

Restaurant List

There are many great places to eat just a short walk from the Omni hotel. Here is a list of our favorites. Most are on the Downtown Mall, a few are on Main St, and a few are in a neighborhood called Belmont which is a short walk from the Downtown Mall. All are within walking distance from the Omni hotel. The Downtown Mall has several maps posted to help you find things. Some are closed on Mondays. Note that Charlottesville has thriving local breweries: you may want to try a few of their offerings before you leave.

Breakfast

Albemarle Baking Company - Small bakery that has the best French bread in town, as well as cookies, croissants, danishes, scones, cakes & coffee cakes, brownies, chocolate items and more. Short walk from Omni on 418 W. Main Street.

The Flat - Crepes! You walk up to a little window and place your order, then take them home or wander off and find a spot to eat your treat. Closed Sunday and Monday. On 111A Water St. just off the Downtown Mall.

The Mudhouse - "The gold standard for Charlottesville coffeehouses". Serves fine espresso drinks and coffees. On the Downtown Mall near the Omni.

Paradox Pastry - Retro-urban-vibed bakery and dessert cafe with a large selection of baked goods. 313 Second St., in the Glass Building.

Spudnuts - The early bird gets the doughnuts. Enjoy the only place in town with freshly made potato doughnuts. On Avon St. just off the Downtown Mall.

Lunch / Light Dinner

Bagby's Gourmet Sandwiches - Serves sandwiches and subs, homemade soups, salads, and frozen yogurt. Eat in, carryout, or dine in the cafe.

Bella's - Italian family style dining with reasonable prices. On the Downtown Mall.

Christian's Pizzeria - A favorite inexpensive pizza place on the Downtown Mall near the Omni. Enjoy a calzone or stuffed pizza and drinks. Inexpensive.

Court Square Tavern - English tavern with 130-plus varieties of bottled beer. Pub food: bratwurst, Reubens, shepherds's pie. 500 Court Square a short walk from the Downtown Mall.

Feast! - Good variety of sandwiches, soups, salads, and sides. You put your order in, pay at the counter, and grab a table on the patio or inside. On 416 W. Main St. a short walk from the Omni in Main Street Market. Not open for dinner.

Guadalajara - Serves Mexican food at reasonable prices. The expansive menu features items such as burritos, quesadillas, taquitos, carnitas, enchiladas, and more. All meals are served with freshly made chips and salsa. On East Market St. just off the Downtown Mall.

Marco and Luca's Noodle Shop - Serves Asian dumplings, noodles and soups. Eat in or carry out. On the Downtown Mall near the Omni.

Revolutionary Soup - Choose from a slew of enticing soups made daily. Sandwiches and salads also available, along with beer and wine. On 108 Second St. just off the Downtown Mall.

Taste of India - Indian fare with an inexpensive lunch buffet. On the Downtown Mall.

Vita Nova Pizza and Pasta Bar - Serves pizza, calzones, and beverages. Eat in or carry out. On the Downtown Mall.

Dinner

Bashir's Taverna - Authentic Mediterranean cuisine by a Mediterranean chef. On the Downtown Mall.

Bizou - Located on the Downtown Mall. Specializes in southern-style fish, pork, and beef dishes. Good food and not too expensive.

Blue Moon Diner - Best diner in town. Serves breakfast all day long. On Main St. about halfway to UVa from the Omni.

Commonwealth Restaurant & Skybar - Swanky downtown restaurant with inventive entrees, a late-night menu, and a rooftop bar. On the Downtown Mall. Expensive.

Downtown Grille - Best steaks in town. Serves steak and fresh seafood, including live Maine lobster. The restaurant also features an extensive wine list honored by the Wine Spectator with an Award of Excellence, along with a martini list. Special dining options are available upon request. On the Downtown Mall close to the Omni. Expensive.

C&O - The creaky floors in this charming old building were around in Jefferson's day. Changing monthly, the menu is basically country French but ranges across the globe--from Thailand to New Mexico and Louisiana. Many patrons stop downstairs, a rustic setting of exposed brick and rough-hewn barn wood, while others proceed upstairs to a more formal venue. Pricy, but good. On 515 E. Water St. just off the Downtown Mall.

Fleurie - Upscale modern French restaurant which gets rave reviews. Just off the Downtown Mall on 108 Third St. Expensive.

Hamilton's - Contemporary American fine dining. Expensive. On the Downtown Mall.

Lampo - New pizza place reputed to be the best in town. In Belmont: 205 Monticello Rd.

The Local - Excellent American fare at a reasonable price. Runner to MAS (see below) as the the best restaurant in town. In Belmont: 824 Hinton Ave.

MAS Tapas - Reputed to be the best Tapas place in town and voted the best restaurant in town by CVille Weekly. In Belmont: 904 Monticello Rd, an easy walk from the Downtown Mall.

Melting Pot - High-end fondue chain. Expensive. On 501 E. Market St. just off the Downtown Mall.

Monsoon Siam - Curries, paht Thai and other entrees, plus an outdoor patio. On 113 W. Market St just off the Downtown Mall.

Petit Pois - Classic French Bistro food. On the Downtown Mall.

Ten - Super swanky second-floor spot serving modern Japanese. Expensive. On the Downtown Mall

The Shebeen - South African fare. Across the street from the Omni.

The Whiskey Jar - Soloon-style Southern spot with, naturally, more than 90 varieties of whiskey. On the Downtown Mall near the Omni.

Desert

Chap's - Serves homemade gourmet ice cream and milkshakes. Harks back to the true American ice cream parlor of the 1950s. On the Downtown Mall.

Splendor's Gelato Cafe - Authentic Italian handcrafted gelato, sorbet, and espresso. On the Downtwon Mall.

Sweet Frog - Self serve frozen yogurt with dozens of toppings.

Bar / Nightclub

The Alley Light - Offers French small plates, boards & shareable dishes, with a handsome bar for cocktails & wine.

Miller's - One of the oldest bar/restaurants on the Downtown Mall. Where Dave Matthews got his start. Features live jazz and blues. On the Downtown Mall.

Rapture - Bar / nightclub / restaurant on the Downtown Mall.