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A close-up photograph of a bowl of ramen. The bowl is white with a red rim and sits on a black base. The ramen features a light-colored broth, thin noodles, slices of pink meat, and a large pile of chopped green onions. A pair of chopsticks is tucked into the bowl on the left side.

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TO THE AREA'S

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The Stanford campus is the biggest attraction, and visitors could easily spend a day or longer exploring it.

But any visit also should include a walk or drive through Palo Alto's tree-lined residential neighborhoods (among the costliest in the nation), a stroll through the foothills or Baylands and some great shopping and

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On the cover: *Ramen Nagi's original king ramen has thinly-sliced chashu and noodles in a traditional tonkotsu broth topped with green onions, "wood ear" mushrooms and house-made sauce. Photo by Magali Gauthier.*

eating in the handful of nearby business districts, including ones in Menlo Park and Mountain View.

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A 3-MINUTE GUIDE TO THE AREA'S

best ramen

Epic (and eclectic) bowls of delicious noodles that rise above the ramen rabble

BY CHRISTINE LEE
AND ASHLEY WANG



The Bay Area has long been ramen-obsessed. Of all the region's culinary trends and foodie fanaticism, nothing seems to spark longer wait lists and eater-on-a-mission car rides than those steaming hot bowls of noodles in exquisitely rendered broth.

Though local diners' love of ramen knows no season, with fall in the air and chillier weather afoot, we've revisited and updated this list of standout ramen spots on the Peninsula.

RAMEN DOJO

If you live in the Bay Area and/or love ramen (and chances of the latter increase with the former), you've most likely heard of Ramen Dojo in San Mateo and its long lines. It's one of the most well-known ramen shops on this list, with diners driving in from San Francisco, San Leandro and all over the Bay Area for the restaurant's rich flavorful broth.

Their ramen comes in pork, garlic pork, pork miso and garlic miso pork soup base options. It's topped abundantly with two pieces of pork, shredded chicken, fried whole



Above: Toppings on Ramen Dojo's garlic pork ramen include slices of pork and a quail egg. Courtesy Yelp. Top: Ramen Seas serves ramen in a light, savory broth full of rich shellfish flavor and topped with plenty of seafood. Courtesy Ramen Seas website.



For Ramen Nagi's black king ramen, blackened garlic and calamari ink are added to the traditional tonkotsu broth and a ball of minced pork flavored with black sesame and spices tops the soup. Photo by Magali Gauthier.

garlic, kikurage mushroom, chives and — love it or hate it — quail egg, instead of the more common soft-boiled egg. Yes, it's a slightly innovative take on traditional ramen and makes for a colorful, vibrant, carefully curated dish.

The Banbanji ramen, with a sesame pork broth, comes with the standard toppings, minus the pork. And for a vegetarian option, there's the creamy corn ramen.

Ramen Dojo's noodles are on the thicker side and cooked al-dente, which helps balance out the strong flavor of the broth. Chashu slices are generous, juicy and perfectly smoked, with a simple flavor.

Be careful when you're selecting the spice level — here, the extra spicy is actually extra spicy, and you might get a kick you weren't expecting.

Ramen Dojo, 805 S. B St., San Mateo; 650-401-6568. ramendojos-sanmateo.com.

RAMEN NAGI

If you're looking for a quick, no-wait ramen stop, Ramen Nagi might not be your best bet. Since its opening, the restaurant has drawn epic interest and round-the-clock lines that reflect its game-changing role in the Palo Alto ramen scene. In fact, this location is the Tokyo-based chain's first-ever venture into the U.S. market, and their ramen is living up to the hype.

Customers can choose from four broths, dubbed "kings": original (tonkotsu), black (squid ink), red (red miso and red chili paste) and green (with basil, parmesan and olive oil). Each bowl starts with the tonkotsu as its base. The pork broth is cooked for more than 20 hours.

Also notable is Ramen Nagi's vegetarian ramen — the broth is made from cauliflower, onions, milk and garlic.

Ramen Nagi, 541 Bryant St., Palo Alto; ramennagiasa.com.

HOKKAIDO RAMEN SANTOUKA

A cute little stand located inside San Jose's Mitsuwa Marketplace, Hokkaido Ramen Santouka is your classic, international ramen chain staple. But don't brush off this location for being another bland food court disaster just yet: The spicy miso and shiso ramens boast perfectly seasoned broths and the most tender, melt-in-your-mouth chashu. Plus you can't miss out on dessert.

Hokkaido Ramen Santouka, 675 Saratoga Ave., San Jose; 408-446-1101. santouka.co.jp.

RAMEN PARLOR

If you're into seafood like us, then you may want to set your sights on Ramen Parlor, whose famous lobster garlic ramen is always worth the trip and something you won't find anywhere else in the area. It comes loaded with soft shell crab, spinach and quail egg. The broth is bold and the lobster creates a deeper, saltier flavor. Other seafaring bowls include the crab spicy miso ramen and shrimp curry ramen.

Not into seafood? There are plenty of other options. You can choose from three ramen categories — classic, parlor and house specialty — each of which offers different ramen broths (pork, miso, garlic, soy sauce).

Ramen Parlor, 901 S. B St., San Mateo; 650-344-9728. ramenparlor-sanmateo.com.

RAMEN IZAKAYA YU-GEN

With a great interior and lively atmosphere, Yu-Gen has been a key location in the Peninsula's ramen scene outside of San Mateo for a while now. The restaurant's tonkotsu "deluxe" ramen is a local mainstay and worth coming back for again and again. There's also a chicken paitan ramen, served with a five-spice quarter chicken, as well as a mixed vegetable ramen for non-carnivores.

Delve into Yu-Gen's menu for pre-ramen eats, such as the takoyaki (octopus dumpling balls) and chicken karaage, and round out the meal with one of the many sake options.

Ramen Izakaya Yu-Gen, 152 Castro St., Mountain View; 650-428-0888. yugen-us.com.

HIMAWARI-TEI

At first glance, Himawari might resemble a jazz bar more than a ramen restaurant: Vinyl record covers line the walls, with high stools and sophisticated industrial lights making for a great place to catch up with friends over ramen and beer.

The line isn't too bad as long as you avoid peak hours. The menu is a long list of familiar dishes: soy ramen, shio ramen, miso ramen and deluxe ramen, plus appetizers such as agedashi tofu, gyoza and edamame. Himawari's light broth and time-tested favorites satisfy both ramen fanatics and newcomers.

