



Bloomington Area Restaurant Recommendations

(no particular order)

Ciao Bella –

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- Great Italian
- Daily fish specials are always top notch
- If just going for Happy Hour, appetizers are next level good. Especially parmesan shrimp, goat cheese flat bread and ahi crisps.

Pittsburgh Blue

- \$\$\$
- Classic awesome steak house.
- Steak options are above any other place on the suburb list.
- Wine list is really good...but also quite spendy.
- From App to Salad to Entrée to Dessert, they do great.

Crave

- \$\$
- Classic American cuisine place.
- Great sushi.
- Wide variety on menu, fits every appetite.

McCormick and Schmicks

- \$\$\$
- National chain that always does well.
- American food, but great seafood.

Pinstripes

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- Cool experience because not only is the food good, but you can also bowl or play bocce.
- Excellent facility.
- Menu is fairly unique.
- If you want a “power salad”, try theirs. It’s phenomenal.

Wildfire

- \$\$\$
- Classic old school steakhouse in a modern environment and area.
- Great martini’s.
- Everything you’d expect in a good steakhouse. Menu up and down is solid.

Smack Shack

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- Think East Coast crab shack in MN.
- Get coastal seafood favorites that are fresh in MN.
- Build your own Bloody bar is so good. It’s so good that the last one I built left me for about a teaspoon of bloody mix because I made it so full.
- Staff is very informative.

Tavern 23

- \$\$
- Sneaky good.
- Tuna as app, salad or burger is phenomenal.
- Salmon salad is awesome.
- Traditional American Bar and Grill.

PF Changs

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- High end Asian cuisine.
- Lettuce wraps as an app are a must.

Cheesecake Factory

- \$\$
- Largest menu option in the area.
- Best cheesecake around (minus my wife's homemade).
- Despite the large menu, most everything is good.

Non-Suburb List. Normally these are 10-20 minute Uber. These are a few of the best food and drink experiences.

Spoon and Stable – Almost impossible to get reservation. Gavin Kason runs the kitchen. If you can get in, do it. \$\$\$

Broders – Best pasta in MN. No reservations. \$\$

Pizzeria Lola – The combination of flavors on each pizza are awesome. \$\$

Baldamar (Sister Restaurant in Wayzata called Six Smith) – Great steakhouse. Great appetizers (do the bacon and bourbon app). And if you like Old Fashioned's or Manhattan's, they will do it normal or smoked....and they are good. \$\$\$

Oceanairre – Best seafood in MN. Classy. Expensive....but worth every penny for awesome seafood. They crack the crab for you. Experience is next level. \$\$\$

Capital Grille, Manny's or Murrays – Old school classic steakhouse. All food is top notch and you'll pay for it. But it's high end for a reason. Everything from experience to food is great. \$\$\$

And if you just want to eat way too much....Fogo to Chao. Brazillian style restaurant. Great salad bar. You'll eat too much here. \$\$\$

Best Pizza: Lola's

Best Steakhouse: Baldamar or Six Smith

Best Sushi: Nomu Room

Best Pasta: Borders

Best Seafood: Oceanairre

Best Burger: Red Cow

***All opinions are my own. They are not reflective of any affiliations to carnivore's, vegetarian's or vegans. I like good food and good drink. Ask Kyle Wieskus to buy you a drink. Especially at Baldamar.