

HSS/SHOT/4S 2011 Cleveland Downtown Restaurant Guide

* and ** = particular favorites of the local arrangements crew (but most of these restaurants are untried by us!)

\$ / \$\$ / \$\$\$ / \$\$\$\$ = inexpensive / moderate / somewhat expensive / expensive

RR = advance reservations normally required

All except last category are no more than about a 15-min. walk from all three hotels

1. Public Square and Tower City neighborhood

Tower City food court, connected inside to the Renaissance Hotel, not open Sun. morning, \$

Sans Souci, Renaissance Hotel, (216) 696-5600, Provencal French and Mediterranean; breakfast, lunch, and dinner 7 days, \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$

David's Restaurant, Marriott Key Center Hotel, (216) 696-9200, seafood and steaks (some consider overpriced), \$\$\$

Flaming Ice Cube, 140 Public Square, (216) 263-1111, small, vegan, breakfast lunch & dinner (except Sat. morning, closed Sunday), \$

75 Prime, 75 Public Square, (216) 621-1085, supper club and cocktail lounge, no weekend lunches, \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$

Pura Vida, 170 Euclid (on Public Square), (216) 987-0100, gourmet breakfast and lunch, open only on weekdays, \$\$

*Noodlecat, 234 Euclid (just off Public Square), (216) 589-0007, Japanese-style noodle house (recently opened by a respected Cleveland restaurateur), open 11-11 M-Sat., \$\$

John Q's Steakhouse, W. Third and Frankfort (on Public Square), 861-0900, American steakhouse with sports bar decor, no weekend lunches, \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$

*Muse Restaurant, 1515 W. Third, in the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, (216) 623-1300, elegant contemporary American, serene ambience and heavy on service, \$\$\$

Houlihan's, 230 W. Huron, in Tower City, (216) 830-9090, tavern chain, \$\$

Fat Fish Blue, 21 W. Prospect (at Ontario), (216) 875-6000, casual creole, \$\$

Hyde Park Prime Steakhouse, 123 W. Prospect, connected to Renaissance Cleveland Hotel, (216) 344-2444, American steakhouse, dinners only, \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$

Morton's The Steakhouse, 1600 W. Second, connected to the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel and Tower City, (216) 621-6200, American steakhouse, no weekend lunches, \$\$\$

Hard Rock Café, 230 W. Huron, in Tower City, (216) 830-7625, American chain bar and grill, \$\$

2. E. Fourth St.

*Greenhouse Tavern, 2038 E. Fourth, (216) 443-0511, creative and locally-sourced, no weekend lunches, \$\$\$, RR

*La Strada, 2050 E. Fourth, (216) 861-3663, Italian and Mediterranean, seafood, no weekend lunches, \$\$\$

**Lola, 2058 E. Fourth, (216) 621-5652, "Iron Chef" Michael Symon's signature restaurant, creative bistro, no weekend lunches, \$\$\$, RR

Saigon, 2061 E. Fourth, (216) 344-2020, Vietnamese, no weekend lunches, \$\$

Zocalo, 2071 E. Fourth, (216) 781-0420, Mexican, \$\$

**Chinato, 2079 E. Fourth, (216) 298-9080, upscale rustic pan-Italian, no weekend lunches, \$\$\$

*Flannery's Pub, 323 E. Prospect at E. Fourth, (216) 781-7782, large Irish pub, 30 drafts, live music, \$\$

House of Blues, 308 Euclid, (216) 523-2583, live music and southern-style food, no weekend lunches, \$\$

Pickwick & Frolic, 2035 E. Fourth, (216) 241-7425, comedy club with large pub-style restaurant, dinners only, \$\$-\$\$\$

3. Warehouse District (listed in order, walking north on W. Sixth or on W. Ninth)

*Johnny's Downtown, 1406 W. Sixth (at Frankfort), (216) 623-0053, white-tablecloth American tavern with northern Italian touches, no weekend lunches, \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$

*Taza Lebanese Grill, 1396 W. Sixth, new location of popular east-side restaurant, \$\$

China Sea Express, 1384 W. Sixth, (216) 861-3399, small and casual, Chinese, \$

Nauti Mermaid, 1378 W. Sixth, (216) 771-6175, casual Caribbean-inspired seafood, \$\$-\$\$\$

Bar Louie, 1352 W. Sixth, (216) 241-1300, respected tavern chain, \$\$\$

*Cleveland Chop House and Brewery, 824 W. St. Clair (between W. Sixth and W. Ninth), (216) 623-0309, retro-chic American steakhouse and craft brewery, \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$

**Blue Point Grille, 700 W. St. Clair (just west of W. Sixth), (216) 875-7828, seafood, no weekend lunches, \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$

Sushi Rock, 1276 W. Sixth, (216) 623-1212, sushi and steaks, no weekend lunches, \$\$\$