Don't forget to order the massive, crispy-on-the-outside, tender-in-the-inside chicken karaage.

Himawari-Tei, 202 2nd Ave., San Mateo; 650-375-1005.

RAMEN SEAS

Unlike tonkotsu or even shoyu, seafood ramen can be a rather hit or miss affair on the Peninsula. But fear not — for seafood ramen that is both delicious and dependable, we point you to Ramen Seas.

The Sunnyvale restaurant's main seafood broth — the defining factor of good ramen — is light, savory and full of rich shellfish flavor. Other options include clam (our favorite) and miso-clam ramen.

For something more unconventional (and vegan!), check out the ramen salad.

Ramen Seas, 173 S. Murphy Ave., Sunnyvale; 408-481-0900. ramenseassunnyvale.com. ■

—Additional reporting by Heather Zimmerman

Palo Alto, Stanford and the surrounding communities along the Bay Area's Midpeninsula offer activities for all ages and interests. If you want to know where some of the attractions are located, turn to the map on pages 16 and 17.

HISTORY & ARCHITECTURE

Filoli: 86 Cañada Road, Woodside; 650-364-8300; filoli.org | 654-acre historic country estate with 500 varieties of roses, docent-led tours, guided nature hikes. **Open:** Daily, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Cost: \$34, general admission/additional fees for special events. Online advanced tickets are required.

Gamble Garden: 1431 Waverley St., Palo Alto; 650-329-1356; gamblegarden.org | 1902 Colonial Georgian Revival estate with demonstration gardens. **Open:** gardens, daily during daylight hours. **Cost:** free.

Hanna House: 737 Frenchmans Road, Stanford; 650-725-8352; hannahousetours.stanford.edu | 1936 home patterned after the honeycomb of a bee is a National Historic Landmark designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. **Open:** Tours are available twice a year. For tour dates and details, email hannahousetours@stanford.edu

SCULPTURES & ART

Anderson Collection: 314 Lomita Drive, Stanford University; anderson.stanford.edu | The Anderson Collection is one of the world's most outstanding private assemblies of modern and contemporary American art. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays. Open Wednesdays-Sundays, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. In-person tours are available Saturdays and Sundays. Free all-day tickets are available but must be booked in advance.

Cantor Arts Center: 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford University; museum.stanford.edu | The Cantor features collections and special exhibitions from different cultures and time periods. Free all-day tickets are available but must be booked in advance. Check museum.stanford.edu prior to your visit.

Rodin Sculpture Garden: Atrium, Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford University; museum.stanford.edu | Stroll through the center's three galleries, which house the largest collection of work by French sculptor Auguste Rodin in an American museum.

Stanford sculpture walk Main Quad, where the Oval meets Jane Stanford Way, Stanford University campus; museum.stanford.edu | Explore an extensive collection of 20th-century outdoor sculptures in Stanford's Quad and south campus. Docent-led tours are available on the first Sunday of the month at 2 p.m.

NOTABLE TECH LANDMARKS

Computer History Museum: 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View | Collection of computing artifacts. The museum is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays and open Wednesday-Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Original Apple Store: 451 University Ave., Palo Alto | Originally Swain's House of Music where Grateful Dead frontman Jerry Garcia used to play for tips (music logo still embedded in sidewalk at store's entrance), this building later became the site of the original Apple Store before it moved across the street to 340 University Ave.



Junior Museum and Zoo. Photo by Magali Gauthier.

Shockley Semiconductor Laboratory: 391 San Antonio Road, Mountain View | William Shockley's laboratory was the first high-tech company to work on silicon-based semiconductor devices, which led to the development of Silicon Valley in 1956. The original building is no longer there, but sculptures of packaged semiconductors, including a transistor and a diode, are on display at the site.

Sand Hill Road: Menlo Park | Nearly every major tech company — Microsoft, Amazon, Facebook, Twitter — has been the beneficiary of early funding from venture capital firms on this arterial road that runs between El Camino Real and Highway 280. For those who want to spend time on Sand Hill, the Michelin-starred Madera restaurant located at Rosewood Hotel (2825 Sand Hill Road) is open to the general public.

Stanford Research Park: 3160 Porter Drive, Palo Alto | Founded in 1951 as the first technology-oriented park, Stanford Research Park has housed many electronics pioneers and high-profile companies including Steve Jobs' NeXT Computer and Xerox PARC. Today it is home to more than 150 companies. Visitors are free to wander the 700-acre park.

NATURE

Nature tours & wildlife walks: The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, which oversees over 65,000 acres of open space in the area, offers free docent-led activities and nature tours year-round at its 26 nature preserves. *Go to openspace.org.*

Baylands Nature Preserve: Prime Pacific stopover for migrating birds consists of 1,940 acres of undisturbed marshlands, 15 miles of trails and picnic areas. *Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto; Lucy Evans Baylands Nature Interpretive Center, 650-329-2506; Ranger Station, 650-617-3156; cityofpaloalto.org/baylands. Find information about naturalist walks at evols.org.*

AEROSPACE

NASA Ames Research Center: Active research laboratory | Tours of the center are not available. The Ames Gift Shop is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. *398 Moffett Blvd./NASA Parkway, Mountain View; 650-604-5000; nasa.gov/ames/visit-ames-research-center/*

KIDS

Junior Museum and Zoo: The facility is home to 300 animals. *1451 Middlefield Road. For tickets, hours and programs, call 650-329-2111, or go to bit.ly/MuseumAndZoo.*

A young girl with long brown hair, wearing a purple sleeveless dress, is walking away from the camera through a brick archway. The archway is covered in white and yellow roses. To the right of the archway is a large, ornate wooden door. The garden beyond the archway features a brick path, a green hedge, a pink flower bed, and tall green hedges in the background.

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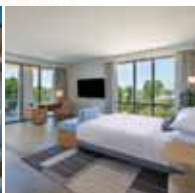
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Palo Alto Children's Theatre: productions by and for children | performs at Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. cityofpaloalto.org/childrenstheatre, 650-463-4970.

Palo Alto Players: works from Broadway, off-Broadway | Lucie Stern Theater, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. **Now playing:** Misery - The Play (Jan. 19 - Feb. 4), Gala: The Greatest Show (April 6), The Music Man (April 26 - May 12) paplayers.org, 650-329-0891.

