

Restaurants

Average price per person for an entree, not including beverages, appetizers, desserts, etc.

\$\$	Inexpensive: \$5-\$10
\$\$\$	Moderate: \$11-\$15
\$\$\$\$	Expensive: \$16-\$20
\$\$\$\$\$	Very expensive: more than \$20

Andiamo Italia West (Italian), 6676 Telegraph (close to 15 Mile Road), Bloomfield Hills; 248-865-9300. Offers a northern Italian decor amid the hustle-bustle of an appealing dining spot. A favorite for many of the area's celebrities. Extensive wine list, bar is cigar friendly. L & D Mon-Fri, D Sat-Sun. \$\$\$\$.

Bacco Ristorante (Italian) 29410 Northwestern Highway, Southfield; (248) 356-6600. A top-end, modern Italian restaurant, Bacco is stylish, bright and airy with a lot of bustle and high energy. Chef-Owner Luciano Del Signore's pastas are pure art. L & D Mon-Fri, D Sat. \$\$\$\$\$.

Beans & Cornbread (Soul Food Bistro), 29508 Northwestern Highway, Southfield; 248-208-1680, A restaurant offering traditional and non-traditional soul food in a casually distinctive setting. L & D Mon.-Fri, D Sat-Sun. Brunch Sun. \$\$\$.

Beau Jack's (American), 4108 West Maple (West of Telegraph Road), Bloomfield Hills; 248-626-2630. Specializing in whitefish and ribs. Burgers and sandwiches also served. L & D Mon-Sat, D Sun. \$\$-\$\$\$\$.

Beverly Hills Grill (American), 31471 Southfield Road, Beverly Hills; 248-642-2355. Upscale contemporary American food served in a casual atmosphere. A favored place for its California come-east menu. Dishes made are commendable any time of day or night. B, L & D daily Brunch Sat-Sun. \$\$\$.

Big Rock Chop House (American) 245 S. Eton, Birmingham; 248-647-7774. An eclectic ambiance unlike any fine dining experience in metro Detroit. Enormous, aged steaks and chops, wild game of buffalo and ostrich. Cigar and martini bar upstairs in the "Got Rocks" lounge. Patio and private dining available. L & D Mon-Sat. \$\$\$\$\$.

Brass Pointe (American), 24234 Orchard Lake, at 10 Mile Road N/E corner, Farmington Hills; 248-476-1377. When you are looking for a comfortable, family-style place to have a wonderful meal or to take out, Brass Pointe is just the place for you. A family restaurant with quality home-style food without costing you a fortune. Menu also includes Mexican, seafood, sandwiches and burgers. L & D daily. \$\$-\$\$\$\$\$.

Buddy's Pizza (Family Restaurant), 31646 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills; 248-855-4600. Great pizza and pasta dishes!! Other selections include sandwiches, burgers, salads, and 4 daily homemade soups. L & D daily. \$\$-\$\$\$.

Cafe Cortina (Italian), 30715 W. 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills; 248-474-3033. Nobody outdoes this Italian of Italian restaurants, from the fresh vegetables grown in Cortina's own garden to the house signature dishes featured on the menu. L & D Mon-Fri, D-Sat. \$\$\$\$\$.

Elie's Café (Middle Eastern), 263 Pierce St., Birmingham; 248-647-2420. This is a pretty little place with a big menu of Middle Eastern specialties and daily specials. L & D daily, Mon-Sat. \$\$-\$\$\$\$.

Empire Szechwan Garden (Chinese), 29875 Northwestern Hwy. (between 12 Mile and Inkster), Southfield; 248-353-7890. L & D daily, Mon-Sun. \$\$-\$\$\$.

The Fiddler (International (Russian)), 6676 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield; 248-851-8782. Specialty dishes are made from an old family recipe including homemade blintzes, latkes, veal "rasputin" grilled to perfection, lamb chops with greek seasonings, stuffed cabbage rolls and green peppers with a savory house tomato sauce. Fresh fish daily. L Sun., D Thurs-Sun. \$\$\$.

Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Café (Cajun/Creole), 29244 Northwestern Highway (between 12 Mile and Inkster), Southfield; 248-351-2925. The roisterous feel and look of the place is true New Orleans good times. Specializing in whiskey barbecue-sauced ribs and chicken, both bone-gnawingly fantastic. L & D daily. \$\$\$\$.

Forté, 201 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham; 248-594-7300. Located in downtown Birmingham, this bistro has lots going on, including an expanded schedule, a new chef and menus. B, L & D Mon-Sat., B & D Sun. \$\$\$\$\$.

Ginopolis on the Grill (American/Italian Fare), 27815 Middlebelt Road (at 12 Mile Road), Farmington Hills; 248-851-8222. One-third of the menu features fresh fish entrees. Be prepared for wearing a "bib" when you try their well-known "Montgomery" ribs!! Other selections include American, Italian, and Greek entrees. L & D daily, D Sun. \$\$-\$\$\$\$.

