



52 restaurants for your bucket list in 2024

1	Seven Swans Creperie Breakfast 808 E. Chambers St. \$-\$ Recommended: Vermonter; Three Cheese; specials
2	3rd Street Market Hall Food Hall 275 W. Wisconsin Ave. (414) 249-5062 \$-\$ Recommended: Pho oxtail (Pho Spot); pollo a la brasa (Criollo); tori paiton ramen (Kawa); sweet cream custard (Dairyland)
3	Hot Dish Pantry New American, Midwestern 4125 S. Howell Ave. (414) 231-3305 \$-\$ Recommended: Aloo chaat pierogi; pork tenderloin sandwich
4	Travieso @ The Clarke Hotel Latin Fusion, Brunch 4125 S. Howell Ave. (414) 231-3305 \$\$-\$\$\$ Recommended: Caesar salad; scallops with pork belly
5	1033 Shareable Plates, Seafood 1033 S. 1st St. (414) 226-5754 \$-\$ Recommended: Raw bar for two; shareable vegetable plates
6	Zócalo Food Park Food Trucks 636 S. 6th St. (414) 433-9747 \$-\$ Recommended: Hotbox, Los Virellas, Modern Maki, Anytime Arepas, Mazorca, Ruby's bagels (weekends only)
7	The Diplomat New American 815 E Brandy St. (414) 800-5816 \$\$-\$\$\$ Recommended: Roast chicken; The Diplomat; dessert
8	An Ox Cafe Thai, Lao, Hmong 7411 W. Hampton Ave. (414) 336-0064 \$\$ Recommended: Nam kow (crispy coconut rice salad); kow piek (Lao chicken soup); crispy pork
9	Safina Sicilian 785 N. Jefferson St. (414) 488-9578 \$\$-\$\$\$ Recommended: Beef carpaccio; frutta di mare (pasta); veal parmesan; cheesecake (you'll be surprised)
10	Allie Boys Bagely & Luncheonette Deli 135 E National Ave. (414) 988-0388 \$-\$ Recommended: The Big Latke Waffle; matzo ball soup; bialys (on weekends)
11	Lupi & Iris Mediterranean, French, Italian, Brunch 777 N. Van Buren St. (414) 293-9090 \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$ Recommended: Goat cheese tart; winter squash with mint; corzetti with walnut sauce;
12	Taqwa's Restaurant & Bakery Middle Eastern 4651 S 27th St. (414) 539-6878 \$-\$ Recommended: manakish; dawalee (grape leaves); daily specials
13	DanDan Asian-American 360 E. Erie St. (414) 488-8036 \$\$-\$\$\$ Recommended: Mungbean kimchi pancake, potstickers, wings, Happy Chicken
14	Bacchus New American 925 E. Wells St. (414) 765-1166 \$\$\$\$ Recommended: If you can, go for the ever-changing five-course chef's tasting menu (can be vegetarian).
15	Hacienda Taproom & Kitchen Texacana 2018 E. North Ave. (414) 296-7200 \$\$-\$\$\$ Recommended: Texas brisket chili, BBQ tacos, specials
16	Story Hill BKC New American, Midwestern, Brunch 5100 W. Bluemound Rd. (414) 539-4424 \$\$-\$\$\$ Recommended: Chicken meatball; smoked Yukon au gratin; schnitzel; crepe monsieur at brunch
17	Riley's Sandwich Co. & Social House Sandwiches 4473 N. Oakland Ave., Shorewood/148 N. Milwaukee St. \$\$ Recommended: Chicken Parmesan; Nashville hot cauliflower (if you like heat); sous vide wings
18	Third Coast Provisions Seafood 724 N Milwaukee St. (414) 323-7434 \$\$-\$\$\$ Recommended: House-baked bread; crudo; fish specials; house pasta
19	Mom's Kitchen Thai, Japanese 2177 Silvernail Rd, Pewaukee (262) 899-5953 \$\$-\$\$\$ Recommended: Pad kra pao (Mom's holy basil with pork); hang lay pork curry
20	Morel New American 430 S 2nd St. (414) 897-0747 \$\$\$ Recommended: lamb carpaccio; seasonal pasta/gnocchi; short ribs; save room for their goat cheese cheesecake
21	Wy'East Pizza Pizza 5601 W Vliet St. (414) 943-3278 \$\$ Recommended: The Hot Marmot, seasonal specials
22	Bavette La Boucherie New American 330 E Menomonee St. (414) 273-3375 \$\$-\$\$\$ Recommended: Steak tartare; seasonal salads; burger (it comes with beef tallow fries); butcher's cut steak
23	Sanford New American 1547 N Jackson St. (414) 276-9608 \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$ Recommended: The surprise tasting menu; it's unparalleled
24	Honeypie Cafe New American, Midwestern, Brunch 2569 S Kinnickinnic Ave. (414) 489-7437 \$\$ Recommended: Pork fries, macaroni & cheese, pie, brunch

