



Hilary's Inside Denver Information

No one knows Denver quite as well as the lady who brought the AFB Convention to the Mile High City. Here's her list of all of the great places to visit for food and drinks in the city.

Restaurants

Union Station/Downtown area:

Mercantile Dining & Provision - James Beard award winning restaurant from Alex Seidel (guest judge of Top Chef Colorado)

Ultreia - Spanish small plates and refreshing gin cocktails

Stoic and Genuine - Seafood & Raw Bar

Tavernetta - Authentic Italian from James Beard winner, Bobby Stuckey.

The Pig & The Sprout - Delicious menu comprised of mostly small and share plates on a side street behind union station

Morin - French Cuisine that is approachable, in a fun and friendly setting

Urban Farmer - two words: Steak Flight

Milk Market/Dairy Block - Enjoy creative cuisine and cocktails at the best Denver restaurants and bars—all under one roof at Dairy Block. Located in the center of the beloved LoDo neighborhood, this downtown destination excites the palate with hand roasted coffee, throwback cocktails, distinctive Southwestern flavors and more.

Larimer Square:

TAG - Colorado freshness meets Asian inspiration from one of Denver's most prolific Chef's- Troy Guard

Rioja - seasonal Mediterranean ingredient-driven cuisine. Fresh fish, pastas, local meats.

Euclid Hall - American tavern with extensive beer selection

LODO/Coors Field Area: 20-something & tourist party hub of Denver known for its rooftops. Best for watching sports or grabbing a quick drink/bite.

The Viewhouse - lawn games weather permitting

Brothers Bar & Grill - Once was the Real-World Denver house.

Ophelias - Housed in an old brothel- pop in for happy hour, dinner and stay for the live music Thursday-Saturday.

RINO: One of the fastest growing and hippest neighborhoods in Denver

Los Chingones - Chef Troy Guard's take on "badass" Mexican. Tang Margaritas.

Work & Class - Homestyle Southern & Latin American cuisine

Super Mega Bien - Latin American Dim Sum

RINO: continued

Il Posto - Food & wine lists represent all of the Italian Peninsula.

Fish & Beer - Chargrilled oysters & fresh seafood in a very relaxed and casual setting

Hop Alley - Outside-the-box Chinese that feels like a place you'd go in New York- hip hop on the speakers, modern décor, open kitchen, amazing cocktails.

Izakaya Ronin - Restaurant, bar, and speakeasy featuring extensive sushi and sake selections

Safta - Flavors of Israel, Bulgaria, Yemen, Syria, Morocco, Turkey, Palestine and Greece can be soaked up by the house-made wood-fired pita.

Mister Tuna - Small/share plates. Seafood/meat forward menu.

Lo-Hi (Lower Highlands):

El Five - Featuring foods from up and down the Strat of Gibraltar with unobstructed views of Denver's skyline.

Señor Bear - Rooted in the traditions of Central and Southern America, Señor Bear combines the authenticity of classic Latin cooking with professional, elevated execution

Old Major - Award winning elevated farmhouse cuisine- focused on seafood, swine and wine

Uncle - Ramen shop. Hella busy but definitely worth it. Reservations not accepted.

Bar Dough - Italian kitchen with inventive small plates, traditionally prepared meats, fish and pasta. Helmed by Carrie Baird (Top Chef Colorado)

Ash'Kara - explores the continuous evolution of Israeli cuisine, with ingredients and flavors from across Europe and North Africa, including Yemen, Syria, Morocco, Egypt, Turkey and Spain. Ash'Kara is Hebrew street slang for "totally!" or "right on!"

Avanti F&B - Avanti is a modern-day food hall with seven different restaurant concepts, housed in modified shipping containers, providing guests with an eclectic mix of affordably priced, chef-inspired cuisine.

Root Down - Globally-influenced seasonal cuisine, with a focus on organic, natural and locally-sourced ingredients (best for brunch)

Amatos - Ale House: Savory dishes with delightfully handcrafted ales with a view of downtown Denver.

Watering Holes

Rino

Infinite Monkey - Local winery and tap room

Finn's Manor - Get a Frose and a snack from one of the many food trucks. It looks like a homeless shanty from the outside, but don't be fooled – it's awesome!

Bigsby's Folly - Local winery/ tap room

Great Divide Barrel Bar - pioneer of the Denver brewery scene

Rino Beer Garden - Just as the name implies

Ironton Distillery & Crafthouse - Distillery and Art Collective

Millers & Rossi - Speakeasy tucked behind an art gallery

Lo-Hi:

Williams & Graham - Mick Jagger was just here so you know it's cool. Reservations needed.

Forest Room 5 - hipster, campy vibe

Union Station/LoDo:

Roosevelt - bathrooms behind bookshelves.

Seven Grand - 700+ whiskey selection

Green Russell - Speakeasy located under Larimer Square (next to Russell's Smokehouse)

Cruise Room - in the Oxford Hotel

Crimson Room - Closed Sunday & Monday. Live music every night.

Terminal Bar - in the thick of the hustle and bustle of union station

Cooper Lounge - swanky sport to enjoy cocktails overlooking the union station lobby

The cure for tomorrow's hangover: Food served late

Illegal Petes - Think Chipotle but WAAAAAY better. Get the queso, you'll thank me later

Ian's Pizza - Detroit Style pizza joint. Mac & Cheese pizza is the best decision you'll make

Pony Up - French Dips served til 1am. The Chicago is the best

Cherry Cricket Ballpark - Denver staple. 2nd location recently opened downtown. Mash Puppies-yummm

Meadowlark Kitchen - kill two birds with one stone and visit the bar directly below.

American Bonded - Late night cocktails and food

Cart Driver - Oysters + Pizza

Voo-Doo Doughnuts - 24 hour doughnuts. Life is good.

Saint Ellie - late night craft cocktails and food