

INSIDER'S GUIDE TO DOWNTOWN PHOENIX

Get locally caffeinated & morning sweets

Lola Coffee – Not just coffee, tasty baked goods, too. (Downtown)

- <https://lolacoffeebarphx.com/>

Songbird Coffee & Tea House – Locally sourced coffee, crafted with love in a Downtown bungalow. (Downtown)

- <https://www.songbirdcoffeehouse.com/home>

Valley Coffee Company - Local “love” with Arizona grown coffee and an art wall. (Downtown)

- <https://www.valley-coffee.com/>

dialog - Coffee shop and artful goods for the home. (Downtown/Roosevelt Row)

- <https://dialogphx.com/>

Fair Trade Café – Coffee with a conscience, shade grown, organic fair-trade coffee and other treats. (Downtown/Roosevelt Row)

- <https://azfairtrade.com/>

Futuro – Coffee shop, salon, art gallery, all rolled into one happy place. (Downtown/Roosevelt Row)

- <https://www.palabraphx.com/futuro>

Cartel Roasting Co. - Local coffee and baked goods.(Downtown & Midtown/Coronado)

- <https://cartelroasting.co/locations/>

Dark Hall Coffee – Plant-based coffee shop and bakery. (Midtown/Coronado)

- <https://darkhallcoffee.com/>

Lux Central - Rustic café and bakery with an all-day menu. (Midtown)

- <https://www.luxcoffee.com/>

Copper Star Coffee - Adaptive reuse of a renovated gas station makes way for a trendy stop for locally roasted coffee & sandwiches. (Midtown/Melrose)

- <https://copperstarcoffee.com/>

Get your morning groove

Matt's Big Breakfast – Locals and visitors alike line up for this breakfast fare. (Downtown)

- <https://mattsbigbreakfast.com/>

Jobot Coffee & Bar - Funky café/diner offering locally roasted coffee, breakfast, and day to evening offerings. (Downtown/Roosevelt Row)

- <https://jobotcoffeemenu.com/>

Ollie Vaughn's – Located on the Miracle Mile, Phoenix's first Commercial Historic District, find locally sourced, scratch-made food worth waiting in line for. (Midtown/Coronado)

- <https://ollievaughns.com/>

Fàme Caffè - Farm-to-fork cafe fare with French & Mexican flair, plus espresso & local craft beer. (Midtown)

- <https://famecaffe.com/home>

Get around

Ride the **Valley Metro Light Rail** (you'll have a pass for this)

- Public Transit website: <https://valleymetro.org/>
- Light rail specific: <https://valleymetro.org/maps-schedules/RAIL>

Hail a **Waymo autonomous** (as in totally self-driving) vehicle, download the Waymo One app from the App Store or Google Play. Now serving Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport curbside 24/7 at your terminal.

- <https://waymo.com/waymo-one-phoenix/>

Rent **Spin & Lime e-bikes and e-scooters** (they're all over Downtown Phoenix), download the app(s) from the App Store or Google Play.

- Lime: <https://www.li.me/>
- Lime adaptive bike reservations: <https://www.li.me/why/community/lime-assist>
- Spin: <https://www.spin.app/>
- Explore **Phoenix Historic neighborhoods** nearby. <https://www.phoenix.gov/streetssite/Documents/Bicycle%20Map%20and%20Historic%20Neighborhoods.pdf>

Get some famous grub

Pizzeria Bianco – Renowned pizza spot--be prepared to wait a LONG time. (Downtown Heritage Square, valet and garage parking available. Reservations NOT accepted; NO takeout available. Chef Chris Bianco, James Beard Award winner 2003, 2022. (Downtown)

- <https://www.pizzeriabianco.com/pizzeria-bianco-heritage-square>
- Insider tip: Alternate (not so famous but more accessible) location Town & Country Mall. Same hours. NO takeout available. Reservations available for dinner ONLY.
- <https://www.pizzeriabianco.com/pizzeria-bianco-town-country>

Durant's – A Phoenix institution with a retro vibe for fine dining steak and more with killer martinis. Enter through the Famous Kitchen Back Door (ignore the Central Ave. entrance). Phoenix power brokers haunt. (Midtown)

- Call 602.264.5967 for reservations.
- <http://durantsaz.com/>

The Stockyards – Arizona's Original steak restaurant on the City of Phoenix Historic Property Register. (east of Downtown)

