

2011 Minneapolis Eating and Entertainment Recommendations

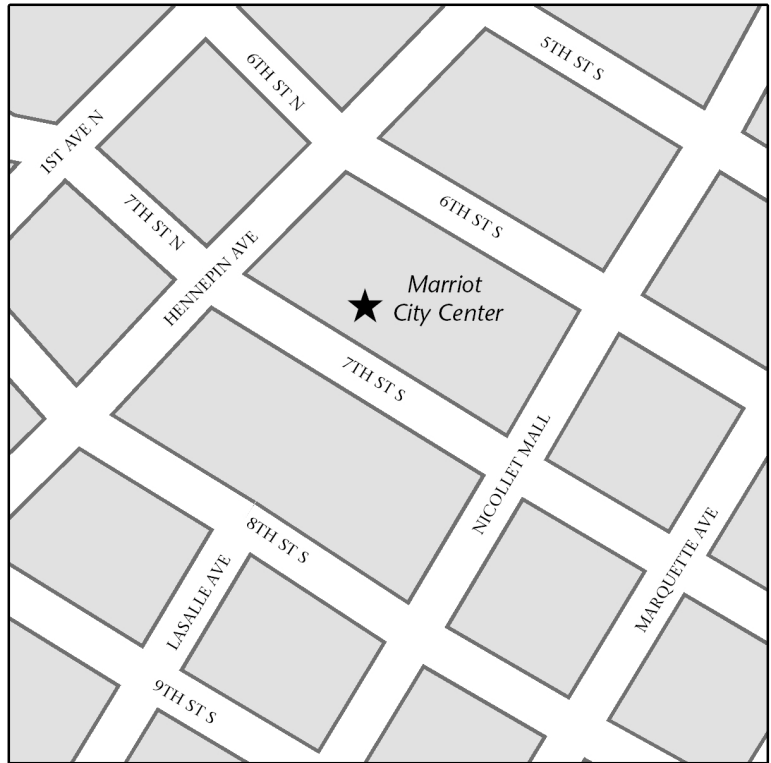
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Minneapolis has many restaurants and nightspots.

High density locations are:

- Nicollet Mall, between 9th and 12th
- Hennepin Avenue, between 6th and 9th
- First Avenue North, between 4th and 8th
- 6th St S, between Hennepin and Nicollet

Below are places recommended to SSTD by members of the Minnesota GIS/LIS Consortium, a nonprofit organization. The list was augmented by friends who work downtown



Low to moderate Prices

Barrio Tequila Bar. 925 Nicollet Avenue. Funky tequila bar with a variety of Latin street food.

Brit's Pub. 1100 Nicollet Avenue. Good food, great beer, plenty of room.

Food Court in City Center. Same building as hotel; 3rd floor. Not great, but cheap.

Gluek's. 16 N 6th St. Old World ambience...hearty, old-fashioned food.

Hell's Kitchen. 80 S 9th St (2 blks south of hotel). Known for its breakfast, but good anytime.

Imperial. 417 1st Ave. North. Good bar food.

Kieran's Irish Pub. Corner of 6th St & 1st Ave N. Good pub food and good drink.

Loon Café. 500 1st Ave North. Burgers & fries, chili & nachos.

Masa Cuisine. 1170 Nicollet Avenue. Great Mexican-style dishes.

Palomino. 9th & Hennepin, upstairs. Good Mediterranean restaurant. Order small plates in their lounge for more variety and lower prices.

Pizza Luce. 119 N 4th St. Fantastic pizza, pasta, hoagies, and drinks.

Pracna on Main. 117 Main Street SE. All-American food and an excellent variety of beer. Our recommendation on the River – probably need a cab.

Quang Vietnamese Restaurant. 2719 Nicollet Avenue South. Great Vietnamese, good Pho, great sandwiches. Take #18 bus or a cab.

Rock Bottom Restaurant and Brewery. 9th and Hennepin. National brewpub. Some good beers.

Taste of Thailand. 11 S 7th St . Great Thai and Hmong dishes.

The Local. 931 Nicollet Avenue. Wonderful atmosphere, tasty food, awesome Irish dishes.

Moderate to high prices – you may need a reservation.

112 Eatery. 112 N 3rd St. One of the “Top Ten Twin Cities Restaurants” as picked by Zagat. (612-343-7696)

Bar La Grassa. 800 Washington Av N; 612.333.3837. Named by *Bon Appetit* as one of the best new restaurants of 2010. (612-333-3837) Cab ride.

Dakota Jazz Club. 1010 Nicollet Avenue. Fantastic jazz club, fabulous main dishes and appetizers. (612-332-1010 ext. 2)

Fire Lake Restaurant. Across 7th Street. Excellent Midwestern dishes with a farm-to-table approach. “Best pork chop of my life.” (612-216-3473)

Fogo de Chao. 645 Hennepin Avenue. Authentic Brazilian meats and buffets. (612-338-1344)

Haute Dish. 119 Washington Avenue North. Gourmet comfort food, excellent beer selection. (612-338-8484). Short cab ride

M&S Grill. 50 S 6th St. Excellent steak and seafood, even better cocktails. (612-333-2345)

McCormick and Schmick’s Seafood. 800 Nicollet Avenue. Freshest seafood in Minneapolis. (612-338-3300)

Murray’s. 26 S 6th St; 612.339.0909. Oldest steakhouse in the Twin Cities. (612-339-0909)

OM Cuisine. 401 1st Ave North. Contemporary Indian cuisine, amazing dinner entrees. (612-338-1510)

Saffron Restaurant and Lounge. 123 N 3rd Street. Excellent Mediterranean and Greek dishes. (612-746-5533)

Seven. 7th and Hennepin; 612.238.7770. Minneapolis’ new hotspot. Steaks, sushi, rooftop skybar. (612-238-7777)

Solera. 9th and Hennepin. Fantastic, authentic Spanish tapas. (612-338-0062)

Other

Candyland. Across 7th St from hotel. Best caramel corn in the Midwest.

Minneapolis Sculpture Garden. 1750 Hennepin Avenue. Free tours of extensive garden, sculptures, artwork, and conservatory.

Pool Tables. Upstairs of both **Brit’s** and **The Local**. See above.