

52 restaurants

Top picks in Metro Milwaukee

2025

1	Ruta's Fresh Indian Fare Modern Indian 207 W. Freshwater Way, (414) 509-6802	\$
	Recommended: Coconut tofu bowl, Goa pork na'an melt, coconut slaw	
2	Uncle Wolfie's Downtown & The Wolf New American, Indonesian, brunch 600 N. Broadway, (414) 935-2076	\$\$
	Recommended: Chili crisp fish sandwich, seasonal omelettes, pre fixe menu	
3	Room Service Thai, Sushi 2159 S. Kinnickinnic Ave., (414) 414-9789	\$\$\$
	Recommended: Chor muang, tom yum river prawn, namyapu (crab curry), hung lay short rib	
4	Hen's Deli Deli, breakfast 209 W. Florida St.	\$
	Recommended: Tortas, roast beef	
5	Sanford New American 1547 N. Jackson St., (414) 276-9608	\$\$\$\$
	Recommended: The surprise tasting menu; it's unparalleled	
6	Heirloom American 2378 S. Howell Ave., (262) 229-1157	\$\$
	Recommended: Fried cheese curds, hot dipped chicken sandwich, octopus	
7	Bacchus New American 925 E. Wells St., (414) 765-1166	\$\$\$\$
	Recommended: The ever-changing five-course chef's tasting menu; both the standard and veg menus are outstanding.	
8	Saffron Modern Indian Dining Indian, brunch 223 N. Water St., (414) 539-4980	\$\$\$
	Recommended: Fig (or black garlic) na'an, crispy cauliflower, lamb and goat dishes	
9	Neighborhood Draft Upscale bar fare 5921 W. Vliet St., (414) 885-2028	\$\$
	Recommended: Wings, French onion soup, brisket grilled cheese, fried chicken	
10	Easy Tyger Ramen, Asian fare 1230 E. Brady St., (414) 226-6640	\$
	Recommended: Bao buns; tonkotsu ramen (in winter), buttered corn ramen (in summer)	
11	Honeypie Cafe American, brunch 2569 S Kinnickinnic Ave., (414) 489-7437	\$\$
	Recommended: House biscuits, pork fries, macaroni and cheese	
12	Union House New American S42 W31320 WI-83, Genesee Depot, (262) 968-4281	\$\$\$\$
	Recommended: Seasonal seafood dishes, lamb chops	
13	Zócalo Food Park Food Trucks 636 S. 6th St., (414) 433-9747	\$-\$
	Recommended: smoked wings; pernil mo'fongo bowl; ramen (or sushi burritos); pork arepa; torta; bagels (weekends only)	
14	Strange Town Vegan 2101 N. Prospect Ave., (414) 885-0404	\$\$\$
	Recommended: Seasonal soups, hummus, pasta dishes	
15	Momo Mee Pan-Asian 110 E. Greenfield Ave., (414) 316-9003	\$\$
	Recommended: Spicy wings, dan dan noodles; xiao long bao; Japanese garlic eggplant	
16	Three Brothers Serbian 2414 S. St Clair St., (414) 481-7530	\$\$\$
	Recommended: Burek, stuffed grape leaves, roast duck	
17	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)	
18	Safina Sicilian 785 N. Jefferson St., (414) 488-9578	\$\$\$
	Recommended: Beef carpaccio; frutta di mare (pasta); veal parmesan; cheesecake (you'll be surprised)	
19	Morel New American 430 S. 2nd St., (414) 897-0747	\$\$\$
	Recommended: lamb carpaccio; house smoked ham biscuit; seasonal pasta/gnocchi; goat cheese cheesecake	
20	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	
21	Cloud Red Upscale bar fare 4488 N. Oakland Ave., (414) 231-9660	\$\$
	Recommended: Buffalo cauliflower bites, hummus, tempah tacos, burger	
22	La Dama Regional Mexican 839 S. 2nd St., (414) 645-2606	\$\$\$
	Recommended: Aguachile rojo, charro beans, lamb shank birria	
23	Seven Swans Creperie Crepes, brunch 808 E. Chambers St.	\$-\$
	Recommended: Crepes, brunch	
24	EsterEv New American 2165 S. Kinnickinnic Ave., (414) 312-8606	\$\$\$\$
	Recommended: Tasting menus changes fairly regularly; go with a group of four and try everything on the menu.	