- <https://stockyardssteakhouse.com/>

Mr. Baan's Bar and Mookata – A 2024 50 Best Restaurant in the U.S. by New York Times. Mookata style Thai cooking and cocktails. Come with a group and come hungry! (Reservations with deposits)

(Downtown/Roosevelt Row)

- <https://www.mrbaans.com/>

Get some worthy grub

CiBo Urban Pizzeria – Reservations recommended. (Downtown)

- <https://www.cibophoenix.com/>

Cornish Pasty – Enjoy a modern take on Cornwall miners fare akin to a calzone or large empanada with tasty, savory fillings. (Downtown)

- <https://www.cornishpastyco.com/>

First & Last – Reservations recommended. (Downtown)

- <https://www.firstandlastphx.com/>

Harumi Sushi & Sake - Vibrant sushi house with a casual ambiance, plus takeout meals. Join the waitlist. (Downtown)

- <https://harumisushiaz.com/>

Huarachis Taqueria - Casual Mexican, by the owner of award winning Bacanora but more casual. (Reservations) (Downtown)

- <https://www.huarachis.com/>

Sottise - Intimate, fancy oh-so-delicious French cuisine in a quaint historic house. Indoor and al fresco dining. Reserve well in advance. (Downtown)

- <https://www.sottisephx.com/>

The Churchill – Multiple choice F&B offering in shipping containers with covered al fresco dining. (Downtown/Roosevelt Row)

- <https://thechurchillphx.com/>

Full Speed Chicken & Ribs – BBQ beef, pork, and chicken with all the fixings. (Downtown/Roosevelt Row)

- <https://eatfullspeed.com/>

LeDu Thai – Surprising Roosevelt Row newcomer with flair. (Reservations) (Downtown/Roosevelt Row)

- <https://leduthai.com/index.html>

Lom Wong – Acclaimed high-end Thai cuisine. (Reservations) (Downtown/Roosevelt Row)

- <https://www.lomwongaz.com/>

Pedal Haus Brewery – Pub fare and local craft brews on tap. (Downtown/Roosevelt Row)

- <https://www.pedalhausbrewery.com/phoenix-location>

Sake Haus – Spirit-forward sushi bar. (Downtown/Roosevelt Row)

- <https://www.sakehaus.net/>

Welcome Diner – Funky pint-sized 1945 diner where you can get Southern flair comfort food including a fried green tomato sandwich. (Downtown/Garfield)

- <https://welcomediner.net/>

The Coronado – Casual late breakfast through dinner, al fresco dining available. Reservations recommended. (Midtown/Coronado)

- <https://thecoronadophx.com/>

Dahlia – Top notch tasty Spanish-Mexican tapas, tequila, wine, and more. (Reservations) (Midtown/Coronado)

- <https://www.dahliatapas.com/>

El Chullo – Peruvian restaurant and bar showcasing cuisine of the Andes. (Midtown/Coronado)

- <https://www.elchullorestaurant.com/>

Forno 301 – Wood-fired pizza, homemade pasta and other Italian offerings. (Midtown)

- <https://forno301.com/>

Green - Vegan casual lunch/dinner. (Midtown)

- <https://www.greenvegetarian.com/>

Nami – Vegan casual breakfast and sweets. (Midtown)

- <https://www.tsoynami.com/>

Ocotillo – Elevated indoor/outdoor dining. (Reservations) (Midtown)

- <https://www.ocotillophx.com/>

Pane Bianco – Casual dining sister restaurant to the famous Chris Bianco's Pizzeria Bianco (lunch and dinner—pizza to go available this location only). (Midtown)

Full service or take out.

- <https://www.pizzeriabianco.com/pane-bianco>

Thai Recipe Bistro – You just might be served by a robot! (Midtown)

- <https://www.thairecipebistro.com/>

Vayal's Kitchen – Authentic cuisine of India featuring vibrant traditional recipes. (Midtown)

- <https://www.vayalskitchen.com/>

Chilte – New school Mexican. Reservations recommended. (Grand Ave.)

