

Guida ai Ristoranti

In Buona Salute Magazine™ takes you to some of the regions' best Italian restaurants. Mangia bene!

BERKELEY

TRATTORIA LA SICILIANA

This family-owned restaurant specializes in cuisine from Southern Italy, particularly Sicily. The traditional, authentic Sicilian dishes are each prepared as ordered by the two head chefs, brothers Gerry and Angelo D'Alo. Their Caponata con Crostini (a sweet Sicilian specialty of eggplant, olives and capers served with crostini) was featured in Bon Appetit Magazine. Their pasta list is quite extensive, featuring unique, rarely seen Sicilian dishes such as Linguini al Nero di Seppia, in a black calamari ink sauce. Featured in Zagat's America's Top Italian Restaurants. Open nightly 5-10. 2993 College Ave. Berkeley, CA 94704 510-704-1474

CARMEL

LITTLE NAPOLI

As charming as the quaint little city itself, Carmel-by-the-Sea's Little Napoli is a wonderful, cozy Italian restaurant. Right off the main street of Carmel, it is the perfect place to stop after touring the town. Owner Rich Pèpe brings a taste of the Old Country to life with warm hospitality and fabulous cuisine. Just a few favorites include the 100 year old family garlic bread recipe, handmade ravioli and gnocchi served in chef created sauces, and the baked cannelloni tricolore (served in marinara, alfredo, and pesto sauces). Make your vacation to Carmel complete with a slice of Italy at Little Napoli. Open daily 12-10pm. Dolores & 7th Ave Carmel, CA 93923 831-626-6335

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CORTE MADERA



Romano & Adolph della Santina, the founders of Marin Joe's Restaurant back in 1954. Romano was the father of the current owners, Paul and Ralph della Santina.

MARIN JOE'S

Open since 1954, this restaurant has been family-owned by the Della Santinas for over 3 generations. Hailing from Lucca, Italy, the family brings traditional Italian style cooking to its ever faithful customers of Marin. Proud of their wine, and rightfully so, Marin Joe's offers a wide variety of excellent domestic and imported wines to be paired with their fabulous menu, ranging from a wide variety of fresh pastas and sauces, to all kinds of meats and fresh local fish, carefully prepared to perfection. Open daily for dinner, lunch Mon-Fri. 1585 Casa Buena Drive Corte Madera, CA 94925 415-924-2081

DAVIS

PASTA?

A casual, family-friendly atmosphere, Pasta? offers a large outdoor patio for both large and small groups. Outstanding specials include unique pastas and fresh fish every evening. Pasta? features traditional Italian food and boasts over twenty different pasta dishes on the menu. Favorites include eggplant parmigiana, gnocchi in a truffle cream sauce, and pork saltimbocca. Mon - Thurs lunch special includes a soda, salad, and pasta for \$9.95. Live DJ, dancing, and bar specials every Thurs, Fri, and Sat until 2 am. 805 Second Street Davis, CA 95616 530-297-7048 Price Range: \$8.95-17.95

GOLD RIVER

IL FORNO CLASSICO

Winner of the Wine Spectator award for "One of the best wine lists in the World", Il Forno Classico boasts over 500 selections of new and old world wines. Their original menu features fresh specialty seafood dishes, Angus Steaks, sautéed pastas and hand tossed pizzas. These dishes accompany a warm atmosphere, with two outdoor patios and a private dining room hosting up to 27 people. In addition to a full bar, the restaurant hosts wine tastings every Thurs night from 6 to 9 pm, and occasional wine maker dinners. 2121 Golden Centre Ln # 10 Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 916-858-0651 Price Range: \$15.00-\$30.00

LOS GATOS

ALDO'S RISTORANTE & BAR

Aldo's is an authentic Italian restaurant whose menu offers fabulous antipasti and exquisite specials, including risotto with porcini mushrooms and truffle oil, bistecca (grilled steak), and fresh fish daily. Aldo's also features a variety of pasta and meat dishes, including fresh seafood, scaloppine, and chicken. Fabulous wines from Italy and California pair well with the meal, and be sure to finish off with one of their delicious homemade desserts. Open Mon - Fri for lunch, Mon - Sat for dinner. 14109 Winchester Ave Los Gatos, CA 95032 408-374-1808 Price range: \$15.00-\$30.00

