



10 Tasty Destinations For Your Dallas Dining Bucket List



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Looking for delicious ways to explore Dallas? You're in luck—locals consider eating out as much a national pastime as watching football. And as such, the city is home to a flourishing dining scene with enough terrific culinary options to satisfy any craving and budget. The only problem you'll have is trying to narrow down which ones to choose.

In the mood for handmade pasta, salumi platters and finely crafted regional specialties? Then look no further than [Lucia](#) in Bishop Arts. Reservations are practically impossible, but once you get in, you'll understand why. Ditto for [Nonna](#), a cozy neighborhood eatery off Oak Lawn that excels at neo-Italian fare like gourmet pizzas, pastas and wood-fired meats.

Of course, when it comes to the best, it's impossible not to mention the city's most acclaimed, upscale dining destinations. First up is [Flora Street Cafe](#), the latest creation of chef Stephan Pyles. Located in the Dallas Arts District, the restaurant serves sumptuous elevated Texas-

inspired dishes that look like they belong on the wall of a museum. Over in Uptown is where another of Dallas' star chefs, Dean Fearing, can be found. His [namesake restaurant](#) in the Ritz Carlton is famous for its modern take on southwestern cuisine.

And although Dallas is not widely considered the barbecue capital of Texas, [Pecan Lodge](#) in Deep Ellum certainly has done its share to put the city firmly on the BBQ map. Come for the ribs and house-made sausages, but stay for the brisket, it can hold its own against any in the state.

There's also everything from modern Japanese to locally sourced seasonal fare and sophisticated steaks. In short, if you're looking for a great meal, you've come to the right place.

10 **PECAN LODGE**

DEEP ELLUM



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Dallas is filled with barbecue joints, but none can compare with the smoky goodness coming out of this rustic barbecue haven. Pecan Lodge's 'cue is so good that Texas Monthly named it one of the top BBQ joints in the state, and Food Network's... [Read More](#)

NONNA



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With a serious reputation for homemade pasta, wood-fired specialties and wicked desserts, it's no surprise that locals consider this handsome pocket-sized trattoria to be one of the top restaurants in town. Just be prepared, getting a table in... [Read More](#)

8 **SER STEAK + SPIRITS**

DALLAS DESIGN DISTRICT



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With its location on the twenty-seventh floor of the Hilton Anatole hotel, the views from SER (pronounced sear) are, as you might expect, stunning. And if the views alone don't wow you, then the black angus tomahawk encrusted with smoked blue... [Read More](#)

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7 **WAYWARD SONS**

LOWER GREENVILLE



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6 TEI-AN SOBA HOUSE AND SUSHI

DOWNTOWN



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Getting a table at this Dallas Arts District hot spot has been a challenge ever since it opened in 2008. Understandably so, as Tei-An is considered to be one of the best restaurants in Dallas. And its chef/owner, Teiichi Sakurai, has been a... [Read More](#)



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Dallas has long had a love affair with celeb chef Dean Fearing-- whose modern take on Southwestern cuisine has earned him numerous accolades over the years, including a James Beard Award for best chef of the Southwest. Here at his namesake... [Read More](#)

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OAK LAWN



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Named by Bon Appétit as one of the Top 50 New Restaurants of 2013-- FT33 (restaurant lingo for "fire table" number 33) was already creating a buzz before it opened late in 2012. The restaurant is the brainchild of James Beard Award... [Read More](#)

2 **LUCIA DALLAS**

OAK CLIFF



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If you ask any discerning foodie which is the hottest restaurant in town, they'll point you to David and Jennifer Uygur's rustically charming 36-seat Bishop Arts trattoria. But be warned, the place is so popular that you have to either book two... [Read More](#)

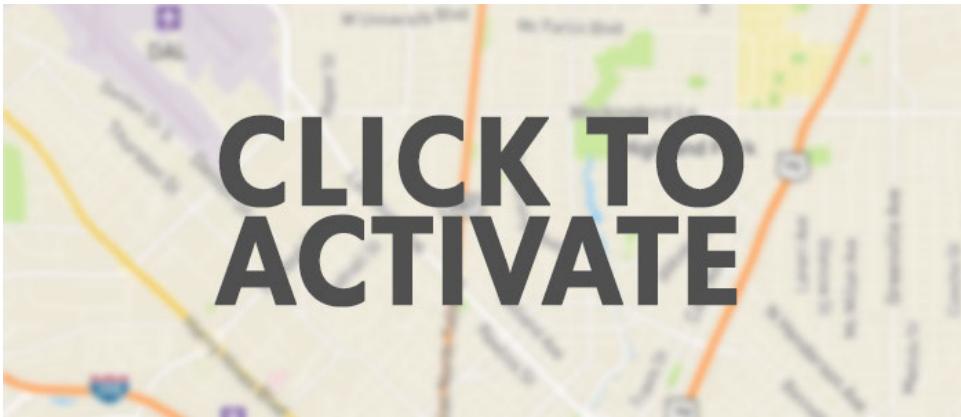
1 **FLORA STREET CAFE**

DOWNTOWN



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Trying to get a table at this sleek Dallas Arts District restaurant (especially at dinnertime) can be tricky. Which is no surprise, as this is the new flagship restaurant from James Beard Award winning chef Stephan Pyles. And though it may be... [Read More](#)



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