Stanford Live: world-class musicians, comedians, dancers and more | Bing Concert Hall and other Stanford University venues. **Now playing:** Coco in Concert (Nov. 19), Jungle Book Reimagined (Dec. 2 - 3), Storm Large: Holiday Ordeal (Dec. 8-9), Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra (Dec. 8), Rob Kapilow's What Makes It Great? Dreaming of a Jewish Christmas (Dec. 9) live.stanford.edu, 650-724-2464.

TheatreWorks Silicon Valley: Tony Award-winning theater | Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., and Lucie Stern Theater, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. **Now playing:** The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (Nov. 29 - Dec. 24), August Wilson's How I Learned What I Learned (Jan. 17 - Feb. 11)



theatreworks.org, 650-463-1960.

West Bay Opera: Palo Alto's own opera company | Lucie Stern Theater, 1305 Middlefield Road. wbopera.org, 650-424-9999.

Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts: talks, theater, dance, music, professional Bay Area companies | 500 Castro St, Mountain View. mvcpa.com, 650-903-6000.

Palo Alto JCC: talks, theater, dance, music, film | paloaltojcc.org, 650-223-8700.

Pear Theatre: classic and modern drama, new plays from the Pear Playwrights Guild | thepear.org, 650-254-1148.

Shoreline Amphitheatre: outdoor concert venue that hosts performances by major, world-touring acts | mountainviewamphitheater.com, 650-967-4040.

The Guild Theatre: live music featuring an eclectic mix of national acts | guildtheatre.com.

California Pops Orchestra: Performs Big Band, Broadway, Hollywood classics | californiapopsorchestra.com, 650-856-8432.

Foothill Music Theater: Live theater performances | foothill.edu/theatre/productions, 650-949-7360.

Fox Theatre: Former 1929 movie house that features live music by local and national acts | foxrwc.com, 650-369-7770.

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Walking among giants

10 places to see redwoods in the Santa Cruz Mountains

BY KATE BRADSHAW

When it comes to the great outdoors, redwood trees are the “biggest” celebrities in the Santa Cruz Mountains that stretch along the Peninsula. These majestic, sometimes ancient, trees tower as the tallest species in the world, and since they grow only along the Pacific coast, having them in our backyard feels extra special.

Big Basin Redwoods State Park, Butano State Park and Pescadero Creek Park are among the area’s better-known places for redwood viewing. These three well-loved favorites, however, aren’t the only places where you can visit redwood forests.

With thousands of acres of open space parks with redwoods all within close proximity, we asked staff at San Mateo County Parks, the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD) and California State Parks their recommendations of where to go and discovered some hidden gems of the Peninsula.

Here are 10 places in the Santa Cruz Mountains where you can walk among the redwoods:

HUDDART PARK

1100 Kings Mountain Road, Woodside

Driving distance from Stanford: 8.3 miles

Huddart Park, located in the Woodside hills, offers about 900 acres of lush forest to explore, with plenty of second-growth redwoods to shade the trails. Carla Schoof, spokesperson for San Mateo County Parks, recommends the following three trails: Chinquapin Trail (create a 7-mile loop by using Dean and Crystal Springs trails); Chickadee and Redwood Nature trails, which are great for families with young children; and Skyline Trail, which connects Huddart to Wunderlich parks. *More information and directions:* smcgov.org/parks/huddart-park



Above: A compelling feature of El Corte de Madera Creek Open Space Preserve is a set of tafoni sandstone formations. Courtesy Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District.

Right: A wide dirt path winds through the Loma Mar redwoods, a hidden gem just past Memorial Park in San Mateo County. Photo by Kate Bradshaw

EL CORTE DE MADERA CREEK

Skyline Boulevard (Highway 35), Redwood City

Driving distance from Stanford: 10.9 miles

This open space preserve is less popular with hikers due to its heavy use by mountain bikers, according to open space district spokesperson Leigh Ann Gessner. In addition to lush, forested trails, the open space offers a few unique features. There is a trail to see tafoni sandstone formations, which are lace-like natural indentations in sandstone boulders, and just across Skyline Boulevard on Cal Water land is the Methuselah tree, a nearly 2,000-year-old behemoth of a redwood. *More information and directions:* openspace.org/preserves/el-corte-de-madera-creek

PURISIMA CREEK REDWOODS OPEN SPACE PRESERVE

13102-13184 Skyline Blvd. (Highway 35), Half Moon Bay

Driving distance from Stanford: 13.7 miles

Purisima Creek Redwoods is a 4,711-acre open space preserve operated by Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, offering abundant second-growth redwoods, a creek, shade and ferns to enjoy. The forest was logged in the late 1800s and early 1900s, and most of the trees are around 100 years old. However, stumps from much wider trees that were probably about 1,000 years old before they were felled are still visible. The Craig Britton Trail takes hikers off of the preserve’s primary hiking trails, which are lovely but wide and heavily trafficked. The northern portion of the park provides magnificent views of the Pacific

Ocean. *More information and directions: [openspace.org/preserves/purisima-creek-redwoods](https://www.openspace.org/preserves/purisima-creek-redwoods)*

LOMA MAR REDWOODS

Pescadero Creek Road, Loma Mar

Driving distance from Stanford: 20.3 miles

These redwoods are somewhat hidden, accessible only via unmarked trails, but are popular with locals. About 170 acres of this forest were added about seven years ago to San Mateo County's Memorial Park. To reach the small parking area, drive toward Memorial Park but continue past the main entrance another mile west. The area also can be accessed from Highway 1 on Pescadero Creek Road. *More information and directions: [savetheredwoods.org/project/lomamar](https://www.savetheredwoods.org/project/lomamar)*

SAM MCDONALD PARK

13435 Pescadero Creek Road, Loma Mar

Driving distance from Stanford: 20.4 miles

Sam McDonald Park contains about 400 acres of redwood forest and connects to Pescadero Creek Park. Staff recommends seeking out the Heritage Grove Trail, which offers sights of old growth redwoods just a short hike from the parking lot. *More information and directions: [smcgov.org/parks/sam-mcdonald-park](https://www.smcgov.org/parks/sam-mcdonald-park)*

PORTOLA REDWOODS STATE PARK

9000 Portola State Park Road, La Honda

Driving distance from Stanford: 23.4 miles

Farther toward the coastside and deeper into the Santa Cruz Mountains, you'll hit Portola Redwoods State Park, a 2,800-acre preserve with 18 miles of trails that follow meandering creeks and cut through a forest of coast redwoods with ferns, huckleberries and waterfalls. *More information and directions: [parks.ca.gov](https://www.parks.ca.gov)*