XO Prime Steakhouse, 500 W. St. Clair (at W. Sixth), (216) 861-1919, classic (pricey) American steakhouse, no weekend lunches, \$\$\$\$

*Osteria di Valerio, 408 W. St. Clair (just east of W. Sixth), (216) 685-9490, nondescript entryway, but lovely white-tablecloth Tuscan and Piedmontese, dinners only, \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$

Prime Rib Steakhouse, 740 W. Superior (just east of W. Ninth), "carvery"-style steakhouse, \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$

**Mallorca, 1390 W. Ninth, (216) 687-9494, white-tablecloth Portuguese and Spanish, diverse menu, excellent wine list, tapas, seafood, \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$

Zdara Restaurant and Lounge, 1382 W. Ninth, (216) 535-0001, Turkish and Mediterranean, belly dancing Friday nights, \$\$-\$\$\$

*Brasa Grill, 1300 W. Ninth, (216) 575-0699, Brazilian churrascaria steakhouse, dinners only, \$\$\$

*Constantino's Market, 1278 W. Ninth, (216) 344-0501, specialty market with eat-in or to-go soups and prepared foods, good package wine dept., also open Sat. and Sun. from 9 a.m.

4. E. Ninth St. neighborhood; south of E. Superior; and Playhouse Square

Pimentos, 777 St. Clair, in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, (216) 771-7600, Continental, \$\$\$

Café Sausalito, 1301 E. Ninth (in Galleria, 2nd level), (216) 696-2233, American casual, \$\$

Tucky's, 1701 E. Twelfth, (216) 394-0256, local specialty hot dogs and burgers, weekday lunches only, \$

Stadium 3 Bar and Grille, 1111 E. Lakeside (in the Doubletree Hotel), (216) 241-5100, casual upscale tavern, \$\$

Alesci's Downtown, 828 E. Huron Rd., (216) 348-8600, Italian deli, \$

Otto Moser's Restaurant, 1425 Euclid, (216) 771-3831, old Cleveland standby known esp. for corned beef sandwiches, \$\$

Sapporo Sushi, 1940 E. Sixth St., (216) 579-9000, lunches and early dinners, \$\$\$

Bricco, 1438 Euclid, (216) 862-2889, casual upscale Italian, big wine list, \$\$-\$\$\$

Zinc Bistro, 668 Euclid, (216) 583-9462, French and Continental bistro, raw bar, no weekend lunches, \$\$\$

1890 at the Arcade, 420 E. Superior, in the Hyatt at the Old Arcade, (216) 776-4576, small and relaxed, also open for breakfast, \$\$-\$\$\$

*Vincenza's Pizza and Pasta, 603 E. Prospect, (216) 241-8382, excellent deep dish and New York style pizzas, calzones, pasta, \$-\$\$

Porcelli Bistro, 1852 E. Sixth, (216) 574-2270, Italian, \$\$

5. Coffee houses, and good choices for lunch (see also next category)

Three Starbucks locations downtown: 200 Public Square (in the lobby of the Huntington/BP Building); 1374 W. Sixth St. (in the Warehouse District, between Nauti Mermaid and Bar Louie); and in the Marriott hotel

*Caribou Coffee, Tower City, street level, adjacent to the Renaissance Hotel lobby, a primarily Midwestern chain, \$

*Au Bon Pain, 200 Public Square, in Huntington/BP Building, national chain bakery, \$

Erie Island Coffee, 2057 E. Fourth, (216) 394-0093, \$

Tower City food court (not open Sunday morning), \$

The Arcade food court, Euclid and E. Fourth, \$

Brasserie, Renaissance Hotel (lower lobby), breakfast and lunch only, \$\$\$

Flaming Ice Cube, 140 Public Square, (216) 263-1111, vegan, breakfast lunch & dinner (except Sat. breakfast, closed Sunday), \$

Pura Vida, 170 Euclid (on Public Square), (216) 987-0100, gourmet breakfast and lunch, open weekdays only, \$\$

*Noodlecat, 234 Euclid (just off Public Square), (216) 589-0007, Japanese-style noodle house (recently opened by a respected Cleveland restaurateur), open 11-11 M-Sat., \$\$

**Stone Oven Bakery, 1301 E. Ninth (in Galleria), (216) 621-8801, excellent soups, sandwiches, and desserts, open 7-4 weekdays only, \$

Café Sausalito, 1301 E. Ninth (in Galleria, 2nd level), (216) 696-2233, American casual, \$\$

Tucky's, 1701 E. Twelfth, (216) 394-0256, local specialty hot dogs and burgers, weekday lunches only, \$

Market Café and Wine Bar, 1801 E. Ninth, (216) 394-0122, breakfast and lunch only, weekdays only, \$-\$\$

Carnegie Kitchen, 1332 Carnegie Ave., (216) 862-6788, breakfast and lunch only, open at 7 Mon.-Sat., closed Sunday, \$-\$\$