Golden Phoenix (Chinese Fare), 6257 Orchard Lake Road (North of 15 Mile Road), West Bloomfield; 248- 855-3570. L & D Mon-Sat, D Sun. \$\$-\$\$\$.

Hogans (Family Restaurant), 6450 Telegraph Road (at 15 Mile Road), West Bloomfield; 248-626-1800. Fresh fish, pasta, ribs, salads, and steaks. L & D daily. \$\$-\$\$\$\$.

Hong Hua (Asian), 27925 Orchard lake Road, Farmington Hills; 248-489-2280. This is one of the best new metro Detroit restaurants. Everything here is done with care, and presented in a serene but contemporary setting. Nearly all the fish used are kept alive in aerated freshwater tanks in the kitchen until the moment they're ordered. More than 120 items on the menu. L & D daily. \$\$\$.

J. Alexanders (American), 7440 Orchard Lake Rd., West Bloomfield; 248-538-8349. Award winning menu features hardwood-grilled steaks, salmon, daily fresh seafood selections, and chicken. Well known for prime rib of beef and baby back ribs, as well as their outstanding desserts made from scratch. L & D daily. \$\$-\$\$\$\$.

Jeremy Restaurant & Bar (American), 1978 Cass Lake Rd, Keego Harbor; 248-681-2124. This classic restaurant offers a menu bursting with inventive appetizers, salads and entrees. The eclectically decorated dining room has a chic but informal feel. Try the "Jeremy" burger (\$12), ricotta gnocchi (\$14) or sauteed perch (\$27). D Tues.-Sat. \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$.

Larco's Italian Grill (Italian), 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield; 248-626-6969. The Larco family has been serving Italian food to Detroiters since 1950. Many of the dishes from the original Larco's Inn are still on the menu, including all the Italian classics made from the family's recipes. You can see this for yourself, as one of the old menus is on display at the Chophouse. L & D Mon-Fri, D Sat. \$\$\$\$\$.

The Lark (Continental), 6430 Farmington Road, West Bloomfield; 248-661-4466. Its Portuguese-accented, south European-style country house is charming at any time of the year, particularly in the summer because of a walled garden that feeds the eye and provides the kitchen with fresh herbs. Fixed-price meals include appetizers, soup and entree. D Tues-Sat. \$\$\$\$\$.

Max & Erma's Restaurant (Family Restaurant), 31205 Orchard Lake Road (at 14 Mile Road), Farmington Hills; 248-855-0990. Favorites include their spicy chicken tortilla soup and Cajun chicken fajitas. Menu also offers burgers, pastas and sandwiches. L & D daily. \$\$\$.

McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant, (Seafood), 2650 Coolidge Highway, Troy; 248-637-6400. They take delivery of fresh lake and sea vittles twice a day, and don't even have a freezer on the premises!! They have "snugs" - spacious booths that can comfortably seat up to seven. L & D daily. \$\$\$\$.

Mezza Mediterranean Grille (Lebanese), 4189 Orchard Lake Road (Between Lone Pine and Pontiac Trail) Orchard Lake; (248) 865-0000. Nice atmosphere, with high quality food in a good portion at reasonable prices. Vegetarian and non-vegetarian entrees. Selection of appetizers both hot and cold, raw juice bar, full bar service. L & D daily. \$\$.

Morton's The Steakhouse (American), 1 Towne Square, Southfield; 248-354-6006. The land of the giants – giants of commerce fill the chairs, giant lobsters glare coldly from tableside carts, giant cigars fill private humidors, and most notably, giant steaks set the standard for all other meat houses. A fine swordfish steak, and an offering of fowl share the short menu. Menu a la carte. D daily. \$\$\$\$\$.

New Seoul Garden (Japanese-Korean), 27566 Northwestern Hwy. (11 Mile Road next to Toys R Us), Southfield; 248-827-1600. Note crisp and chewy mung-bean pancakes, spicy fish stew in a stoneware pot or a similar soup-stew with kim chi. L & D daily. \$\$-\$\$\$.

Northern Lakes Seafood Company (Seafood), 39495 N. Woodward (Kingsley Inn), Bloomfield Hills; 248-646-7900. Thoroughly modern, with impressionistic custom "octopus" chandeliers and open food prep areas, but with traditional cues too, such as the classic lobster live tank. Fresh seafood brought in daily, everything you could want is here. L Mon-Fri, D daily. \$\$\$\$\$.

P.F. Chang's China Bistro (Chinese) In Somerset Collection South, 2801 W. Big Beaver (East of Birmingham), Troy; 248-816-8000. The feel is informal though the decor is elegant, from the pair of faux Ming Dynasty steeds flanking the entrance to the phalanx of repro Xi'an terra-cotta warriors inside. Although some predictable dishes are here, it's more fun to look elsewhere on the menu. L & D daily. \$\$\$.

Ristorante Di Maria (Italian), 2080 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield; 248-851-2500. This tiny Italian eatery manages to be hip, traditional, trendy and romantic all at once. The house specialty – veal medallions stuffed with mozzarella and prosciutto in Marsala sauce is amore on a plate. Reservations a must. D daily. \$\$\$.

