

BITE AROUND THE CORNER

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On Ventura

Barrel & Ashes

11801 Ventura Blvd., Studio City
818-623-8883

When a renowned French Laundry chef decides to go rogue and open a BBQ joint, it's worth checking out! Barrel and Ashes, located in the heart of Studio City, offers a mouthwatering selection of delicious smoked meats from brisket to pulled pork, with scrumptious side dishes such as Hush Puppies and Frito Pie (pause... served straight out of a Fritos Bag!). Decorated with rustic wooden finishes and communal seating, I suggest dusting off your cowboy boots (but leave the lasso behind) and get ready to take a bite out of the South!

Asanebo

11941 Ventura Blvd., Studio City
818-760-3348

Michelin-Starred sushi in LA is almost impossible to overlook, especially when sushi fanatics have publically dubbed it the best darn Japanese food in the valley. Asanebo's menu boasts an incredible selection of Japanese specialty dishes and small plates as well, but the highlight of the menu is the selection of Omakase – the chef's selection of various sushi. With outstanding flavors and some of the freshest fish you can find anywhere, be prepared to embark on a culinary experience.

Tipple & Brine

14633 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks
818-528-2550

Foodies, it's time to get acquainted with this hip haven that serves up seafood in untraditional ways. Let's do a quick roll call. Mussels and fries? Yes please. Lobster Terrine? Don't mind if I do. Uni Toast? I'm sold. If you want to get your seafood-fix away from the shoreline, then Tipple & Brine is your new go-to place. Bar and patio seating are available and the lounge features a warm and casual dining atmosphere. Oh one more thing – \$1 oyster Mondays... Your prayers have been answered.

On Sunset

Cliff's Edge

3626 W. Sunset Blvd., Silverlake
323-666-6116

Admit it. You got a little excited when you read "Silverlake." You've heard it's up and coming and are curious about it. When it comes to a go-to dining spot for both brunch and dinner, look no further than Cliff's Edge. They feature a well-rounded menu of hearty, yet simple Californian dishes, boasting everything from escargot and duck breast to lamb belly, and even Hawaiian snapper. Embrace the variety... rest assured there's something for you. The patio area is worth a mention as it's reminiscent of an intimate backyard adorned with vines, warm lighting and pops of floral.

Tower Bar at the Sunset Tower Hotel

9041 W. Sunset Blvd., West Hollywood
310-275-9724

Hello Old School Hollywood! Established in 1931, Tower Bar is an art-deco gem tucked away in the historic Sunset Tower Hotel. This fine eatery achieves a unique dining experience with terrace seating and live music. A French bistro menu with an American edge offers an impressive selection of seafood starters and entrees from pot pie to chicken and local swordfish. And, don't miss dessert! Goodies include an ice-cream sundae and choice of toppings. It's hard not to fall in love with Tower Bar and overstay your welcome after the check is paid.

Eveleigh

8752 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles
424-239-1630

Step aside Disneyland, here's a place just as magical and it's for adults. Eveleigh is a quaint restaurant and bar tucked away on the Sunset Strip featuring New American dishes and a breathtaking, rustic atmosphere. The philosophy on food focuses on harnessing local produce with sustainable origins – all reflected in menu selections. Perfect for a night out or weekend brunch with delicious dishes such as savory lamb meatballs, a variety of charcuterie, and

the truffle fries are a fan favorite. The true magic of Eveleigh lies in its stunning outdoor area; think romantic country picnic set in the city. Dream a little dream of Eveleigh.

On La Cienega

Barton G.

861 N. La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles
310-388-1888

Disclaimer: expect the unexpected. Get ready to take your imagination to another dimension. Barton G. has put a new spin on "dinner with a show" with whimsical food presentations. Lobster pop tarts are served from a toaster; steak comes with a fork that's four-feet long! A fan favorite dessert is the cotton candy which springs up from a Marie Antoinette mannequin head. "Let them eat cake?" Barton G. says, "Let them eat cotton candy." Just when you thought you weren't the type of a person who takes a photo of their meal, Barton G. makes you think twice. No shame, but keep your flash off pleeeez!

The Bazaar by Jose Andres at the SLS Hotel

465 S. La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles
310-246-5555

Ladies and gentlemen, we have reached a consensus and credit award-winning chef Jose Andres for bringing the concept of small plate "tapas" to America. No big deal. His luxurious spot, The Bazaar located at the SLS Hotel is a testament to tapas. The diverse ingredients in each small plate seamlessly combine to create the perfect taste on your palette! Some favorites are the Philly cheesesteak, market fish ceviche and avocado roll, and traditional Spanish flan. The beauty of tapas is they are ideal for sharing. No such thing as over-ordering... right?

STK

755 N. La Cienega Blvd., West Hollywood
310-659-3535

We're tossing STK in for old times' sake. One of the hottest steakhouses in Los Angeles, you don't hit up STK just to eat. Birthday? Anniversary? New plastic

surgery? From an upscale menu to hip interior and trendy bar scene, it's the place to be seen. That said... the food steps up to the occasion offering steakhouse classics: savory cuts of meats, side dishes, and sashimi-based appetizers. Beware of the complimentary bread, it's addicting and has no mercy on your appetite when your first course arrives.

On Wilshire

Ocean Prime

9595 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills,
310-859-4818

Directly from home-grown into your tummy, each dish is captivating. Day or evening, the atmosphere inside and out on the patio (overlooks the parade on Wilshire Boulevard) is pure Beverly Hills. Service is over-the-top customer satisfaction ambiance with an unbeatable Happy Hour. Just in time for summer, the restaurant is launching Live Music on Thursdays with the debut of its newest attraction resident contemporary and R&B musician Hillary Novak.

Oliver Café & Lounge

9601 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills
310-888-8160

If you find a dining spot in the heart of Beverly Hills that combines healthy eating, sleek architecture and a hip crowd... never let it go. That place is Oliver Café and Lounge. Just steps from the hottest shopping scene in the city, Oliver is perched on the corner of Wilshire and Camden, adjacent to Sports Club LA. Location, location, location... The menu features an impressive selection of health-conscious eats for the calorie counters, and innovative fusion dishes around the clock such as salads, paninis, smoothies and more. There's something for everyone, especially for those on the-go. The day to night transition is seamless, as the restaurant takes on a new identity when the sun sets, offering an inviting bar scene showcasing tempting cocktails. Oliver puts a sexy spin on eating right.