

LOCAL RESTAURANTS

- ▲ **Armadillo Grill** – 120 East Main Street, Carrboro 929-4669. Delicious Tex-Mex food made from scratch daily. The only thing frozen is the Margaritas. Very casual, but festive atmosphere with patio dining. Serving lunch and dinner. \$
- ▲ **Bin 54** – 1201 Raleigh Road, Chapel Hill 969-1155. Using only the highest quality of ingredients, Bin 54 elevates classic steakhouse dishes to a new level of refinement. Staged in a warm contemporary setting, diners are offered glimpses of the wood-fired grill, a Crape Myrtle canopied patio, and the temperature controlled wine room stocked with an extensive inventory of both eclectic and traditional selections. \$\$\$\$
- ▲ **Carolina Brewery** – 460 West Franklin Street, Chapel Hill 942-1800. Chapel Hill’s first microbrewery. Contemporary American cuisine, fresh handcrafted ales and lagers. Serving lunch and dinner in a casual atmosphere. \$\$
- ▲ **Carolina Coffee Shop** – 138 East Franklin Street, Chapel Hill 942-6875. The oldest original restaurant in the Triangle features blue-plate specials, espresso, cappuccino and homemade desserts. Casual dining. Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. \$\$
- ▲ **Carolina Crossroads Restaurant and Bar** – 211 Pittsboro Street, Chapel Hill 918-2777. Located in the historic Carolina Inn on the campus of the University of North Carolina “Where Home Grown Carolina Cuisine Meets Gracious Southern Hospitality.” Enjoy fine contemporary southern fare for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Reservations recommended. \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$
- ▲ **Crook’s Corner** – 610 West Franklin Street, Chapel Hill 929-7643. A real Bell favorite! Featured in Food & Wine, Gourmet and The New York Times for regional specialties. Features a wide choice of seasonal entrées along with ethnically and regionally authentic dishes. Dinner only, reservations recommended. \$\$\$
- ▲ **Elaine’s on Franklin** – 454 West Franklin Street, Chapel Hill 960-2770. Perhaps the most adult eatery on Franklin Street. Elaine’s buzzes with big-city flair. Serving contemporary American cuisine. Dinner only, reservations recommended. \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$
- ▲ **Ferrington House Inn** – 2000 Ferrington Village Center, Pittsboro 542-2121. An AAA 5-diamond elegant Restaurant and Country Inn serving classic regional cuisine as a five-course fixed price meal (excluding wine). Featured in Gourmet, House Beautiful, Food and Wine and Southern Living. Dinner only, reservations required. \$\$\$\$
- ▲ **Four Eleven West** – 411 West Franklin Street, Chapel Hill 967-2782. Fresh seasonal pasta, wood-burning pizza oven, dessert and cappuccino bar. Designed to capture the vitality of Italy and the Mediterranean with a contemporary and imaginative twist. Very popular with Chapel Hill locals! Serving lunch and dinner. \$\$-\$\$\$
- ▲ **Il Palio Ristorante** – 1505 East Franklin Street, Chapel Hill 918-2545. North Carolina’s only AAA four-diamond Italian restaurant. Offering a moment of genuine Italian lifestyle through the experience of food and wine. Ambiance is elegant and the level of service is unsurpassed. Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. Reservations recommended. \$\$\$\$
- ▲ **Lantern** – 423 West Franklin Street, Chapel Hill 969-8846. Serving delicious pan-Asian food in a relaxed, urban setting. The remarkable menu features traditional dishes from China, Japan, Korea, Thailand and Vietnam. Seasonal specials include Crispy garlic soft shell crab with homemade green curry, Coconut-braised chicken with fresh tumeric and saffron, and Six-hour braised Korean beef shortribs with house-made kimchi. Serving dinner Monday through Saturday. \$\$\$
- ▲ **Maggiano’s** – The Streets at Southpoint, Durham 572-0070. Maggiano’s blends the tradition of family, the celebration of friends, and the cuisine of authentic Italy in an atmosphere often said to be reminiscent of pre-World War II Little Italy. In a vibrant atmosphere, filled with the nostalgic Italian charm of red-checked tablecloths and family portraits, Maggiano’s welcomes you to a warm and unique dining experience. Serving lunch and dinner. \$\$-\$\$\$
- ▲ **P.F. Chang’s China Bistro** – The Streets at Southpoint located at 6801 Fayetteville Road, Durham 294-3131. P.F. Chang’s cuisine is reflective of China’s evolving culinary landscape. The menu features traditional Chinese offerings and innovative dishes that illustrate the emerging influence of Southeast Asia on modern Chinese cuisine. Serving lunch and dinner. \$\$\$
- ▲ **Spanky’s Restaurant & Bar** – 101 East Franklin Street, Chapel Hill 967-2678. A Chapel Hill tradition for 24 years. Great American cuisine in a casual setting. Student hang out after hours. Serving lunch and dinner. \$-\$\$
- ▲ **Spice Street** – 201 Estes Drive, Chapel Hill 928-8200. A unique dining experience where culinary adventures unfold. Spices lead the way to beckon the senses and tempt the palate. An extensive menu featuring grilled meats, fresh seafood and vegetarian dishes designed to stir the soul and refresh the spirit. Serving lunch and dinner. \$\$\$
- ▲ **Squid’s Restaurant-Market & Oyster Bar** – 1201 North Fordham Boulevard, Chapel Hill 942-8757. An excellent seafood restaurant, Squid’s has been open for nearly 13 years. Here you will find old favorites like fried fish and raw shellfish, as well as innovative dishes with eclectic influence. The atmosphere is casual and fun. Serving dinner nightly. \$\$
- ▲ **Talulla’s** – 456 West Franklin Street, Chapel Hill 933-1177. Creative, simple and fresh Eastern Mediterranean food with a large vegetarian selection, served in a casual and innovative setting. Organic foods used when available. Serving dinner Tuesday through Sunday from 5:30-10:00 p.m. \$\$
- ▲ **Top of the Hill** – 100 West Franklin Street, Chapel Hill 929-8676. The best view in town! The quintessential independent dining experience grounded in the history and traditions of Chapel Hill. The food is American, featuring pasta, chicken, beef, pork loin and cedar-roasted salmon. International award winning beers brewed on site. Easy walk from The Carolina Inn. Lunch and dinner are served daily. \$\$-\$\$\$
- ▲ **Weathervane Café** – University Mall, Chapel Hill 929-9466. Seasonal American Cuisine. This spirited café is the highlight of one of the country’s largest specialty food emporiums, A Southern Season. Outdoor patio dining available. Serving lunch and dinner. \$\$-\$\$\$
- ▲ **West End Wine Bar** – 450 West Franklin Street, Chapel Hill 967-7599. Featuring an extensive wine selection by the glass or bottle accompanied by a simple tapas menu. Rooftop terrace open seasonally. Open Monday and Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday through Saturday beginning at 5:00 p.m. \$\$

PRICE CODE: average bill for dinner for two:    \$ – Under \$20    \$\$ – \$21 to \$35    \$\$\$ – \$35 to \$50    \$\$\$\$ – \$51 and up