

# DINING GUIDE

"Not only do we have a successful light rail and a burgeoning CityScape entertainment district but Downtown has also emerged as one of the Valley's elite dining destinations." - R.J. Price, Editor, Downtown Phoenix Partnership

## Pizzeria Bianco 623 E. Adams St.



Critically acclaimed by food critics and pizza lovers, pizza master Chris Bianco uses top-notch artisanal ingredients to create exceptional wood-fired pies that have been called the best in the country. Bianco even makes his own mozzarella every morning. Need we say more? Yes, we do — this ultra-cool brick-walled place in Heritage Square is mobbed most nights, but you can while away the wait at the bar next door. Reservations are accepted for parties of six or more. Popular menu items include the Wiseguy Pizza with wood roasted onion, house-smoked mozzarella and fennel sausage and the Biancoverde Pizza with fresh mozzarella, parmigiano reggiano, ricotta and arugula. Open for dinner only.

## Alice Cooper's town Restaurant 101 E. Jackson St.



Legendary shock rocker Alice Cooper's imprint is all over this baby. It's chock full of sports and rock 'n roll memorabilia and merchandise. Huge TV screens line the walls and broadcast games played by all your favorite sports teams. The food's pretty darn tasty, too. Popular menu items include Chipotle Chicken Pasta, the Pulled Pork Sandwich and the Tom Brady Bacon Cheddar Burger. Even better, servers sport black, runny mascara'd eyes, à la Alice.

## Hard Rock Café 3 S. Second St.



There's only one Hard Rock in Arizona, and it's a living, breathing hard rock museum with more than 200 pieces of authentic, rock 'n roll memorabilia. The restaurant's state-of-the-art, indoor/outdoor sound and video systems stream everything from Elvis Presley to the Black Eyed Peas, making it impossible not to bob your head while you chew your food. In support of emerging artists, local bands play live music the third Friday of each month. Popular menu items include Twisted Mac & Cheese, Legendary 10 oz. Burgers, Smoked BBQ Ribs, Chicken and Pulled Pork and a variety of delicious Mini Desserts.

## Friday's Front Row Sports Grill 401 E. Jefferson St.



The term "home plate" covers all the bases here. That's because Friday's offers a unique dining experience overlooking the interior of Chase Field, home to the Arizona Diamondbacks. Diners can enter the restaurant on game day without having to purchase a ticket, thanks to Gate L, the restaurant's private entrance. Tables and banquet space also are available on game days, with prices including tickets and food credit. Popular menu items include the Jack Daniel's Black Angus Flat Iron Steak, Sizzling Chicken & Cheese Loaded Potato Skins, Pecan-Crusted Chicken Salad and the Brownie Obsession.

## The Compass Arizona Grill 112 N. Second St.



For more than 30 years, The Compass has been the only rooftop-revolving restaurant in town. Located atop the Hyatt Regency Hotel, this is the place to get 360-degree views of the Valley from 24 stories in the air. While diners overlook the city, the staff overlooks nothing. Service is unparalleled, and the cuisine, unforgettable. Dishes are seasonal, and prepared to represent the culture and uniqueness of Arizona. Popular menu items include the Nimbus Drunken Shrimp, the Compass Bisque, Seared Jumbo Sea Scallops, Roasted Prime Rib and Molten Lava Cake.

## Majerle's Sports Grill 24 N. Second St.



Go ahead, dunk that drink — and have some Slam Dunk Shrimp along with it. Named after founder and Phoenix Suns' legend, "Thunder" Dan Majerle, this establishment is close to sports arenas and offers delicious food in a fun and comfortable setting — before or after the game. Besides the Slam Dunk Shrimp, popular menu items include Mama Majerle's Burger, Asian Chicken Salad and the 9's Teriyaki Chicken & Rice.

## The Rose & Crown Pub 628 E. Adams St.



Sixty different beers (50 of which are imports). Phoenix New Times "Best of Phoenix" Fish and Chips. Homemade Shepherd's Pie. Banger's and Mash. And hearty Angus beef burgers. The food at this authentic English pub comes from family recipes handed down by co-owner Don Phillip's mother-in-law, who hails from Swanley, Kent, England. Don says, "She's a really good, Old World cook. I've been eating her food for 15 years and I'm partial to it." One taste and you will be, too.

## Coach & Willie's 412 S. Third St.



Everything here is made from scratch. The wood-fired pizzas. The homemade pastas. The fresh-cut fries. This ain't yer daddy's grungy sports bar. There's a sunken mahogany bar, an open-view kitchen, a stunning outdoor patio with a cascading waterfall — even free Wi-Fi. Popular menu items include the Lobster Bisque, the Buffalo Chicken Wrap, The Prime Time sandwich, the Filet Pizza and the Chipotle Chicken Penne. Happy Hour is every Monday-Friday from 3-6 p.m., with Reverse Happy Hour from 8-10 p.m.

## Downtown Sports Grill 3 S. Second St.



Since it's right across from US Airways Center, you don't need tickets to the game at this tony bar and grill. There's plenty of action inside, with celebrity athlete sightings (even before you've had one too many) and sports events broadcast from the flat screens behind the bar. When it comes to food, this place scores. Try the Garlic Crusted Beef Tenderloin (but not on a date), the Scorcher Burger, with Habanero "Hell Yea" Sauce, Roasted Jalapenos and Serranos, or suck on a Dad's Old Fashioned Root Beer Float. It's slam-dunk satisfaction.