CASTLE ROCK STATE PARK

15451 Skyline Blvd. (Highway 35), Los Gatos

Driving distance from Stanford: 24.9 miles

Castle Rock State Park offers more than 30 miles of trails that pass through sculpted sandstone, caverns, high-elevation redwood forests and sweeping vistas of the Pacific Ocean. The park's trails connect to an extensive trail

system that links the Santa Clara and San Lorenzo valleys to nearby Big Basin Redwoods State Park and open space preserves on the Skyline to the Sea Trail. Trail information: bit.ly/3SBfLNM. *Check the latest trail advisories before you go. Park information and directions: [parks.ca.gov](https://www.parks.ca.gov)*

BEAR CREEK REDWOODS

Bear Creek Road, Los Gatos

Driving distance from Stanford: 26.5 miles

Located just south of Los Gatos, this relatively new open space preserve covers about 1,430 acres — including hundreds of acres of redwood forests — and 6 miles of trails, with more on the way. It tends to fill up on weekends, so mornings and weekdays work best for a visit. The area, once slated to become a golf course and luxury development, remains home to a variety of protected species. *Check road and trail advisories before you go. More information and directions: [openspace.org/preserves/bear-creek-redwoods](https://www.openspace.org/preserves/bear-creek-redwoods)*

HENRY COWELL REDWOODS STATE PARK

101 N. Big Trees Park Road, Felton

Driving distance from Stanford: 48.4 miles

Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park is best known for the 40-acre grove of old-growth redwood trees that inspired some of California's earliest redwood preservation efforts. The tallest tree in the park is approximately 277 feet tall, about 16 feet wide and around 1,500 years old. Portions of the park were impacted by the CZU Lightning Complex fires, and burn zones are visible. *More information and directions: [parks.ca.gov](https://www.parks.ca.gov)*

WILDER RANCH STATE PARK

1401 Coast Road, Santa Cruz

Driving distance from Stanford: 52.3 miles

This coastside Santa Cruz park offers both ocean and redwood views; the best trails for redwoods are the Old Cabin, Enchanted Loop, Woodcutters, Long Meadow, and Twin Oaks trails, according to parks staff. Trail information: bit.ly/3kBopzo. *More information and directions: [parks.ca.gov](https://www.parks.ca.gov)*

Note: Some parks or trails may be temporarily closed due to inclement weather and other seasonal conditions. Check park websites for latest trail advisories before you go. ■



Attractions

- 1 Baylands Nature Preserve
- 2 Computer History Museum
- 3 Gamble Garden
- 4 Hanna House
- 5 Hoover Tower
- 6 HP Garage
- 7 Junior Museum & Zoo

Shopping

- 1 California Avenue:
This five-block district between El Camino Real and Park Boulevard features boutiques, restaurants and a pedestrian promenade with street dining.
- 2 Charleston Plaza and Rengstorff Center
- 3 Charleston Shopping Center
- 4 Downtown Los Altos:
This quaint tree-lined district features a mix of locally owned boutiques, restaurants, salons and other services.
- 5 Downtown Menlo Park:
Santa Cruz Avenue is a lively destination with outdoor street cafes open for late-night dining, boutiques, galleries and shops for everyday needs.
- 6 Downtown Mountain View:
An eight-block area from El Camino Real to West Evelyn Avenue featuring dining, music venues, performance spaces, coffee shops, pubs and book stores.
- 7 Downtown Palo Alto:
A 10-block area between Alma and Tasso streets, centered along University Avenue; Pedestrian-friendly district packs in two movie theaters, galleries, retail stores, restaurants and bars.
- 8 Edgewood Plaza
- 9 Midtown Shopping Center
- 10 San Antonio Center:
The corner of El Camino Real and San Antonio Road is home to two distinct shopping areas. San Antonio Shopping Center is a traditional retail center with big-box stores. The Village at San Antonio Center, features parks, plazas, a luxury movie theater, boutiques and restaurants.
- 11 Stanford Shopping Center:
An open-air center with a mix of luxury stores, restaurants and cultural events.
- 12 Town & Country Village:
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- 3 The Ameswell Hotel
- 4 Avante, a JDV by Hyatt Hotel
- 5 The Clement Hotel
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- 7 Creekside Inn
- 8 Crowne Plaza Cabana
- 9 Dinah's Garden Hotel
- 10 el PRADO Hotel
- 11 Enchanté Boutique Hotel
- 12 Four Seasons Hotel
- 13 Graduate Palo Alto
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- 15 Hilton Garden Inn
- 16 Homewood Suites by Hilton Palo Alto
- 17 Hotel Citrine
- 18 Hotel Keen
- 19 Hotel Nia
- 20 Hotel Zico
- 21 Hyatt Centric
- 22 The Nest Hotel
- 23 Nobu Hotel Palo Alto
- 24 Residence Inn by Marriott — Palo Alto Los Altos
- 25 Residence Inn by Marriott — Palo Alto Menlo Park
- 26 Residence Inn by Marriott — Palo Alto Mountain View
- 27 Rosewood Sand Hill
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- 29 Sheraton Palo Alto
- 30 Stanford Park Hotel
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WALK, RUN AND EXPLORE

The **Stanford Dish loop** offers almost 4 miles of paved path that winds through the Stanford foothills with tremendous views of Palo Alto.

The **Baylands Nature Preserve** offers miles of flat walking trails that allow visitors to explore the area's extensive wildlife habitat.

The **Pearson-Arastradero Preserve**, in the foothills beyond Stanford near 1530 Arastradero Road, has a network of easy trails ideal for one- to two-hour hikes.

The **Foothills Nature Preserve**, less than 8 miles from downtown Palo Alto (in the Santa Cruz Mountains at 11799 Page Mill Road), has a network of easy trails ideal for one- to two-hour hikes.

For more information about Midpeninsula preserves and their **dozens of hiking trails**, go to openspace.org/preserves.

GOLF

Baylands Golf Links, located at 1875 Embarcadero Road, integrates 55 acres of native plants and adjacent wetlands into the 18-hole course. 650-856-0881, baylandsgolflinks.com.

Those with a Stanford connection (alumni or parents) can play at the **Stanford Golf Course**, located at 91 Links

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Road, Stanford. 650-724-0944 (golf shop), 650-498-4461 (driving range), stanfordgolfcourse.com.