25	Tauro Cocina / Leo Lounge Latin & Italian Fusion, Pizza 1758 N. Water St. (414) 488-2941 \$\$ Recommended: Burrata frito; mussels with chipotle butter and white wine; asada pizza
26	Sorella Italian 2535 S Kinnickinnic Ave. (414) 301-6255 \$\$-\$\$\$ Recommended: Kale Caesar; roasted broccoli; cavatelli with "Monday" sauce
27	La Merenda Small Plates 125 E National Ave. (414) 389-0125 \$\$-\$\$\$ Recommended: Goat cheese curds; Columbian empanadas; risotto
28	Birch New American 459 E Pleasant St. (414) 323-7372 \$\$\$ Recommended: Crudo; vegetable dishes; housemade pasta; seasonal fish
29	La Dama Regional Mexican 839 S 2nd St. (414) 645-2606 \$\$-\$\$\$ Recommended: Aguachile rojo, charro beans, lamb shank birria
30	Strange Town Vegan 2101 N Prospect Ave. (414) 885-0404 \$\$ Recommended: [Not just any old] hummus; seasonal soups; pasta
31	Buckley's Restaurant & Bar New American 801 N. Cass St. (414) 277-1111 \$\$ Recommended: House focaccia; mushroom ragu; pork chop; that gosh-darn-craveable carrot cake
32	Ca'Luccenzo Italian 6030 W North Ave. (414) 312-8968 \$\$\$ Recommended: Focaccia; fonduta arancino; filled pastas; fish dishes
33	Braise New American 1101 S 2nd St. (414) 212-8843 \$\$-\$\$\$ Recommended: Seasonal soups; bao buns; pork belly dishes
34	Brandywine New American W61 N480 Washington Ave, Cedarburg (262) 618-4683 \$\$-\$\$\$ Recommended: Fresh seasonal vegetables; housemade pasta, seared fish with seasonal accouterments
35	I.d. Delafield Small Plates, Brunch 415 Genesee St., Delafield (262) 249-6473 \$\$\$ Recommended: Caesar salad; fish dishes; pork belly; desserts
36	Kin by Rice N Roll Modern Asian 7484 W. State St., Wauwatosa (414) 524-9056 \$\$-\$\$\$ Recommended: Dip dip; flaming tuna crispy rice; spicy hokkaido scallop (craft sushi); khao soy
37	Amilinda Spanish, Portuguese 315 E. Wisconsin Ave. (414) 369-3683 \$\$-\$\$\$ Recommended: Seasonal fish dishes; braised meats; piri piri chicken
38	Momo Mee Pan-Asian 110 E Greenfield Ave. (414) 316-9003 \$\$ Recommended: Dan dan noodles; xiao long bao; jjamppong; Japanese garlic eggplant
39	Odd Duck Small plates 939 S. 2nd St. (414) 763-5881 \$\$\$ Recommended: Order with your gut or close your eyes and point; but do not forget the vegetables
40	Uncle Wolfie's Breakfast Tavern Breakfast, Lunch, Brunch 234 E Vine St. (414) 763-3021 \$\$ Recommended: The BELTCH; hamburger with cheese; whatever is on special
41	Buttermint Finer Dining & Cocktails Modern continental 4195 N. Oakland Ave. (414) 488-2587 \$\$-\$\$\$ Recommended: Oysters Rockefeller; Great Lakes walleye; Duroc pork chop
42	Flour Girl & Flame/Everyone's Table Wood-fired pizza 8121 W National Ave., West Allis (414) 662-7921 \$\$ Recommended: Pep in Yer Step (add housemade giardiniera); Detroit style pizza; ice cream (local flavors available for dine in)
43	Saffron Modern Indian Dining Modern Indian 223 N. Water St. (414) 539-4980 \$\$-\$\$\$ Recommended: Fig na'an; crispy cauliflower; biryani
44	Goodkind New American 2457 S Wentworth Ave. (414) 763-4706 \$\$\$ Recommended: Champagne battered oyster mushrooms; spicy crab pasta; lavender-rubbed lamb
45	The National Breakfast, Brunch, Lunch 839 W. National Ave. (414) 431-6551 \$\$\$ Recommended: Huevos rancheros; breakfast burritos; the Hot Mess (weekends only)
46	Lebnani House Levantine 5051 S. 27th St. (414) 488-8033 \$\$-\$\$\$ Recommended: Hummus, eggplant and beef sajiyyeh, telar kebab
47	Le Reve Patisserie & Cafe French, Brunch 7610 Harwood Ave., Wauwatosa (414) 778-3333 \$\$-\$\$\$ Recommended: Moules frites au Pernod; Parisian gnocchi; confit de canard crepes; opera cake
48	Appethai Thai 3900 W. Brown Deer Rd., Brown Deer (414) 362-4264 \$\$ Recommended: Waterfall beef salad; duck curry; Thai rotisserie chicken
49	Heaven's Table BBQ BBQ 5507 W North Ave. \$\$ Recommended: Cheddar jalapeno cornbread, greens (weekends only), smoked chicken, brisket
50	EsterEv New American 360 E Erie St. (414) 488-8036 Reservations Required \$\$\$\$ Recommended: Tasting menu changes frequently
51	Sze Chuan Chinese 11102 W National Ave. (414) 885-0856 \$\$ Recommended: Szechuan pork dumplings; mustard greens with tofu skin; twice cooked pork
52	Three Brothers Serbian 2414 S St Clair St. (414) 481-7530 \$\$ Recommended: Burek; sarma; musaka; specials

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