NW, 765.1455. Open • 11:00 am – 9:00 pm, Monday-Thursday; 11:00 am – 9:30 pm, Friday-Saturday; 12:00-9:00 pm Sunday. New Mexican and American cuisine. Reservations recommended.

**CHURCH STREET CAFE (OLD TOWN)** ●●●●●

2111 Church St NW, 247.8522. Open • Daily 8:00am – 9:00pm; 8:00am - 4:00 pm Sunday. New Mexican and cuisine. Reservations recommended.

**DURAN CENTRAL PHARMACY** ●●●●●

1815 Central NW, 247.4141. Open • Mon - Fri: 9:00 am - 6:30 pm; Sat: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Serving authentic New Mexican dishes with the Duran world famous chile.

**VERNON'S HIDDEN STEAK HOUSE** ●●●●●●●

6855 4th NW, 890.9150. Albuquerque's only "speak easy" and the food is fabulous. Open • 5:00-9:00 pm Thurs – Sun.

**ST CLAIR WINERY & BISTRO** ●●●●●●

901 Rio Grande NW, 243.9916. Restaurant and tasting room open • 7 days a week 10:00 am – 9:00 pm. Wines flavor the soups, salad dressings and sauces on a short menu of comforting foods, from pasta to pot roast. Nibblers enjoy the "nosh plate" of cheeses, nuts and dried fruit savored with a glass of reasonably priced vino from the winery's cellars

***MOUNTAINS & DESERTS*****PRAIRIE STAR** ●●●●●●●

Off Jemez Dam Rd, north of Hwy 44 in Bernalillo, 867.3327. Open • Sun - Thurs: 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm; Fri - Sat: 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm. A pleasant drive north of the city and once you are there a dazzling view of the Sandias. Featuring the newest of cuisines: new American. Pasta, veal, steak and seafood. Full bar. Served in a restored old adobe. Reservations recommended for dinner.

**THE RANGE** ●●●●●●●

925 Camino del Pueblo, Bernalillo, 867.1700. Open • Lunch M-F: 7:30 - 3:00 pm; Sat & Sun 8:00 - 3:00 pm. Dinner: Daily from 5:00 pm. A pleasant drive north of the city Good Homestyle cooking - try their infamous meatloaf which has gained quite a following through out the Land of Enchantment.

**HIGH FINANCE (ATOP SANDIA PEAK)** ●●●●●●

40 Tramway Rd, 243.9742. Open • Lunch and dinner 7 days a week. Casual atmosphere with breathtaking view. Steaks, seafood, pasta, and Mexican dishes. Full-service bar. Reservations recommended.

**COUNTY LINE OF ALBUQUERQUE** ●●●●●●

9600 Tramway Blvd; 296-8822. Open • dinner 7 days a week. Casual atmosphere with city lights view. 2 minutes from Sandia Tram, offers full line of grilled items as well as barbeque. Full-service bar.

### **The I25 corridor (Montgomery – San Antonio) – chain restaurants**

**Pappadeaux**

**Landry's Seafood House**

**Jersey Jacks**

**Blue Corn Café & Brewery**

**P.F. Chang**

**Rockfish**

**Mimi's Cafe**

**Fuddrucker's**

For additional suggestions check out the Albuquerque Visitors Guide or the Venue section of the *Albuquerque Journal* on Friday.

### **SHOPPING FOR SOUTHWESTERN "GOODIES"**

**Sunwest Silver • 324 Lomas (4<sup>th</sup> & Lomas)**

**Palm's Trading Co. • 1504 Lomas NW**

**Rio Grande Wholesale, Inc. • 1920 Central Ave. SW**

**Gertrude Zachary • 1501 Lomas NW**

### **CA\$INO\$**

**Sandia Resort & Casino 30 Rainbow Road Northeast • 505 796.7500 • Mon-Thu 8am-4am; Fri-Sun 24 hours**

**Hard Rock Casino & Resort 11000 Broadway SE • 505 724.3800 • Mon-Thu 8am-4am; Fri-Sun 24 hours**

**Route 66 Casino 14500 Central SW (I40 Exit 140) • 505 352.7866 • Mon-Thu 8am-4am; Fri-Sun 24 hours**

**Santa Ana Star Casino 54 Jemez Canyon Dam Road – Santa Ana Pueblo near Bernalillo • 505 867.0000 • Mon-Thu 8am-4am; Fri-Sun 24 hours**