



Omaha
**Restaurant
Guide**

Creighton
UNIVERSITY





Welcome to Omaha!

We have lovingly prepared this guide because we are lovers of Omaha cuisine.

All of it—the classic Reuben (invented here!), the steaks (Omaha cut, of course!) and the ice cream. *Food and Wine* magazine named Omaha one of America's Next Great Food Cities, and it's no longer a secret.

Since we hope you will be spending some time here as a student, we wanted to get you started on your foodie expedition.

Whether you seek sushi, are venturing out for vegetarian or want to treat yourself and your family to a world-class steak, it all begins just a couple of blocks off campus.

Bon appétit!

OLD MARKET

Block 16

home-spun street food, sandwiches, burgers, gyros

A James Beard finalist chef, guaranteed to knock your socks off.

Blue Sushi Sake Grill

traditional sushi with an American attitude

Fun atmosphere, great sushi and frequent happy hour specials.

Café Postale

quick-serve restaurant featuring a fresh take on café classics for breakfast and lunch

Historic ambiance of this former Burlington Mail Terminal, loads of vintage charm.

Hiro 88

sushi, Asian fusion cuisine and tapas

Delicious bento boxes, tuna poke and sesame chicken.

Jams Old Market

American grill, cold drinks and creative cocktails

Omaha restaurant legacy with a melting pot of different styles and varieties of food dishes.

Kitchen Table

inventive sandwiches made with fresh ingredients

Check their Facebook page for daily specials. Consistent vegetarian options.

Omaha Tap House

gourmet burgers and other elevated pub grub, plus craft beers on tap

More than a dozen burgers on the menu. Enough said.

Plank Provisions

oyster bar and restaurant with a broad seafood menu

Great if you like oysters or not. Variety of seafood and delicious options.

Spaghetti Works

Italian cuisine

Omaha institution for over 40 years, offering a unique dining experience in a restored warehouse.

Ted and Wally's

old-fashioned, homemade ice cream

Daily specials and unique flavor combinations. Sometimes has a long line, but well worth the wait.

Trini's

tex-mex chow and margaritas by the pitcher

Locally owned restaurant nestled in the Old Market Passageway.

Twisted Fork Bar and Grill

contemporary American food with a cowboy twist

Try the chicken pot pie and chili relleno dishes. Consider the white truffle risotto as a side.



Upstream Brewing Company

local brewery featuring American varieties

Plenty of options for everyone. Try their homemade root beer!

V. Mertz

contemporary American restaurant emphasizing the use of local food

Located in the Old Market Passageway, so you can't see it from the street. (*Dinner only*)

Zio's Pizzeria

New York-style pizza, by the slice
Great lunch specials, excellent Thai pizza and calzones.

NORTH DOWNTOWN

Blatt Beer and Table

elevated bar food, on-tap craft beers and a seasonal rooftop beer garden

Named after Rosenblatt Stadium, where College World Series was previously held.

DJs Dugout

voted Omaha's #1 Sports Bar
1/2-pound Angus beef burgers, wings, steaks, sandwiches, nachos and more.

Hook and Lime

seafood-centric, Mexican-inspired tacos, small plates and tequila
Fantastic carnitas and mahi mahi tacos.

The Old Mattress Factory Bar and Grill

American pub chow

Sports bar in an 1883 venue with live music and special events.

Pettit's Pastry

premier supplier of fresh-baked donuts, pastries, cakes and cookies
What may be lacking in flair is more than made up for as soon as a fresh doughnut melts in your mouth.

MIDTOWN CROSSING

Modern Love

swanky vegan comfort food made with love and a modern twist
It's a vegan restaurant, but there is something for everyone.

Pickleman's Gourmet Café

gourmet sandwich shop
Offers freshly toasted sandwiches, chopped salads, thin-crust pizzas and gourmet soups.

Smokin' Oak Wood-Fired Pizza and Taproom

Texas-style barbecue restaurant and bar with Texas roots
High-quality smoked meats, craft cocktails, beers and wines.

BLACKSTONE

Cheeseburgers

guess their specialty?
Burgers—hot dogs—chicken fingers rounded off with fries and a shake or malt.

Coneflower Creamery

handmade ice cream from local ingredients
Tour guide favorite and staple for local ice cream.

Corkscrew Wine and Cheese

wine shop and wine bar under one roof
Choose from 700 wine options and order a cheese board, flatbread, salad or panini to go with it.