ALDO'S DELI

From the same owners who brought you Aldo's Ristorante, this specialty Italian deli offers traditional panini, insalate, soup, pizza, pasta, and desserts, all fresh and made in-house. Aldo's features fine imported deli meats like prosciutto di parma and excellent Italian cheeses. Panini are made with a variety of different breads, but be sure to try their homemade pizza dough bread baked fresh daily. Aldo's is the per-

fect lunch stop - not to be missed. Open Mon - Sat 11am-7pm. 440 N. Santa Cruz Ave Los Gatos, CA 95030 408-354-0700

MORGAN HILL

MAURIZIO'S

This downtown Morgan Hill restaurant invites you to taste traditional Italian food prepared by those who know it best. Maurizio's offers nightly specials, famous for their ossobucco. Food is always made to order, and they are happy to modify their dishes to best suit your special needs. The warm atmosphere is embellished by several tables outside to overlook the beautiful downtown. Offering a fabulous wine list and beer, Maurizio's is open daily for lunch and dinner (closed from 2-5). 25 East First Street Morgan Hill, CA 95037 408-782-7550 Price range: \$14.00-\$27.00

SARATOGA

RISTORANTE DA MARIO

Da Mario is a rare find; a sweet Italian restaurant right in downtown Saratoga. Everything is homemade - from pasta and bread to cannoli and tiramisù. Famous for their gnocchi, they feature homemade ricotta and pumpkin gnocchi. Nightly specials include their famous seafood pasta, spaghetti mare luna. The cuisine is primarily Southern Italian, featuring dishes from Calabria and Sicily. The restaurant offers outdoor seating, and is open for dinner daily, lunch Mon - Fri (closed from 2:30-5). www.ristorantedamario.com 14441 Big Basin Way Saratoga, CA 95070 408-741-1518 Price range: \$15.00-\$26.00

SAN FRANCISCO

FIOR D'ITALIA

Not only is Fior D'Italia the oldest Italian restaurant in San Francisco, it is the oldest in the United States. Open 122 years, this authentic Italian

restaurant has more than just a fascinating history; it maintains consistently excellent service Italian cuisine still today. Customers have rated their calamari, gnocchi, ossobucco, and Caesar salad as the best in San Francisco. An extensive variety of pastas, fresh fish, veal and risotto - many dishes are culinary classics not often found on menus today! Open for lunch and dinner. 2237 Mason Street San Francisco, CA 94133 415-986-1886

FRANCHINO RISTORANTE

Known for their delicious homemade pasta, this family-owned restaurant offers not only delectable authentic Italian dishes, they make every customer feel like a member of the family. Intimate, cozy atmosphere coupled with recipes straight from Italy prepared by those who know it best, owners Franco and Giussepina Nozzolino bring together colorful ambience with spectacular dining - especially known for their fabulous homemade gnocchi. Wine/beer, open for dinner Tues - Sunday. 347 Columbus Ave San Francisco, CA 94133 415-982-2157 Price Range: \$12.95-\$19.00

FIRENZE BY NIGHT

Nestled in the heart of North Beach, Firenze by Night offers authentic Italian dining prepared with the freshest domestic and imported ingredients. For two consecutive years Firenze by Night took first place in the "Best of North Beach Contest" for their homemade gnocchi, and offers the award-winning pappardelle Toscana in a rabbit sauce. Their menu offers both traditional Italian dishes as well as new, creative inventions. Banquet facilities available accommodating up to 45 people. Open nightly for dinner. 1429 Stockton Street San Francisco, CA 94133 415-392-8585 Price range: \$12.00-\$28.00

TRATTORIA PINOCCHIO

Trattoria Pinocchio, a chef-owned and family-run North Beach restaurant, features unique dishes particularly from Sicily, from homemade ravioli, gnocchi and pizzas to secondi dishes like ossobucco and scaloppine. They also offer the traditional cioppino soup with a fresh variety of seafood. All desserts are house made, featuring tiramisù, crème brûlée, and poached pear in a chocolate sauce. Rated one of North Beach's Top Pasta Restaurants by the San Francisco Chronicle. Open daily for brunch, lunch, and dinner. 401 Columbus Ave San Francisco, CA 94133 415-392-1472 Price range: \$10.95-\$21.95