At Mountain View's **Shoreline Links**, located at 2940 N. Shoreline Blvd., golfers can play on the 750-acre course that offers 18 holes and acres of water hazards. 650-903-4653, shorelinelinks.com.

BIKE AROUND TOWN

The area prides itself on encouraging bike riding. The most popular rides use **Alpine, Arastradero, Portola and Sand Hill roads** to create loops of different lengths. Skilled riders wanting to cycle several hours or all day can ride up to **Skyline Boulevard** and down to the coast and back. In Mountain View, try biking around **Shoreline Lake**, located in the Baylands. For a map of Midpeninsula urban bike routes, go to bit.ly/UrbanBikeTrails; For more information on rural routes at local open space preserves, go to bit.ly/OpenSpaceBikeTrails.

WINDSURF, KAYAK, PADDLEBOARD

If you're up for stand-up paddleboarding, windsurfing or renting pedal boats, rowboats, canoes or kayaks, **Shoreline Lake** (shorelinelake.com) is the place to go.

DRIVE TO THE COAST

Palo Alto is located between the bay and foothills, and the Pacific Ocean and the beach are only a 45-minute drive away. If you want to mix together shopping, eating and beach walking, your best bet is to head for **Half Moon Bay**.

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MARTINI MADNESS

5 Peninsula spots to shake up your cocktail hour

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
DEVIN ROBERTS

The Wave, Jettywave martini served at Jettywave Distillery in Half Moon Bay.

My alcoholic beverage preferences tend to be very hyper-focused for a period of time. In 2022 I sought out every tiki bar that I could find in the Bay Area and beyond. As the calendar turned to 2023, I was ready for a new tittle.

Instead of the festive, sweet, rum-filled drinks served in ornate and gaudy tiki mugs, I sought out the stripped-down classic served in a simple glass chalice.

My mixology mission has been to find the best martinis on the Peninsula. My usual order is gin-based and served up, but for this quest I opened the parameters slightly to taste the best version according to local purveyors.

Like many classic cocktails, there is no definitive answer as to who invented the martini or where it originated. It appears the cocktail emerged sometime during the late 1800s and may have been a riff on the classic Martinez.

The martini was originally a gin drink until the 1950s, when vodka became widely distributed in the United States. Over the years, the martini moniker has expanded to include an array of cocktails such as the dirty martini, Gibson martini, espresso martini, appletini, Cosmopolitan and more!

There is no shortage of interesting and delicious cocktails being served on the Peninsula, but where can you find the best martinis? Here are some of my favorites:

THE BAY AREA INSTITUTION

Original Joe's began in 1937 as a 14-stool counter on a sawdust-covered floor at 144 Taylor St. in San Francisco's Tenderloin. Original Joe's Westlake opened in Daly City in 1956 and serves up classic Italian American fare along with some well-crafted cocktails.

I visited on an inauspicious weeknight and the bar was packed. One of the first impressions anyone will make when visiting Original Joe's is the eclectic crowd. The bar area was beaming with energy and people of every walk of life. Luckily, I was able to grab the last open seat and take it all in.

Joe's Martini is a classic take with Sipsmith Gin, dry vermouth and blue cheese-stuffed olives. The ratio was more heavily in favor of the gin than I was expecting, but no complaints from me. Overall, it was a very familiar and tasty martini enjoyed in a loud and joyous atmosphere. Plus it pairs well with all the incredible Italian fare on the menu. I'm partial to the meatballs.

Original Joe's Westlake, 11 Glenwood Ave., Daly City; 650-755-7400, Instagram: @originaljoeswestlake.



The "Joe's Martini" is a classic take with Sipsmith Gin, dry vermouth, and blue cheese stuffed olives.



Bar manager Blue Romero pours a Martini Proper at The StandBy in South San Francisco.

THE SOUTH CITY DIVE BAR

The StandBy is a casual local bar that caters to nearby residents along with the biotech crowd that commutes into South San Francisco. The current iteration has been around for nearly 14 years and boasts an impressive lineup of cocktails, wine and craft beer.

One of the most impressive features of The StandBy is that they make all of their juices and syrups fresh in house, according to bar manager Blue Romero. The house-made cocktails are distinguished and include the Martini Proper, a beautifully simple martini made with Hendricks Gin and vermouth rinse and garnished with a single olive.

The StandBy, 935 Airport Blvd., South San Francisco; 650-588-8300, Instagram: @thestandby.

THE SILICON VALLEY STEAKHOUSE

Sundance the Steakhouse is a dimly lit bar and dining room found on El Camino Real in Palo Alto. Sundance first opened in Palo Alto in 1974 as Sundance Mining Co. and has made lists of best steakhouses in America in years past. The bar area was full when I arrived on a Monday night, but I was able to grab a single seat available at the end of the mahogany bar. Surprisingly, there isn't a classic martini on the menu but there is a martini section.

Bartender Brandon Smith suggested the popular Lavender Bee's Knees. It is a far stretch from a traditional interpretation, but I love Empress Gin so I decided to give it a try. In addition to Empress 1908 Gin, this cocktail includes fresh lemon juice, honey syrup, and a dash of lavender bitters and is served with a lemon twist garnish. While this is a delicious and approachable cocktail, it wasn't scratching my martini itch so I asked for another suggestion. The bartender proposed a vodka martini made with Belvedere Single Estate Rye Smogory Forest Vodka and vermouth, served with two housemade Roquefort stuffed olives. This was truly a smooth and flavorful drink that made me rethink my gin bias.

Sundance the Steakhouse, 1921 El Camino Real, Palo Alto; 650-321-6798, Instagram: @sundancethesteakhouse.

THE COASTAL DISTILLERY

Located in Pillar Point Harbor, Jettywave is a coastside distillery that proclaims to bottle the modern Northern California coastal life. The distillery serves its spirits in an outdoor area with two bars and a decidedly laid-back vibe. The ocean-themed cocktails are interesting takes on the classics along with some originals. The

open air and contemporary ambiance made this a stark contrast from the other locations on this list, whose aesthetics veer more toward dark and vintage. I visited on a typically overcast Pacific Coast afternoon and was greeted with live music and a friendly welcome from bartender Nicole Lyon.

The martini option here was in the form of the Wave, Jettywave, their take on a classic Vesper martini using inverted portions of their Offshore Vodka and CA Botanical Gin along with a spray of bergamot and lemon twist. The inverted portions make this a super smooth and refreshing cocktail experience, fitting of the fresh ocean air.