- <https://www.chiltephx.com/>

Belly Kitchen & Bar – Easy going terrace serving Vietnamese, Thai, Japanese small plates. (Midtown/Melrose)

- <https://www.bellyphx.com/melrose/belly-melrose-home>

Restaurant Progress – Hip spot featuring New American small plates. (Reservations) (Midtown/Melrose)

- <https://progressphx.com/>

Valentine PHX – Coffee, cocktails, brunch, dinner, and natural wines all in one place! Hip and fun—browse Modern Manor next door for vintage modern furniture. (Midtown/Melrose)

- <https://www.valentinephx.com/>

Postino – Busy wine café on Central Avenue. (Reservations) (Uptown)

- <https://www.postinowinecafe.com/locations/postino-central>

The Farm at South Mountain – Farm-to-table dining 15 minutes from Downtown that feels like a getaway. Morning Glory for breakfast, The Farm Kitchen for lunch, Quiescence for dinner. (Reservations) (South of Downtown)

- <https://thefarmatsouthmountain.com/>

Get quenched

Little Rituals – Fancy speakeasy with cool views, award-winning cocktails and bites found on the 4th floor of the Residence Inn/Courtyard by Marriott. (Reservations) (Downtown)

- <https://littleritualsbar.com/>

Valley Bar – Basement speakeasy bar, music venue that's super hard to find. (Downtown) music, film, spoken word & comedy venue. Access off the alleyway behind Central Ave. (Downtown)

- <https://www.valleybarphx.com/>

Arizona Wilderness Brewing Co. – Beer Garden with a large pub fare selection and local brews on tap. (Downtown/Roosevelt Row)

- <https://azwbeer.com/dtphx>

Barcoa Agaveria- Agave spirits-forward cocktail bar and more, Best Bar 2024. (Downtown/Roosevelt Row)

- <https://barcoaphx.com/>

GenuWine AZ – Casual wine bar and bottle shop with small bites available where you choose how much wine is dispensed into your glass. (Downtown/Roosevelt Row)

- <https://genuwinearizona.com/>

Greenwood Brewing - Woman-owned brewery/tap room with mostly al fresco seating. BYO food or order from the neighborhood restaurants. (Downtown/Rosevelt Row)

- <https://greenwoodbrews.com/>

Sazerac - Cocktails, cigars, and a piano bar with additional outside seating. (Downtown/Roosevelt Row)

- <https://sazeracphoenix.com/>

Tap That! Downtown – You select quantities of beer, wine, and cider to dispense into your glass. Pub food available, too. (Downtown/Roosevelt Row)

- <https://www.tapthatbeer.com/>

The Theodore – Local craft beer and wine lounge. BYO food or order in. (Downtown/Roosevelt Row)

- <https://www.thetheodore.beer/>

Grand Avenue Brewing – Great pub fare and local brews available. Indoor and outdoor seating available. (Grand Ave.)

- <https://grandavebrew.com/>

Get the attractions

Downtown Phoenix Farmers Market – Saturday, October 19, stroll al fresco on the grounds of 850 PBC and find farm fresh food and wares from local small businesses. (Downtown)

- <https://downtownphoenixfarmersmarket.org/>

Ghost letters on the Renaissance Phoenix Hotel – If you are already in the Downtown core after dark, stand across the street from the 1st Street entrance of the hotel, turn your camera's flash on and shoot across at the vertical lines above the entry. Ghost letters will appear. (Downtown)

- <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/phxbd-renaissance-phoenix-downtown-hotel/overview/>

Hance Park Play and the Republic Services Garden - Located in Phoenix's "Central Park". (Downtown)

- <https://www.phoenix.gov/parks/parks/alphabetical/h-parks/hance>

Heritage Square/Rosson House Museum - Victorian era house and historic buildings. (Downtown)

- <https://heritagesquarephx.org/>

The Japanese Friendship Garden of Phoenix - Feel transported to Japan and find your Zen in this beautiful setting. (Downtown)

- <https://www.japanesefriendshipgarden.org/>

Eye Lounge – Quaint contemporary art space. (Downtown/Roosevelt Row)

- <https://www.eyelounge.com/>

Modified Arts – Contemporary art gallery. (Downtown/Roosevelt Row)

- <https://modifiedarts.org/>

Roosevelt Row Arts District (Downtown/Roosevelt Row)

- <https://www.visitphoenix.com/greater-phoenix/phoenix/downtown-phoenix/roosevelt-row/>