Crescent Moon Alehouse

burgers, wings, local and regional beers
Order the Reuben just blocks from where it originated (Blackstone Hotel.)

Early Bird

elevated breakfast, brunch and cocktails 7 days a week
Get brunch every day of the week. Recommended to call ahead.

Kamp Blackstone

various food and beverage vendors under one roof
Choose from a variety of choices from tacos to sushi, located inside the Blackstone Corner.

MULA

street-style Mexican cuisine, handmade tortillas
A fresh, updated twist on Mexican tapas.



NOLI'S PIZZERIA

combining traditional and artisan into a New York-style slice
Great. Authentic Italian ingredients. Get the garlic knots!

DUNDEE

Amsterdam Falafel and Kabob

snug sandwich counter serving Middle Eastern specialties
You can't go wrong with anything from here, but make sure to get curry fries too.

Avoli Osteria

simple, thoughtful dishes indigenous to Northern Italy
Outstanding cuisine—moderate to high-end. Great special date night or special occasion.

eCreamery

ice cream, gelato and sorbet shop
Featured on the TV show "Shark Tank." They do 80% of their business online!

Good Lookin'

"best part of your day café"
Great breakfast sandwiches and homemade pastries. Breakfast, brunch and lunch on Wed-Sun.

PITCH PIZZERIA

coal-fired pizza and Italian cuisine
From pizza to pasta to brunch, you can't go wrong; reservations recommended.

AKSARBEN

Herbe Sainte

Cajun and Creole fare and drinks
Delicious jambalaya, etouffee and grits. Weekend Brunch.

Inner Rail Food Hall

the place to go when no one can make up their mind on what to have
The food hall includes nine vendors with a variety of cuisines, all surrounding a central bar. Good spot for vegan options and indoor/outdoor seating.

Le Peep

voted Omaha's Best Breakfast year after year
Features a menu that reads like a cookbook with line after line of intriguing food options.

Ponzu Sushi and Grill

a trendy spot for contemporary takes on sushi, Asian Fusion grilled plates and stylish cocktails
Located in the heart of Aksarben and will please every palate.



Voodoo Taco

wicked good tacos with exotic, fresh ingredients
The smoked brisket taco is to die for! If you like it "spicy," try the Habanera Lightning sauce.

NORTH OMAHA

Alpine Inn

home of the wildlife

This fried chicken joint has been open for over 50 years and allows you to toss your scraps to the resident raccoons who live outside the restaurant.

Au Courant Regional Kitchen

a modern European kitchen

Dishes focus on regional ingredients in a friendly and approachable atmosphere. A 6-course chef's tasting menu that changes weekly is their specialty.

Big Mama's Kitchen

second-generation soul food

Family-owned restaurant specializing in the rich flavors of classic comfort dishes from recipes over 100 years old.

The Cabin Bar and Grill

comfortable, cozy atmosphere

Perfecting the art of "bar food" with an expansive menu.

El Muchacho Alegre

authentic Mexican cuisine

Fresh ingredients, cooked according to time-honored family recipes with a dash of inspiration for a delicious dining experience and something for everyone.

Jackson's Fair Deal Café

real food, real fast

By Omaha Natives. Try the North Omaha Breakfast Casserole—as they say, "It's so good ... It don't make no sense."

Taco Co.

las recitas son de su abuela

On the main street in the Benson neighborhood. Puffy shell tacos and sides that you can order family style.

Virtuoso Pizzeria

by the slice and whole pie

Made fresh from scratch, all items on this menu are truly Virtuoso and you can taste the difference.

OTHER SPOTS AROUND OMAHA



Don Carmelo's Pizzeria

award-winning NY style pizza, authentic Stromboli and Calzones
3rd generation (and Creighton grad) still cooking up their Sicilian family recipes at 2 locations around Omaha.

Greek Islands

you know you want to shout it, OPA!
An Omaha favorite for over 30 years, this is THE place for Greek cuisine.

La Casa Pizzeria

legendary pizza and pasta since 1953
Run by the third generation of Patane family members, still at the original location.

Lisa's Radial Café

classic breakfast and lunch diner close to campus
Great breakfast place. Open early morning to 2 pm every day.

Salween Thai

some like it hot—go for a level 5 or above
A favorite of students for the great food at fair prices and generous portions. Choose your spice level, 1-10. The Pad Thai is always a winner.



