

IN EVANSTON



2025 **BEST** RESTAURANTS IN EVANSTON



OUR SELECTION PROCESS

Evanston is full of flavor—and these restaurants prove it. We created this guide to spotlight the places that go beyond just good food. These are the spots that combine taste, service, and atmosphere into something memorable.

Our picks were based on:

- Google Rating – What diners are saying, and how often they're saying it
- Review Count – Because great experiences should happen again and again
- Online Presence – Clear menus, strong visuals, and easy access to key info

Community Engagement – Trusted names with loyal local followings
From neighborhood gems to standout newcomers, these restaurants earned their place on this list.

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FEATURED BEST RESTAURANTS IN EVANSTON

Italian Restaurant | Trattoria Demi | trattoriademi.com | (847) 332-2330

Seafood Restaurant | Oceanique | oceanique.com | (847) 864-3435

Fine Dining Restaurant | The Barn Steakhouse | thebarnsteakhouse.com | (847) 868-8041

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Belgian Restaurant | Leonidas Cafe Chocolaterie | leonidas-cafe.com | (847) 686-0190

Breakfast Restaurant | Cupitol Coffee & Eatery (Evanston) | cupitol.com | (847) 868-8078

Down Home Cooking Restaurant | Lucky Platter | luckyplatter.com | (847) 869-4064

Fast Food Restaurant | Eggs with Benefits | eggswithbenefitschi.com | (847) 905-0525

German Restaurant | Double Clutch Brewing Company | doubleclutchbrewing.com | (224) 999-6850

Greek Restaurant | Cross-Rhodes Restaurant | crossrhodesevanston.com | (847) 475-4475

Hawaiian Restaurant | Pono Ono Poke | ponoonopoke.com | (847) 859-6390

Indian Restaurant | Inspired Indian Co. | inspiredindiancooking.com | (312) 535-3695

Irish Restaurant | Celtic Knot Public House | celticknotpub.com | (847) 425-0025

Japanese Restaurant | KANSAKU | kansakusushi.com | (847) 864-4386

Jewish Restaurant | Mensch's Deli | menschs-deli.com | (847) 859-6153

Korean Barbecue Restaurant | 10Q Chicken | 10qchicken.com | (847) 859-6100

Sundae Restaurant | FRÍO Gelato - Evanston | friogelato.com | (847) 868-8767

Takeout Restaurant | Dave's Italian Kitchen | davesnewkitchen.com | (847) 864-6000

Thai Restaurant | NaKorn Urban Thai (Evanston) | nakornkitchen.com | (847) 733-8424

Vegetarian Restaurant | Blind Faith Cafe | blindfaithcafe.com | (847) 328-6875

The logo for Trattoria Demi, featuring the words "Trattoria" and "Demi" in a gold, serif font stacked vertically on a dark navy blue square background.

FEATURED RESTAURANT

Best Italian Restaurant: Trattoria Demi





Trattoria Demi has earned a loyal following in Evanston for its warm ambiance, traditional Italian comfort food, and heartfelt hospitality. With classics like pillowy house-made gnocchi, rich baked rigatoni, and perfectly crisp chicken parmigiana, every plate is crafted with care and old-world flavor. The cozy, candlelit setting makes it a favorite for both casual lunches and intimate dinners, while the generous portions and consistently kind service keep guests coming back for more. It's the kind of place where great food, good wine, and welcoming energy always go hand in hand.

“We’re that little Italian joint that will treat you like family!”

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This is a wonderful Italian restaurant in downtown Evanston. It's quaint and has all the charm of a Italian restaurant like back in the home country. The food is excellent!

My wife and I have been to many restaurants and this one meets all the expectations of a fine restaurant that is worth every penny. Be sure to put this place in your list! Venite a gustare il cibo!

- Vladimir Radivojevic



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Best Seafood Restaurant: Oceanique





Oceanique is Evanston's destination for refined seafood, French-inspired elegance, and unforgettable dining experiences. With a focus on pristine, sustainably sourced ingredients, the menu features standout dishes like wild-caught halibut, lobster with black truffle risotto, and decadent chocolate soufflé. The intimate, upscale atmosphere—paired with an award-winning wine list and impeccable service—makes Oceanique a go-to for special occasions and elevated evenings out. Guests rave about the thoughtful plating, creative flavor pairings, and the restaurant's commitment to excellence at every level.

"Fine cuisine and great wines"

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Oceanique is a gem on Main Street in Evanston! Chef Mark creates stunning, seasonal dishes that let the ingredients truly shine—from the Oysters topped with caviar, the Maine Lobster salad, to Scallops with a Thai twist to the most succulent Ora King salmon and a playful Steak & Eggs. Every bite is thoughtful and delicious. Don't miss their oyster specials or the fun, Day & Night dessert—it's as charming as it is tasty. Add in an excellent wine list and top-notch service, and you have an unforgettable dining experience.

Highly recommend!

- Stephanie Fedor



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Best Fine Dining Restaurant: The Barn Steakhouse





The Barn Steakhouse blends rustic charm with upscale sophistication, offering a memorable dining experience in a historic carriage house tucked away in Evanston. Known for its expertly prepared steaks, rich sides, and indulgent starters like the signature bacon-wrapped onion rings, the menu is a celebration of classic American fare done right. With its dim lighting, exposed brick, and timeless atmosphere, The Barn is perfect for date nights, celebrations, or simply savoring a great cut of beef. Guests consistently praise the attentive service, cozy ambiance, and consistently outstanding food.

“The Barn Steakhouse tucked away in an alley in the middle of downtown Evanston, is a modern-throw back to days gone by.”

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Our first time here. It was excellent. We enjoyed the oysters on the half shell for an appetizer. My wife had the salmon and my daughter and I loved our filets. Perfectly cooked, with great flavor. Our server, Ellie I think, was very good and helpful with the menu. I would definitely come back and recommend!

- Dana McCracken

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At J. Blanton Plumbing, we understand the dedication, creativity, and passion it takes to run a successful restaurant. That's why we created this list—to spotlight the local dining spots that go above and beyond to serve incredible food, create welcoming spaces, and bring people together around the table.

We're proud to recognize the very best restaurants in Evanston—and we'd love to hear from you.

If you're a local business or community member interested in partnering with us, or if you have feedback about our selections or process, please get in touch. We're always looking for new ways to support and celebrate excellence in our community.

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