Heard Museum – An amazing and unique collection of American Indian/Indigenous art ranging from contemporary to historic. (Midtown)

- <https://heard.org/>

The Mood Room @ Park Central – Revolving art exhibits from various artists/organizations. (Midtown)

- <https://moodroomphx.com/>

Phoenix Art Museum – Experience art from around the world and around the corner at this world-class museum. (Midtown)

- <https://phxart.org/>

Oak Street Alley Murals – A small unassuming street (or is this section an alley?) is enlivened by local mural artists who create colorful statements in the Coronado neighborhood. (Midtown/Coronado)

- <https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/oak-st-alley-murals>

Desert Botanical Garden - Sonoran Desert flora surround you in a serene, beautifully curated 140-acre environment. (east of Downtown)

- <https://dbg.org/>

Phoenix Zoo – Stroll around 125 acres in Papago Park in the largest privately-owned nonprofit zoo in the United States. (east of Downtown)

- <https://www.phoenixzoo.org/>

S'edav Va'aki Museum (formerly Pueblo Grande) – Experience this National Historic Landmark and archaeological site once inhabited by the Hohokam culture. (east of Downtown)

- <https://svmfoundation.org/>

Get sporty

Phoenix Rising (2023 USL Championship winning) Soccer (Fan Appreciation Night) - Saturday, October 19, 7:30 PM. (east of Downtown)

- <https://www.phxrisingfc.com/schedule/full/>

Get physical

Bike - Rent Spin & Lime pedal bikes by reservation in advance, includes drop off and pick up. (See Get around listing.)

Walk – Phoenix historic neighborhoods and the downtown are your stomping ground just outside the doors of the FOUND:RE Phoenix Hotel.

Hike Piestewa Peak, Dreamy Draw, or Camelback Mountain trails for a bird's eye vistas. (Northeastern Phoenix)

- Piestewa & Dreamy Draw
 - <https://www.phoenix.gov/parks/trails/locations/piestewa-peak/hiking-trail-map>
- Camelback
 - <https://www.phoenix.gov/parks/trails/locations/camelback-mountain>

Hike South Mountain Park & Preserve trails - At more than 16,000 acres, South Mountain Park/Preserve is one of the largest municipally managed parks in the nation. The summit provides panoramic views of Greater Phoenix. (South of Downtown)

- <https://www.phoenix.gov/parks/trails/locations/south-mountain>

Get (retail) therapy

Unfiltered Natural Wine & More - Great Downtown Phoenix bottle shop with super friendly and knowledgeable staff. (Downtown)

- <https://unfilteredphx.com/>

Bunky Boutique – (Downtown/Roosevelt Row)

- <https://bunkyboutique.com/>

Milk & Honey Market – Bodega-style groceries, etc. with two close-by locations on Roosevelt St. (Downtown/Roosevelt Row)

- <https://milkandhoneyphx.com/>

MADE Art Boutique – Artfully made items. (Downtown/Roosevelt Row)

- <https://madephx.com/>

Now or Never – Hip high-end clothing and home goods. (Downtown/Roosevelt Row)

- <https://www.nowornever.shop/>

PHX General – Unique fashions, scents, cards, and more. (Downtown/Roosevelt Row)

- <https://phxgeneral.com/>

The Hive on 16th – Funky collection of artisans, vintage stores, and a coffee shop. (Midtown/Coronado)

- <https://www.hiveon16th.com/>

Historic Grand Avenue – Art-centric and funky shops among local eateries. (Grand Ave.)

- <https://www.visitphoenix.com/greater-phoenix/phoenix/downtown-phoenix/grand-avenue/>

Get swept up (in events)

VIVA PHX – Saturday, October 19, 1:00-11:59 PM Ticketed live music festival in and around the downtown core streets. (Downtown)

- <https://www.universe.com/events/viva-phx-2024-tickets-LV34Y9>

Ice Cube – Nightmare on Cube Street tour, Saturday, October 19, Performing at the Footprint Center. (Downtown)

- <https://www.ticketmaster.com/ice-cube-nightmare-on-cube-street-phoenix-arizona-10-19-2024/event/1900607CD40E3DB7?landing=c>

Sneaker Con – All things sneakers Saturday, October 19, Phoenix Convention Center. (Downtown)

- <https://sneakercon.com/event/sneaker-con-phoenix-october-5-6-2024/>