Jettywave Distillery, 155 Broadway, Half Moon Bay; 650-291-8835, Instagram: @jettywavehmb.

THE MARTINI MECCA

Selby's is located on the corner of Selby Lane and El Camino Real in the town of Atherton (although the address is technically Redwood City) and celebrates classic American continental cuisine. This destination-worthy restaurant exudes old-school cool and feels like a location for grand celebrations. The bar area is exceptionally ornate and offers open seating. I was able to grab a seat right away and opened a tome of alcoholic beverages. Much of it was filled with wine, but there is a page devoted to cocktails. Ice-cold martinis are the focus of Selby's cocktail program and they claim to serve "the coldest martini on the West Coast."

Bar manager Lawrence Aljentera suggested the Vesper martini. This was a drink invented by author Ian Fleming in "Casino Royale" and the first of his works to feature James Bond. It is a bold and beautiful cocktail consisting of Monkey 47 Gin, Wheatley Vodka and Lillet Blanc and served with a lemon peel. It is a prebatched cocktail and truly served ice cold. The Vesper was so good that I opted for the other "coldest martini," named simply Dukes, with Roku Gin and dry vermouth and served with two olives. Since this is the martini mecca, I needed to try one more and saved the best for last: The Ford. This mind-melting martini consists of Hendrick's Gin, dry vermouth, orange bitters and benedictine.

Overall, Selby's is undoubtedly the reigning king when it comes to martinis on the Peninsula, and I would suggest everyone try it at least once. As for me, I'm taking a break on martinis for a while. I thoroughly enjoyed every one of these delicious drinks, but I'm on to the next beverage quest. I hear an old fashioned calling my name!

Selby's, 3001 El Camino Real, Redwood City; 650-546-7700, Instagram: @selbysrestaurant. ■



An ice-cold Vesper martini is served at Selby's.



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CAMPUS TOURS

Free 90-minute, student-led walking tours of the 8,180-acre campus cover nearly all the central areas along an accessible 2-mile path. For more information, go to stanford.io/3htj73y.

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Stanford Memorial Church, 450 Jane Stanford Way: Dedicated in 1903 | oldest non-denominational church on the west coast | Visitors are welcome to view its famous mosaics, stained-glass windows, intricate carvings and five pipe organs. Open Mondays-Thursdays 9 a.m.- 4 p.m., Fridays 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. Tours are held Fridays at starting 11 a.m. Ecumenical worship featuring choral and organ music is held each Sunday at 10 a.m. and open to the public. For more information, go to bit.ly/memorialchurchatstanford.

Hoover Tower: For a great view of Palo Alto, take the elevator up to the top of the 285-foot Hoover Tower on Jane Stanford Way and Galvez Street. Open daily 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. For more information, go to hoover.org/library-archives/visit.



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ART AND ARCHITECTURE

Arts District, Palm Drive: A collection of visual arts spaces and performance venues including: Cantor Arts Center, which offers free, all-day admission; Rodin Sculpture Garden; the Anderson Collection, which houses modern and contemporary American art; McMurtry Building, which features the Coulter Art Gallery. For reservations and hours, visit museum.stanford.edu

Stanford Papua New Guinea Sculpture Garden, Santa Teresa Street near Roble Hall: Contains more than 20 towering tribal totems carved from tree trunks and stones by visiting Papua New Guinea sculptors.

SPORTS

Stanford's intercollegiate athletic program is consistently rated the best in the nation, and visitors will find a multitude of sports happening on any given weekend. For information, visit gostanford.com or call 800-STANFORD.

If you can't take in a game, Home of Champions museum features more than 40 displays highlighting the history of Stanford Athletics. Free. bit.ly/StanfordHomeOfChampions.

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Choosing where to dine along the Midpeninsula isn't an easy decision. With restaurants serving everything from comfort food to cutting-edge cuisine, the region has become a dining hot spot for restaurateurs hoping to capture the gastronomic zeitgeist. Here's a list local eateries, including those voted the best in their cities for *Embarcadero Media's* annual readers' choice contest, Best Of.

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For complete restaurant listings, visit DestinationPaloAlto.com.

