

# BITE AROUND THE CORNER

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## On Ocean Avenue

**Blue Plate Oysterette**  
1355 Ocean Avenue  
Santa Monica, CA 90401  
310-576-3474

For those who love sitting on a patio, people watching over the Santa Monica Pier, while popping fresh oysters, this is your new to-go-to-place. The vibe is quality, a laid back atmosphere, a most perfect-for-brunch spot with impressive food line-up. Must Try: Lobster Roll, Key Lime Pie. And, for gods sake... don't forget the fresh oysters!

### Water Grill

1401 Ocean Avenue  
Santa Monica, CA 90401  
310-394-5669

This seafood haunt for the glam crowd comes with a stunning ocean view and a classic and dramatic décor, lots of charm and fun! Feeling adventurous? We recommend the Grilled Octopus as an appetizer. For an Instagramworthy food photo – the Fresh King Crab.

## On San Vicente

**Katsuya**  
11777 San Vicente Blvd  
Los Angeles, CA 90049  
310-237-6174

You can't call yourself a true Angelino until you have been to sushi-haven – Katsuya. This A-lister favorite boasts dramatic décor, delicious food, and a prime location. The menu is tasty, but beware of “comfort food” like the crab and mozzarella tempura – it's totally addictive, and might add a sneaky inch to your waist over dinner. It's worth it!

### Tavern

11648 San Vicente Blvd  
Los Angeles, CA 90049  
310-806-6464

Looking for YUM food from award winning chefs? Owners Suzanne Goin and Caroline Styne opened to instant success with features like a bakery, take-out deli and gourmet shop. Go hungry, and get a dinner reservations. It's always and forever packed.

## On Canon

**Spago**  
176 N Canon Dr  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210  
310-385-0880

Classy? Check. Glam spawn of the world's most famous chef Wolfgang Puck? Check. Celebrities, hot women and rich men? Check. With a romantic courtyard, food is upscale, and yummy. AND the maestro takes time to table-hop and hob-nob with customers. Bon appétit!

### Mastro's Steakhouse

246 North Canon Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210  
310-888-8782

Mastro's hasn't earned the reputation of being “masterful” for nothing. Any steak is a must! Mastro's is perfect for romantic dining. Bring lots of cash, it's expensive, but the food and atmosphere are fun with a grand choice of delicious desserts that will leave you ready for a little PDA.

## On Montana

**Ox And Son**  
1534 Montana Avenue  
Santa Monica, CA 90403  
310-829-3990

Tired of burgers and salads? Adventure to a haven that will awaken your love of weird food. Ox And Son is a hipster spot, featuring Sticky Pig Cheeks & Black Rice, and Chicken Fried Duck Confit – Saturday brunch takes a turn for the new and exciting. Yummy it is. Boring it's not.

### Forma Restaurant And Cheese Bar

1610 Montana Avenue  
Santa Monica, CA 90403  
424-231-2868

Forma is named after formaggio – because nobody says NO to cheese. A nonchalant eatery with a crafted menu that includes food options like grilled Spanish octopus, and extensive cheese bits menu. Although the menu is sublimely exquisite with fancy options... to be honest... they had us at Nutella bread pudding!!!

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