

Downtown Cincinnati Restaurants and Bars

Within walking distance of the Hyatt Regency Cincinnati

Arnold's Bar and Grill, 218 W. 8th St., downtown, <http://www.arnoldsbarandgrill.com> - Cincinnati's oldest continuously operating restaurant, serving eclectic food and live music. Bands that appear at Arnold's include the Cincinnati Dancing Pigs Jug Band as well as more serious jazz and folk groups.

Blue Wisp Jazz Club, 318 E. 8th St, downtown, <http://www.thebluewisp.com> - Primarily a jazz club, with a variety of groups performing, including the 16-piece Big Band on Wednesday

Via Vite, 520 Vine Street, downtown, <http://www.viaviterestaurant.com> - A contemporary Italian bistro located on Fountain Square.

Palomino Restaurant and Bar, 505 Vine Street, <http://www.palomino.com/page/location> - Above Tiffany's, overlooking Fountain Square

Morton's, The Steakhouse, 441 Vine Street, downtown, <http://www.mortons.com/cincinnati> - above Fountain Square

Boi Na Braza Brazilian Steak House, 441 Vine Street , <http://www.boinabraza.com> - All you can eat for a fixed price (with meat or just salad bar and sides).

Rock Bottom Restaurant and Brewery, 10 Fountain Square, downtown, <http://www.rockbottom.com/cincinnati>

Orchids at the Palm Court, Netherland Hilton, 35 W. 5th St., <http://www.orchidsatpalmcourt.com> - Orchids is the reigning No. 1 rated Cincinnati restaurant. It's open only for dinner, and the adjacent **Palm Court Grill** is open for lunch. It's worth visiting the Palm Court simply to experience the luxurious Art Deco space. The **Bar at the Palm Court** has live music.

McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant, 21 E. 5th St.

Palomino Restaurant and Bar, 505 Vine St.

Cadillac Ranch All American Bar and Grill, 38 Fountain Square Plaza, downtown, <http://cadillacranchgroup.com/cincinnati.html> - Casual dining, complete with rock and roll, dancing, and bull riding.

Head First Sports Café, 208 E. 3rd St. – We don't know much about the food here, but it's close to the Hyatt, stays open late, and was used as a location for George Clooney's upcoming movie, "The Ides of March."

Jeff Ruby's Steakhouse, 700 Walnut St. – Cincinnati's most prominent restaurateur, famous for naming steaks for sports celebrity pals and refusing to serve O.J. Simpson

Walnut St. Grill, 631 Walnut St. – Jeff Ruby’s newest restaurant, more casual than his steakhouses serving comfort food

Nada, 600 Walnut St. – “Ingredient-driven, contemporary Mexican”

Nicholson’s Tavern & Pub, 625 Walnut St. – Scottish themed; when we last visited their Scotch whisky list was almost as long as the wine list.

Local 127, 127 W. 4th St. – Not a union members hangout, but a locavore restaurant. Modern American cuisine, with a cocktail lounge, **Tonic**, attached.

The Bistro, 413 Vine St, downtown, <http://www.bistrocincinnati.com> - Local 127’s more casual sister

Jean-Robert’s Table, 713 Vine St., <http://jrtable.com> - Contemporary French cuisine from Jean-Robert de Cavel, Cincinnati’s foremost celebrity chef

The Palace Restaurant, 6th & Vine in the Cincinnati Hotel, <http://www.palacecincinnati.com> - Fine dining in another of Cincinnati’s historic hotels. The adjacent **Cricket Lounge** has a casual menu and music performed by harp, piano or jazz trio

Sung Korean Bistro, 700 Elm St., <http://www.sungkoreanbistro.com/index.html>

Backfinn Restaurant & Saloon, 19 E. 7th St., - Irish themed. **BackFinn Suite Nightclub** open on weekends.

Shanghai Mama’s, 216 E. 6th St., <http://www.shanghaimamas.com> - A Chinese noodle shop, but not limited to noodle dishes

Akash India, 24 E. 6th St., <http://www.akashindia.net>

Mr. Sushi, 580 Walnut St., <http://mrsushicincinnati.com/menu> – Japanese cuisine, not limited to sushi

Ingredients, 21 E. 5th St. in the Westin Hotel, <http://www.ingredientsforyou.com> – Gourmet grab-and-go for lunch and breakfast. Perfect for those who like to design their own dishes.

Hathaway’s, Carew Tower Arcade under the Netherland Hilton – An old fashioned coffee shop, serving breakfast and lunch every day but Sunday

Street food

Hungry for a burger or a Po’ Boy? Look out the door of the Hyatt and see which of the city’s mobile restaurants is parked next to Macy’s at 5th and Race Streets. The trucks announce their intended locations via Twitter. Around lunchtime there are also food booths and tables on Fountain Square.

South of the Ohio River

Lots of Cincinnati's great restaurants are south of the Ohio River where the view of the Cincinnati skyline is part of the attraction – here are a few.

Newport –Restaurants and clubs in Newport on the Levee, nearby downtown Newport and on the Ohio River on Riverboat Row, just across the I-471 bridge

Hofbräuhaus, Newport on the Levee, <http://www.hofbrauhausnewport.com> - Authentic Bavarian beer hall/beer garden, complete with German band and a view of the Cincinnati skyline.

Covington – Restaurants located just across the I-75/71 bridge and on nearby MainStrasse

Dee Felice Café, 529 Main St, Covington, KY,
<http://www.deefelicecafe.com/deefelicecafe.com/Main.html> - New Orleans style food and live New Orleans style jazz across the Ohio in the historic section of Covington.

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