Sips on 10th

brunch? yes please
Enjoy delicious seasonal fare and culturally diverse foods that pair well with your favorite drink. Don't forget to make plans for their weekend brunches, guaranteed to energize your day.

Stella's Bar and Grill

down-to-earth staple known for hand-pressed burgers served on napkins
Frequently listed as Omaha's best burger.

Sweet Magnolias Bake Shop

made-from-scratch bakery
Order the scones. Baked fresh daily—and they sell out quickly, so don't wait!

OMAHA STEAKS

801 Chophouse

sharp, white-tablecloth spot serving a menu of upscale steakhouse classics including fresh seafood
Yes, you can find an 801 Chophouse in cities other than Omaha, but only in five, so we've included it on the list as it is a recurring favorite in the Big O.

Brother Sebastian's Steakhouse

choice cuts delivered by staff dressed as monks in cozy digs
Early California mission décor with great steaks. Perfect spot for a special dinner. Reservations recommended.

Cascio's Steakhouse

storied family-owned bar and grill offering steaks, pizza and Italian fare
Old-school place that never fails to deliver. Generations of the Cascio family have kept this steakhouse a perennial favorite in Omaha. Open Wednesday—Sunday.

The Committee Chophouse

a return to the art of the chophouse
High-end, contemporary dining in historical digs. Reservations are recommended.

The Drover

landmark chophouse specializing in steaks marinated in whiskey and then grilled to order
Well-known old-school salad bar,



it's worth the short drive from campus to find The Drover. Reservations recommended.

Gorat's Steakhouse

local fixture offering steaks, salads and sandwiches in an old-time environment
Warren Buffet's choice for steaks in Omaha—do you need more than that? Some gluten-free options are available.

J. Gilberts

wood-fired steaks and seafood
Serves Midwestern raised, USDA Prime Black Angus beef cooked over an open wood-fire grill. Delivers a fine-dining meal in a down-to-earth atmosphere.

Johnny's Café

1922 chophouse highlighting Midwest beef, including steaks aged on-site
Local, family-run steakhouse. The décor is a treat.

Mahogany Prime Steakhouse

upscale chophouse chain branch presenting prime beef and seafood in a white-tablecloth dining room
Often listed as one of the top fine dining experiences in Omaha. Dinner hours only, closed Sunday. Reservations recommended.

Monarch Restaurant

upscale new American kitchen with weekend brunch and tasting menus in a stylish high-ceilinged space
Classically inspired cocktails, exclusive theatre menu and charming dining room and lounge are sure to please.



Alumni owned business

COFFEE, TEA, PLEASE!

13th Street Coffee and Tea *espresso beverages, baked goods and gelato in an airy café setup featuring rotating art on the walls*

Like Central Perk, this hang-out spot right off Old Market is a favorite. Try the cannolis.

Archetype Coffee

craft coffee shop with an industrial feel, emphasizing natural flavors

Serving small batch roasted coffee, lattes, cappuccinos, macchiatos or in-house brewed chai.



Artemis Tea and Botanical

hand-crafted, small-batch tea blends

Teas arouse the senses, stimulate imagination and promote total wellness.

Astute Coffee

coffee with a purpose

Connects young adults to the workforce and supports self-sufficiency. Jump-start your day with traditional caffeine choices that warm your heart.



Hardy Coffee Co.

small-batch coffee roaster and bakery

Sweets galore and scrumptious coffee; four locations around Omaha.

Rally Coffee Co.

coffees, teas and assorted menu items

This coffee classic makes their flavorings in-house. Stop by for terrific seasonal options all year round.

Stories Coffee Company

local, fresh roasted coffee

Each quarter a portion of the sales are given to a local, non-profit organization that is doing great things.

Zen Coffee Company

green certified specialty coffee co.

We bring the community together by sharing the love of high-quality coffee beans and delicious espresso beverages in a warm, welcoming environment.

NEXT-LEVEL NUTRITION

The Grove Juicery

made fresh daily in Omaha

Nourishment for a sharp mind, glowing body, healthy heart and happy soul! Products are plant-based—no additives or preservatives.

Vitality Bowls

made fresh to order

Specializes in making delicious açai bowls topped with organic granola and a selection of superfood ingredients.

Ital Vital Living

jamaican rastas call a plant-based way of life ITAL

Juices, dehydrated snacks and smoothie bowls.



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