25	Lebnani House Levantine 5051 S. 27th St., Greenfield, (414) 488-8033	\$\$-\$\$\$
	Recommended: Hummus, eggplant and beef sajiyyeh, telar kebab	
26	Amilinda Spanish, Portuguese 315 E. Wisconsin Ave., (414) 369-3683	\$\$\$
	Recommended: Seasonal fish dishes; braised meats; piri piri chicken	
27	Tauro Cocina Latin-Italian fusion, brunch 1758 N. Water St., (414) 488-2941	\$\$\$
	Recommended: Burrata frito; mussels with chipotle butter and white wine; asada pizza	
28	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	
29	Paloma Taco & Tequila Mexican fusion, brunch (KK only) North Ave & Kinnickinnic Ave locations	\$\$
	Recommended: Paloma hot chips, taco pockets	
30	Sorella Italian 2535 S. Kinnickinnic Ave., (414) 301-6255	\$\$\$
	Recommended: Kale Caesar; roasted broccoli; cavatelli with "Monday" sauce	
31	The Diplomat New American 815 E. Brady St., (414) 800-5816	\$\$-\$\$\$
	Recommended: Roasted chicken, lentil dishes (they're stellar!), The Diplomat, dessert	
32	The National Cafe American, brunch 839 W. National Ave., (414) 431-6551	\$
	Recommended: Huevos rancheros; breakfast burritos; the Hot Mess (weekends only)	
33	Birch New American 459 E. Pleasant St., (414) 323-7372	\$\$
	Recommended: Crudo; Contramar-inspired fish, Birch Burger (bar only)	
34	Wy'East Pizza Pizza 5601 W Vliet St., (414) 943-3278	\$\$
	Recommended: The Cloud Cap, Zig Zag, seasonal specials	
35	Goodkind New American 2457 S. Wentworth Ave., (414) 763-4706	\$\$\$
	Recommended: Champagne battered oyster mushrooms; spicy crab pasta; lavender-rubbed lamb	
36	Ca'Lucchenzo Italian 6030 W. North Ave., (414) 312-8968	\$\$\$\$
	Recommended: Foccaccia; fonduta arancino; filled pastas; fish dishes	
37	Braise New American, small plates 1101 S. 2nd St., (414) 212-8843	\$\$\$
	Recommended: Bao buns, seasonal soups, pork belly dishes	
38	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	
39	Brandywine New American W61 N480 Washington Ave., Cedarburg, (262) 618-4683	\$\$\$
	Recommended: Fresh seasonal vegetables; housemade pasta, seared fish with seasonal accouterments	
40	Sze Chuan Chinese 11102 W. National Ave., (414) 885-0856	\$\$
	Recommended: Szechuan pork dumplings; mustard greens with tofu skin; twice cooked pork	
41	Third Coast Provisions Seafood 724 N. Milwaukee St., (414) 323-7434	\$\$\$\$
	Recommended: House-baked bread; crudo; fish specials; house pasta	
42	Bavette La Boucherie New American 217 N. Broadway, (414) 273-3375	\$\$-\$\$\$
	Recommended: Steak tartare; seasonal salads; burger (it comes with beef tallow fries); butcher's cut steak	
43	Story Hill BKC New American, brunch 5100 W. Bluemound Rd., (414) 539-4424	\$\$-\$\$\$
	Recommended: Chicken meatball; smoked Yukon au gratin; schnitzel; crepe monsieur at brunch	
44	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	
45	I.d. Delafield New American, Small plates 415 Genesee St., Delafield, (262) 249-6473	\$\$\$\$
	Recommended: Venison carpaccio; fish dishes; pork belly; desserts	
46	Blue Star Cafe Somali, East African 1619 N. Farwell Ave. (414) 273-9744	\$
	Recommended: Hummus, sambusa, lamb platter with rice	
47	Odd Duck Global, 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	
48	Appethai Thai 3900 W. Brown Deer Rd., Brown Deer, (414) 362-4264	\$\$
	Recommended: Waterfall beef salad; duck curry; Thai rotisserie chicken	
49	Travieso @ The Clarke Hotel Latin fusion, brunch 314 W. Main St., Waukesha, (262) 899-2520	\$\$\$
	Recommended: Caesar salad; brussels sprouts; scallops with pork belly	
50	Allie Boys Bagelry & Luncheonette Deli, breakfast National Ave. & Farwell Ave. locations	\$-\$
	Recommended: The Big Latke Waffle; matzo ball soup; pizza bagels	
51	Lupi & Iris Mediterranean, brunch 777 N. Van Buren St., (414) 293-9090	\$\$\$\$
	Recommended: Goat cheese tart; grilled octopus; corzetti with walnut sauce;	
52	Dandan Asian-American 360 E. Erie St., (414) 488-8036	\$\$-\$\$\$
	Recommended: Mungbean kimchi pancake, potstickers, wings, Happy Chicken	