

Good Eats in Pittsburgh

Something for Everyone in Pittsburgh Area Restaurants

Whether dining in one of the region's premier restaurants or stepping out on the town, Pittsburgh sets new marks for culinary excellence and good times. Generations of ethnic flavor and cooking secrets, combined and improved upon over the years, converge like the city's three rivers to form a melting pot of good taste.

Dining in the City

Lunch brings lines of people - produce workers, office staff and tourists - to **Primanti Brothers** in the Strip District for their incomparable deli sandwiches. The secret of this popular Pittsburgh sandwich lies in the thick-sliced Italian bread stuffed with tomatoes, french fries, coleslaw and deli meat of choice - a mouthful of taste that wins nods of respect from visitors and honorary Pittsburgher status from the locals. Wash it down with a cold Iron City beer.

For casual fine dining with great American cuisine, look no further than the **Hard Rock Cafe** or **Houlihan's** located in Station Square. Or try the sports-themed **Jerome Bettis Grille 36** on the North Shore or the popular **Cheesecake Factory** at the South Side Works.

Steak means **Mortons of Chicago** (inside the CNG tower), **Ruth's Chris** (inside PPG headquarters), **The Capital Grille** (on Fifth Avenue) or **Pittsburgh Rare** in the lobby of the Sheraton Hotel at Station Square.

Favorites with the downtown Pittsburgh business crowds include **The Carlton**, **Palomino**, **Sonoma Grille**, **Grille on Seventh**, and **Nine on Ninth** for both lunch and dinner. Local favorites on the South Side include **Le Pommier** (country French), **Mallorca** (Spanish), **Paparazzi Ristorante** (northern Italian) and the **17th Street Cafe**.

Restaurants with a View

The amazing views of Downtown Pittsburgh's beautiful Golden Triangle set the stage atop Mt. Washington, where restaurant row includes restaurants of every size and scale, from the larger **Monterey Bay Fish Grotto** and **LeMont**, to the quaint **Tin Angel** and **Cliffside**, to the more casual **Grandview Saloon** and **Georgetowne Inn**.

Take the restored Monongahela Incline down from Mt. Washington to Station Square, former depot of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railroad and now a wonderfully restored retail, entertainment and restaurant complex. The centerpiece is the palatial waiting room of the former terminal, its deep wood and stained glass interior remade into the popular **Grand Concourse** restaurant - a great choice for impressing visitors.

Specialty Dining - Ethnic, Regional, Historic

Once the center of Pittsburgh's 19th century iron industry, the Strip District and near-by Lawrenceville now produce fresh, high-energy brew pubs to complement the grand dame of Pittsburgh's "tied House" (brewery-owned restaurant), the North Side's **Penn Brewery**. Located in historic churches and renovated warehouses, the **Church Brew Works** and **Valhalla** feature pub-style meals for a casual, relaxing end to the day.

Food lovers can play a delightful round of Name that Nationality, with seemingly endless choices of superb ethnic cooking.

Highlights include German (**Penn Brewery**); Italian (**Bravo Franco**, **Bella Vista Ristorante Italiano**, **Buca di Beppo**); French (**Le Pommier**, **Le Mont**); Chinese (**Sesame Inn**); Japanese (**Benihana**, **Kiku**); Spanish (**Mallorca**) and Mediterranean (**Palomino**).

Sample from Pittsburgh's true mosaic of international culture inside this melting pot of ethnic influence that stirs artistic and culinary imagination.