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Best Restaurants in Downtown Des Moines and Roosevelt Area

1 Alba Restaurant: 524 E. 6th St. (4.4 ★)
American - Upscale American fare in funky digs.
The menu changes frequently and never disappoints. The decor is very creative with doors hanging from the ceiling. One of my favorites.
Barb Robinson Sherman, Class of '67

2 Lucca: 420 E. Locust St. (4.3 ★)
Italian
Chic eatery with eclectic Italian fare. They definitely have the best salmon in town. The Greek salad, yes, it's an Italian restaurant) is great!
Barb Robinson Sherman, Class of '67

3 Olympic Flame: 514 E. Grand Ave. (4.1 ★)
Long-lasting, festive Greek restaurant
Authentic Greek dining, feels like you are in Greece. Very casual. Best Greek salad in town, their flaming Saganaki. (Kasseri cheese dipped in egg batter and fried, served flaming, is tasty and brings excitement to every table.) Great fun and reasonably priced!
Lila Porter Stafford, Class of '67

4 HoQ: 303 E. 5th St. (4.5 ★)
Contemporary new American local eatery.

5 Tacopocalypse: 407 E. 5th St. (3.6 ★)
Mexican.
Pit stop for clever Asian-inspired tacos.
Tacopocalypse has been featured on Guy Fieri's Diners, Drive Ins and Dives. The ingredients in the tacos are very unique and delicious with many Vegan and vegetarian options. If you are Vegan, be sure to specify that when you order.
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6 Zombie Burger + Drink Lab: 300 E. Grand Ave. (4.3 ★)
Hamburgers, quirky hangout for clever American grub.
If you like hamburgers this is a must! Creative and original hamburgers. Casual dining. Opens at 11:00am for lunch and dinner.
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7 Blu Thai Food and Sushi: 215 E. Walnut (4.5 ★)
Thai Food

8 Open Sesame: 313 E. Locust (4.3 ★)
Intimate eatery for Lebanese cuisine.
The restaurant is small and quiet and the food is traditional Lebanese. The veggie and falafel plates are good as are the gyros.
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9 Fong's Pizza: 223 4th St. (4.4 ★)
Pizza. Part tiki lounge, part pie parlor.
My kids think this is the best pizza in town.
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10 Tasty Tacos: 1400 Grand Ave. (4.1 ★)
Other locations in Des Moines and West Des Moines
Low-key joint for homestyle Mexican eats. My kids think this is THE BEST Mexican food in town. When they come back to DSM, this is a must. There is one in WDM and Urbandale as well.

11 Goldfinch: 615 3rd St. (4.1 ★)
American bistro fare. Sprawling Cajun-Creole bar and grill.
The focus is on fresh, local ingredients. Everything is delicious! The dry rub spare ribs, Khanhti Christo sandwich and guacamole are especially wonderful!
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12 801 Chophouse: 801 Grand Ave. #200 (4.3 ★)
Polished spot for steaks, seafood, and wine.
Expensive but known for the best steaks in town. Another hangout for newscasters when they are in town for the election.
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13 Centro: 1003 Locust St. (4.5 ★)
Spacious spot for modern Urban Italian cuisine.
Have eaten here a million times. It's a go-to place for media when they are in town for the elections. Feels like you are somewhere other than DSM. Great place to eat for lunch or dinner. Any of their Italian dishes and pizza are wonderful.
Lila Porter Stafford, Class of '67

14 Proof: 1301 Locust Street Suite C (4.5 ★)
Modern Mediterranean dining destination.
Contemporary cuisine with old world flare. Small, intimate setting. Open for dinner only.

15 Americana: 1312 Locust St. (Across from Pappajohn Sculpture Garden) (4.0 ★)
Modern eatery serving American grub.
They are known for their Sunday brunches. I love their Edamame Plate and their hamburgers. My LA friends love going here when they are in town.
Lila Porter Stafford, Class of '67

16 Wasabi Tao: Kirkwood Civic Center Hotel 400 Walnut St. (4.7 ★)
Polished Japanese bistro and sushi bar

17 Bubba's: 200 10th St.
Opens at 10:00 AM–9:00 PM The food is great and I love the venue. The spinach salad with strawberries and chicken or shrimp is outstanding. I like the chicken.
Marilynn Rutherford Cedarstrom, Class of '67

18 Sam and Gabe's at The Lyon
600 E. 5th Street
The menu includes steak de burgo, Italian nachos, chicken, pork and homemade pastas. The space has floor-to-ceiling windows allowing for a fabulous view of downtown Des Moines.

Roosevelt Area Restaurants

The Waveland Cafe: 4708 University.
Small and always crowded, for a reason. Worth the wait. Breakfast and lunches are fantastic. Best eggs and bacon and hash browns in DSM! Just east of Waveland golf course. Stop in before you play golf or eat Sunday morning breakfast there.
Lila Porter Stafford Class of '67

La Mie: 841 42nd Roosevelt Shopping Ctr
Closed on Sundays. This is THE IN-PLACE to go for pastries. There are tons of people on weekends, the earlier you go the better. BEST pastries around!!!
Lila porter Stafford, Class of '67

Palmer's Deli: 2842 Ingersoll Ave.
Kinda pricey but absolutely worth every penny! Wonderful chicken salad and brownies. Actually, you can order anything in this place and be totally satisfied and glad you went!
Lila Porter Stafford, Class of '67

Noah's Ark: 2400 Ingersoll Ave.
Same ole Noah's as you remember! Great Italian pizza and salads. It's fun to go back in time.
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Jesse's Embers: 3301 Ingersoll
Known for their great thick hamburgers, steaks and onion rings. Want a good piece of Iowa beef...go here!
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Des Moines Art Center Chef's Palette
Art Center Cafe: 4700 Grand Ave.
Open from 11:00–2:00 pm. Homemade soups, fresh salads, sandwiches, pastas and desserts.
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Christopher's: 2816 Beaver Ave.
American Traditional.
Giudicessi's place since 1963!! Rene will probably be there. Fun place and great food!
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