Susy's Soup, 230 W. Huron, in Tower City, (216) 771-7792, \$

Zoup!, 236 E. Euclid, (216) 344-0031, soups and fast-casual chain, lunch and dinner, \$

Jimmy Johns, 240 E. Euclid, (216) 589-5540, gourmet sandwich chain, \$

6. Taverns, bars, and pubs (all serve food, often quite good)

D'Vine Wine Bar, 836 W. St. Clair, (216) 241-8463, wine bar with small plates, \$\$

Bob Golic's Sports Bar & Grille, 1213 W. Sixth, (216) 363-1132, upscale sports bar owned by a famous former Cleveland Brown, \$\$

Barley House, 1261 W. Sixth, (216) 623-1700, somewhat downscale Irish pub, 20 drafts, lunch and dinner every day, \$-\$\$

*Gillespie's Map Room, 1281 W. Ninth, (216) 621-7747, small neighborhood tavern with good pizza and large array of micro-brews, \$

*Johnny's Little Bar, 614 W. Frankfort, (216) 861-2166, little, to be sure (around the corner from Johnny's Downtown), but good beer and burgers, no weekend lunches, \$\$\$

Chocolate [Martini] Bar, 347 Euclid, (216) 622-2626, desserts, cocktails, \$\$

*Flannery's Pub, 323 E. Prospect at E. Fourth, (216) 781-7782, large Irish pub, 30 drafts, live music, \$\$

Harry Buffalo, 2120 E. Fourth, (216) 6231-8887, chain, bar food and steaks, \$-\$\$

Cadillac Ranch, 200 Euclid at Public Square, (216) 685-0000, large hectic sports bar with mechanical bull and indifferent food, \$\$

Wonder Bar, 2044 E. Fourth, (216) 298-4050, live jazz, cocktails, bar food, no weekend lunches, \$\$

City Tap, 748 E. Prospect (across from the Q), (216) 696-2337, brewpub and sports bar, \$

Clevelander Bar and Grill, 834 E. Huron, (216) 771-3723, sports bar, \$

Winking Lizard, 801 E. Huron, (216) 589-0313, popular sports bar with decent food, \$

7. For these you will need a taxi,[†] but they're worth it

*Table 45, 9801 Carnegie, in InterContinental Hotel on Cleveland Clinic campus, (216) 707-4045, international fusion, \$\$\$\$, RR

**L'Albatros, 11401 Bellflower Rd., University Circle, (216) 791-7880, French brasserie/bistro, \$\$\$

*Crop Bistro, 2537 Lorain Ave., near west side, (216) 696-2767, contemporary American with fresh and local ingredients, \$\$\$, RR

*Empress Taytu Ethiopian Restaurant, 6125 St. Clair, east side, (216) 391-3131, \$\$

*Fahrenheit, 2417 Professor Ave., Tremont neighborhood, (216) 781-8858, contemporary American, \$\$\$\$, RR

*Fire, 13220 Shaker Square, east side, (216) 921-3473, seasonal American, \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$

*Flying Fig, 2523 Market Ave., near west side, (216) 241-4243, upscale, locally sourced American, \$\$\$

*Great Lakes Brewing Co., 2516 Market Ave., near west side, (216) 771-4404, excellent craft brewery and restaurant (GLBC offers 10% off for attendees; show badge) \$\$

*Li Wah, E. 30th and Payne, near east side in Asia Plaza, (216) 589-9552, perhaps Cleveland's best Chinese restaurant, \$\$

**Lolita, 900 Literary Ave., Tremont neighborhood, (216) 771-5652, Mediterranean bistro (Michael Symon's other and more casual restaurant), \$\$\$

*Lopez, 2196 Lee Rd., Cleveland Hts., (216) 932-9000, American southwestern, \$\$\$

**Momocho, 1835 Fulton Rd., west side, (216) 694-2122, modern Mexican, perhaps Cleveland's best in this category, \$\$\$

*Nighttown, 12387 Cedar Rd., Cleveland Hts., (216) 795-0550, American with Irish influence, nightly (mostly jazz) entertainment, \$\$-\$\$\$

*Parallax, 2179 W. 11th, Tremont neighborhood, (216) 583-9999, Asian fusion and seafood, \$\$\$, RR

*Saravá, 13225 Shaker Square, east side, (216) 295-1200, Brazilian, \$\$\$

*Sasa Matsu, 13120 Shaker Square, east side, (216) 767-1111, Japanese izakaya, \$\$

[†]Americab (216) 881-1111; Yellow Cab (216) 623-1500; Ace (216) 361-4700; ABC (216) 651-7777; AAA (216) 848-0667. The Shaker Square restaurants are also accessible by the RTA Blue and Green lines from Tower City. Table 45 and L'Albatros are also accessible by RTA's HealthLine Bus Rapid Transit line. You can take the RTA Red line one stop west to the Great Lakes Brewing Co., Flying Fig, and Crop Bistro.