Ruby Tuesday (Family Restaurant), 31066 West 12 Mile Road (at Orchard Lake Road), Farmington Hills; 248-932-9393. Fajitas, steak, shrimp, and salad bar; "Sonora Chicken Pasta" is a favorite. L & D daily. \$\$\$.

Rugby Grille (European) Townsend Hotel, 100 Townsend, Birmingham; 248-642-5999. A tasteful, clubby ambience complements the fine dining in Birmingham's boutique hotel. And, because it's a hotel restaurant, the Rugby Grille maintains its quality morning, midday and night. L & D Daily. \$\$-\$\$\$\$.

Sea Grille (Seafood) 6199 Orchard Lake Rd, West Bloomfield; (248) 487-0326. The owners of Ocean Grille in downtown Birmingham moved their restaurant to West Bloomfield. Choices include cornmeal crusted pickerel, red snapper with orange-horseradish crust, as well as classics like flash-fried calamari and oysters on the half-shell. Slow-roasted Indiana duck is on the menu because it's a favorite of the regulars. L Tue-Fri., D Tue-Sun. \$\$\$\$.

Shiro (Japanese) 43180 W. Nine Mile Road, Novi; 248-348-1212. Shiro serves Japanese food with a French flair and a full Sushi bar. Dining is offered in the nostalgic elegance of their pillared colonial mansion, including traditional Japanese dining in their Tatami Rooms. L & D Mon-Fri, D Sat-Sun. \$\$\$\$\$.

Sposita's (Italian/Continental), 33210 West 14 Mile Road, N/E corner at Farmington Road, West Bloomfield Twp.; 248-538-8954. Cozy and casual atmosphere. A diverse menu with Italian and steakhouse entrees. Order family style or a-la-carte off of the menu. 5-course meals are served with family style - generous servings. D Daily, L Fri. only. \$\$-\$\$\$\$\$.

Stage & Company (Deli), 6873 Orchard Lake Road, E side, S of Maple (15 Mile), West Bloomfield Twp.; 248-855-6622. Great dining in a glitzy setting. Everything a deli should be, and more. Loud, fast and comfortable, with hulking sandwiches served on the best rye you'll ever wrap your lips around. B L & D daily. \$\$-\$\$\$.

Sushi Ko (Japanese), 30703 West 12 Mile Road, at Orchard Lake N/W corner, Farmington Hills; 248-471-4363. An improbable snug haven in a suburban strip mall. The fare goes beyond sushi and sashimi to Korean and Japanese hot pots, dumplings and noodle dishes in tiny quarters. Low-key and comfortable; less expensive than most sushi bars. L Mon-Sat. D daily. \$\$\$.

Sweet Lorraine's (Contemporary), 29101 Greenfield, Southfield; 248-559-5985. 17100 N. Laurel Park Drive, Laurel Park Place, Livonia; 734-953-7480. Reliable as the standing menu may be, try one of their wonderful daily specials, which tend to range globally. Freshness is near absolute, right down to the newly squeezed lemon juice in the just-sweet-enough lemonade. B, L & D daily, Br Sat-Sun. \$\$\$

Tavern on 13 (Seafood), 17600 West 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills; 248-647-7747. This casual restaurant in Beverly Hills serves tavern favorites with a unique flair. Menu includes specialty salads, hearty sandwiches, daily fish & seafood specials. L Mon-Fri. D daily. \$\$-\$\$\$\$.

Thai Peppers (Thai), 29402 Orchard Lake Road, near 13 Mile Road, Farmington Hills; 248-932-9119. Look for creativity, sizable portions and intense flavorings in the standard Thai repertoire. L Mon-Fri, D Mon-Sat. \$\$.

Tribute, 31425 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills; 248-848-9393. The food is classically French-cum-New-American with Asian accents. Perfectly attentive service in a lush, hip setting. L Mon-Fri., D Tue-Sat. \$\$\$\$\$.

220 (American), 220 Merrill Street, Birmingham; 248-645-2150. The elegant, clubby pub up front is only part of the reason the place is always packed. The menu includes four to five well-executed dishes in each category. Best are the simple picks, which allow the kitchen's skillfully created flavors to shine. Edison Jazz Bar located on lower level, open Thurs-Sat nights. L & D Mon-Sat. \$\$\$.

Zinc Brasserie & Wine Bar (Mediterranean), 6745 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield; 248-865-0500. A casual yet lively atmosphere with a handsome setting that feels fresh, new and exciting. The menu is filled with the vibrant, lusty flavors of Europe's Mediterranean rim. L & D Mon-Sat. Closed on Sunday. \$\$.

Zoup! (American), 29177 Northwestern Highway, Southfield; 248-799-2800, www.zoup.com. Gourmet soup-only restaurant featuring more than 200 soups - 12 rotating daily - each order is served with a large hunk of fresh bread. L & D daily. \$\$.