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Cafe Pro Bono cafeprobono.com	2437 Birch St., 650-326-1626	Italian	★	\$\$
Caffe Riace cafferiace.com	200 Sheridan Ave., #102, 650-328-0407	Italian		\$\$\$\$
Calave calave.com	299 S. California Ave., 650-521-0443	Wine bar	★	\$\$
iTalico italicorestaurant.com	341 S California Ave., 650-473-9616	Italian		\$\$
Joanie's Cafe joaniescafepaloalto.com	405 S. California Ave., 650-326-6505	American	★	\$\$
Kali Greek Kitchen kaligreekkitchen.com	451 S. California Ave., 650-272-6950	Mediterranean/ Greek		\$\$
La Bodeguita del Medio labodeguita.com	463 S. California Ave., 650-326-7762	Cuban, Caribbean	★	\$\$
La Boheme labohemepaloalto.com	415 S. California Ave., 650-561-3577	French		\$\$
Moods Wine Bar printerscafe.com	320 S. California Ave. (Inside Printers Cafe), 650-323-3347	Wine bar		\$\$
Naschmarkt naschmarktrestaurants.com/palo-alto-1	2323 Birch St., 650-561-3202	Austrian		\$\$\$
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*Protégé protegepaloalto.com	250 California Ave.	American		\$\$\$\$
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Terún terunpizza.com	448 S. California Ave., 650-600-8310	Pizza, Italian	★	\$\$\$
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Asian Box asianboxpaloalto.com	#21 Town & Country Village, 855 El Camino Real, 650-391-9305	Vietnamese		\$\$
Bevri bevri.com	530 Bryant St., 650-384-6500	Georgian		\$\$
Bird Dog birddogpa.com	420 Ramona St., 650-656-8180	California		\$\$\$\$
Bistro Maxine bistromaxine.com	548 Ramona St., 650-323-1815	French, Café		\$\$
Burma Ruby rangoonruby.com	445 Emerson St., 650-285-2770	Burmese		\$\$
Cafe 220 cafe220.com	220 B University Ave., 650-853-8182	Middle Eastern		\$\$
Coconuts coconutsinpaloalto.com	642 Ramona St., 650-329-9533	Cajun, Caribbean		\$\$
Coupa Cafe coupacafe.com	538 Ramona St., 650-322-6872; 111 Lytton Ave., 650-741-0713	Café	★	\$\$
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Jing Jing jingjinggourmet.com	443 Emerson St., 650-328-6885	Chinese		\$\$
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Manresa Bread manresabread.com	855 El Camino Real Suite #138, 650-384-6462	Bakery		\$\$
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Nola nolas.com	535 Ramona St., 650-328-2722	Cajun, Caribbean		\$\$
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Pizzeria Delfina pizzeriadelfina.com/paloalto	651 Emerson St., 650-353-2208	Pizza		\$\$
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Rooh roohrestaurants.com	473 University Ave., 650-800-7090	Indian		\$\$
The Rose & Crown therosepa.com	547 Emerson St., 650-327-ROSE	British		\$\$
SliderBar toasttab.com/sliderbar/v3	324 University Ave., 650-322-7300	Burgers		\$\$
Sprout Cafe cafesprout.com	168 University Ave., 650-323-7688	Café		\$\$
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Steam steampaloalto.com	209 University Ave., 650-322-1888	Chinese		\$\$
Sweetgreen sweetgreen.com	581 Ramona St., #120, 415-212-7385	Salads	★	\$\$
Tai Pan taipanpaloalto.com	560 Waverley St., 650-329-9168	Chinese	★	\$\$
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Taste tastepaloalto.com	423 University Ave., 650-323-6488	Chinese		\$\$
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4290 Bistro & Bar at the Crowne Plaza cabanapaloalto.com/eat-drink	4290 El Camino Real, 650-857-0787	American		\$\$
Dinah's Poolside Grill dinahshotel.com/palo-alto-restaurants	4261 El Camino Real, 650-798-1314	American		\$\$
Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar flemingssteakhouse.com/locations/ca/palo-alto	180 El Camino Real G-2, 650-329-8457	Steak		\$\$\$\$
Fuki Sushi fukisushi.com	4119 El Camino Real, 650-494-9383	Japanese	★	\$\$\$
Go Fish Poke Bar gofishpokebar.com	660 Stanford Shopping Center #244B, 650-328-1370	Hawaiian/Japanese		\$\$
Howie's Artisan Pizza howiesartisanpizza.com	#60 Town & Country Village, 855 El Camino Real, 650-327-4992	Pizza		\$\$
Rabbit Rabbit Cream simon.com/mall/stanford-shopping-center/stores/rabbit-rabbit-cream	78 Stanford Shopping Center, 650-321-1252	Creamery, Boba shop		\$\$
Roost & Roast	855 El Camino Real, #161 (Town & Country Village), 650-485-2395	Thai-inspired		\$\$
The Sea by Alexander's Steakhouse theseausa.com	4269 El Camino Real, 650-213-1111	Seafood		\$\$\$\$

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Siam Fine Thai Cuisine siamfinethaicuisine.com	3924 El Camino Real, 650-812-0139	Thai		\$\$
State of Mind Slice House stateofmindslicehouse.com	3850 El Camino Real, 650-384-6369	Pizza		\$\$
Sundance The Steakhouse sundancesteakhouse.com	1921 El Camino Real, 650-321-6798	Steak	★	\$\$\$
Taro San Japanese Noodle Bar tarosanudon.com	717 Stanford Shopping Center, 650-815-2700	Japanese		\$\$
Tender Greens tendergreens.comlocations/palo-alto	180 El Camino Real, 650-285-6702	American		\$\$
True Food Kitchen truefoodkitchen.com	Stanford Shopping Center, 180 El Camino Real #1140, 650-272-5157	American/ Vegan	★	\$\$

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Bistro Vida bistroidamp.com	641 Santa Cruz Ave., 650-462-1686	French	★	\$\$
Cafe Borrone cafeborrone.com	1010 El Camino Real, 650-327-0830	Café	★	\$\$
Cafe Del Sol Restaurant	1010 Doyle St., 650-326-2501	Mexican	★	\$\$
Camper Restaurant campermp.com	898 Santa Cruz Ave., 650-321-8980	American		\$\$
Chef Kwan's chefkwans.com	630 Menlo Ave., 650-322-4631	Chinese	★	\$\$
Farmhouse Kitchen farmhousethai.com	1165 Merrill St., 650-665-7935	Thai		\$\$
Flea Street cooleatz.com	3607 Alameda de las Pulgas, 650-854-1226	California		\$\$\$\$
Jeffrey's Hamburgers jeffreyszburgers.com	888 El Camino Real, 650-322-1959	Burgers		\$\$
Little Sky Bakery littleskybakery.com	506 Santa Cruz Ave., littleskybakery@gmail.com	Bakery		\$\$\$
Left Bank Brasserie leftbank.com/home_menlopark	635 Santa Cruz Ave., 650-473-6543	French	★	\$\$\$
*Madera maderasandhill.com	2825 Sand Hill Road, 650-561-1540	American		\$\$\$\$
The Mandarin	1029 El Camino Real, 650-391-9811	Chinese		\$\$
Menlo Tavern menlotavern.com	100 El Camino Real, 650-330-2790	American		\$\$
Octopus octopusjapanese.com	925 El Camino Real, 650-600-8794	Japanese		\$\$
Restaurant 3000 restaurant3000.com	3000 Sand Hill Road, 650-926-9528	California Cuisine		\$\$
Ristorante Carpaccio carpaccios.com	1120 Crane St., 650-322-1211	Italian	★	\$\$\$
Shiok! shiokkitchen.com	1137 Chestnut St., 650-838-9448	Singaporean		\$\$
Stacks stacksbreakfast.com	600 Santa Cruz Ave., 650-838-0066	American		\$\$
Sultana thesultana.net	1149 El Camino Real, 650-322-4343	Middle Eastern		\$\$

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Alice's Restaurant alicesrestaurant.com	17288 Skyline Blvd., Woodside 650-851-0303	Burgers, American	★	\$\$
Amber India amber-india.com/location/los-altos	4926 El Camino Real, Los Altos 650-968-7511	Indian		\$\$
Amigo's Grill amigosportola.com	3130 Alpine Rd #290, Portola Valley 650-851-3997	Mexican		\$\$
Armadillo Willy's Burgers & BBQ armadillowillys.com	1031 N. San Antonio Road, Los Altos 650-941-2922	American	★	\$\$
Aurum aurumca.com	132 State St., Los Altos 650-383-5221	Indian		\$\$
Bevri bevri.com	325 Main St., Los Altos 650-753-8056	Georgian		\$\$
Buck's of Woodside buckswoodside.com	3062 Woodside Road, Woodside 650-851-8010	American	★	\$\$
Cetrella cetrella.com/cetralla-los-altos	400 Main St., Los Altos 650-948-0400	California Cuisine		\$\$\$
Chef Chu's chefchu.com	1067 N. San Antonio Road, Los Altos 650-948-2696	Chinese	★	\$\$