JOEY & EDDIE'S

Set on picturesque Washington Square Park in the historic North Beach district, Joey & Eddie's is the dream project of SF chef Joseph Manzare and buddy, Eddie Maiello. A throwback to the infamous Bronx hang-outs of their childhood, Joey & Eddie's brings real east coast Italian classics to the table. Spaghetti & meatballs, shrimp scampi, chicken parmesan, pork chops with vinegar peppers, home-made Italian desserts, and daily specials like home-made ravioli, ossobucco, lamb shank and Napoli pizza.

All of Joey & Eddie's menu selections are served family-style on platters portioned for "a little to share" or "a lot to share". Outdoor dining, stunning views and numerous options for your next group event! Family Pizza Night Every Monday. All Children 12 and under receive one free individual 8" cheese pizza. 1652 Stockton Street San Francisco, CA 94133 415.989.7800 Price range: "a little to share" \$8-\$25, "a lot to share" \$8-\$29

CAESAR'S

This quaint San Francisco gem, founded in 1956, serves delicious Italian food at reasonable prices. Caesar's offers fresh seafood dishes, homemade ravioli, lasagne, capellini, veal scaloppine and lamb. They also feature housemade tiramisù, cheesecake, and cannoli for dessert. Caesar's serves fresh crab cioppino every Tues - Fri. They offer a seven-course meal option, including a salad, antipasto, soup, pasta, entrée of your choice, coffee and dessert. Lunch and dinner daily. 2299 Powell Street San Francisco, CA 94134 415-989-6000 Price range: \$14.00-\$38.00

SAN JOSE

TONY DI MAGGIO'S PIZZA

A delightful hole-in-the-wall, Tony Di Maggio is the first and only true pizza joint in this guide. As "home of the original Stromboli," Tony Di Maggio's serves their very own, very unique "Stromboli," a type of calzone made up of ham, Italian sausage, and various cheeses wrapped in homemade pizza dough and topped with their own tomato sauce. They offer the Stromboli in various sizes, ideal for any appetite, as well various other pizzas and pastas. This family-run gem is a rare find that can't be missed, especially if you've never had a Stromboli! Open daily from 11am-11pm. 3852 Monterey Rd. San Jose, CA 95111 408-629-7775

SANTA CRUZ

STAR BENE

This charming gem is without doubt the best Italian restaurant in Santa Cruz. The family-owned trattoria not only has a charming staff, but fabulous authentic menu items as well. Antipasti are unique, and all the pastas are homemade and meticulously prepared (try the fettuccine silane). They feature all organic products and only local, fresh seafood from the Santa Cruz area. Be sure to pair a dessert with one of their fabulous (also homemade) limoncello, offered in lemon, mint and orange, and be sure to tell Sergio how much you enjoyed your meal! Open nightly for dinner, Mon - Fri for lunch. 21245 E Cliff Drive Santa Cruz, CA 95062 831-479-4307 Price range: \$15.00-\$27.00

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Allison's Choice

ZANOTTO'S FAMILY MARKET
1988 Naglee Ave
San Jose, CA 95126
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This issue I chose a place a little different than the other restaurants previously selected for "Allison's Choice." Although Zanotto's is not exactly a restaurant, I like to think of it as such, much more. Walking through the doors of Zanotto's, you might think you've stumbled into a quaint supermercato you would only find in a small Italian city. Not only does Zanotto's offer superb customer service, the market really is the only place west of the Mississippi to carry their famous, 100% natural Italian-style Piemontese beef.

In addition to the fantastic imported meats, they likewise serve 47 different salads, prepared fresh daily. The "original neighborhood grocer," as they are fondly called, offers not just hard-to-find imported foods, but a fantastic wine and produce selection as well. If you're curious to know how great their wine selection is, they host frequent wine tastings and once a month Zanotto's holds an unforgettable wine dinner. For more information on wine tastings and dinner, call Fred, Conrad, or Dan (the Zanotto brothers) for more information - and be sure to tell them you saw them in Salute!

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