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Firehouse Bistro woodsidesfirehousebistro.com	2991 Woodside Road, Woodside 650-851-4988	French, California Cuisine		\$\$
Manresa Bread manresabread.com	271 State St., Los Altos 650-946-2293	Bakery		\$\$\$
Portola Kitchen portolakitchen.com	3130 Alpine Road, Portola Valley 650-851-6453	Italian/ American		\$\$
Quattro Restaurant at the Four Seasons quattrorestaurant.com	2050 University Ave., East Palo Alto 650-470-2889	California Cuisine		\$\$\$
*Selby's selbysrestaurant.com	3001 El Camino Real, Atherton 650-546-7700	American		\$\$\$\$
*The Village Pub thevillagepub.net	2967 Woodside Road, Woodside 650-851-9888	American		\$\$\$\$
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Agave Mexican Bistro agaveca.com	194 Castro St., 650-969-6767	Mexican		\$\$
Alexander's Patisserie alexanderspatisserie.com	209 Castro St., 650-864-9999	Bakery		\$\$\$
Amarin Thai Cuisine amarinthaicuisine.com	174 Castro St., 650-988-9323 147 Castro St., 650-282-5434	Thai	★	\$\$
Blue Line Pizza bluelinepizza.com	146 Castro St., 650-938-7888	Pizza		\$\$
Bonchon bonchon.com	260 Castro St., 650-282-5633	Korean		\$\$
Broma Restaurant bromarestaurant.com	1625 N. Shoreline Blvd., 650-386-2277	Spanish, Portuguese		\$\$\$
Cafe Baklava mountainviewhalalrestaurant.com	341 Castro St., 650-969-3835	Mediterranean		\$\$
Cascal cascalmv.com	400 Castro St., 650-940-9500	Latin, Tapas		\$\$\$
Caspian Restaurant caspiancuisines.com	1910 W. El Camino Real, Ste. D, 650-967-7752	Mediterranean		\$\$
*Chez TJ cheztj.com	938 Villa St., 650-964-7466	French		\$\$\$\$
Dong Lai Shun donglaishunca.com	545 San Antonio Road, #32, 650-209-5490	Chinese		\$
Everest Cuisine neweverestcuisine.com	425 N. Whisman Road, #100, 650-282-5958	Indian		\$\$
Fiesta del Mar Too fiestadelmar.com	735 Villa St., 650-967-3525	Mexican	★	\$\$
Garden Fresh gardenfreshca.com	1245 W. El Camino Real, 650-254-1688	Vegan	★	\$
Gochi Japanese Fusion Tapas	1943 El Camino Real, 650-965-8301	Japanese Fusion	★	\$\$
Hyderabad Dum Biryani hdbiryani.com	2105 Old Middlefield Way, 650-386-1725	Indian		\$
La Fontaine lafontainerestaurant.com	186 Castro St., 650-968-2300	French, Italian Fusion	★	\$\$
Ludwig's Biergarten ludwigsmv.com	383 Castro St., 650-230-4575	German	★	\$\$
Maison Alyzee maisonalyzee.com	212 Castro St., 650-960-1212	French bakery		\$\$\$
Pacific Catch Fresh Fish Grill pacificcatch.com/locations/mountain-view	545 San Antonio Road, #34, 650-941-1810	Seafood	★	\$\$
Pokeworks pokeworks.com	211 Castro St., 650-336-0058	Japanese, Hawaiian		\$\$
Red Rock Coffee Co. redrockcoffee.com	201 Castro St., 650-967-4473	Cafe	★	\$
Ristorante Don Giovanni dongiovannis.com	235 Castro St., 650-961-9749	Italian		\$\$
Scratch scratchmntview.com	401 Castro St. #100, 650-237-3132	American		\$\$\$
Stein's Beer Garden steinsbeergarden.com	895 Villa St., 650-963-9568	American		\$\$
Sushi Tomi sushitomi.us	607 W. Dana St., Unit H., 650-968-3227	Japanese	★	\$\$
Superhot Hot Pot & Korean BBQ	210 Hope St., 650-963-9819	Korean		\$\$
Sweetgreen sweetgreen.com	440 Castro St., 650-753-7300	Vegetarian/ salad		\$\$
Vaso Azzurro Ristorante vasoazzurro.com	108 Castro St., 650-940-1717	Italian		\$\$



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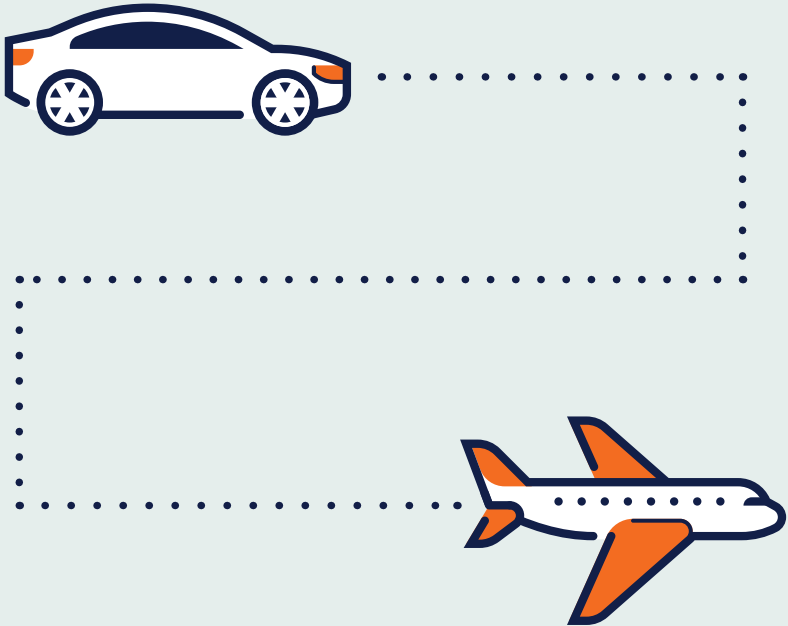
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