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Eye-Opening Anchorage

From drive-up huts to quaint cafes, the coffee culture is alive and well in Anchorage. The city leads the nation in coffee spots per capita, with nearly three per 10,000 people. Whether Americano, latte, breve or chai, you can get your fix any way you want it.

What’s Brewing?

Alaska has one of the highest concentrations of craft brewers per capita in the nation. Anchorage also has half-a-dozen breweries and many spots to sample suds from across the state and beyond. From Gold Rush Golden Ale to Arctic Rhino Coffee Porter, local hangouts and restaurants offer up cold ones that run the spectrum. Get in the “spirit” with vodka and whiskey from Alaska distilleries. You’ll find plenty to toast.

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**Craft beer meets craft food at 49th State Brewing**
Company. This year, 49th State brings recipes perfected in the shadow of Denali at their Healy outfit to new digs: an Anchorage brewpub.

They put their soul into beer and the best of Alaska into their menu. House-made hefeweizen, inspired IPAs and peerless pilsners flow from the taps. They’re not flowing very far either; beer is brewed on site. And it’s hard to go wrong when your first brewing ingredient is water from a glacier. Known for sourcing Alaska meats and produce, the menu is perfect for a filling meal, light lunch or snack to balance what’s in the glass.

Sip a Solstice IPA, soak in the sun and take in the view. On a clear day you can see Denali from their gorgeous deck. The deck’s been a draw for decades, and with the new brew crew, there’s plenty to toast in this recent incarnation.

**Local Favorites:** Solstice IPA; Alaskan Yak Burger
Benihana gives dinner theater a completely new meaning. The tender steak, hibachi chicken and colossal shrimp dishes served up teppanyaki-style at tables ide will feed the senses and entertain the appetite. Your chef knows how to delight the eyes as well as the taste buds; the extraordinary theatrics of the steel grill are perfect for date night or a meal out with friends.

Start with rich Benihana Onion Soup followed by Benihana Salad, then choose from succulent seafood, juicy chicken, savory steaks and noodles or tofu grilled to delicious perfection. From the filet mignon and lobster tail of Deluxe Treat to a full menu of specialty sushi rolls, Benihana offers great food served with flair. Pair any menu item of your choice with unique cocktails, cold sake, beer, wine or a deliciously flavored lemonade for a complete dining experience.

Local Favorites: Land ‘n Sea, Crispy Spicy Tuna
Alaskans know seafood and Bridge Seafood Restaurant stands alone. Spanning one of Alaska’s most popular sport fisheries, Ship Creek, Bridge’s connection to locally caught salmon is readily apparent. Open seasonally from the day after Memorial Day to Aug. 31, guests dine on fresh Alaska seafood as anglers cast for their own dinner in the waters of the downtown creek below.

All dinner entrees begin with a trip to the all-you-can-eat starter bar, featuring Bering Sea crab and an assortment of house-made salads. An extensive appetizer list includes: fresh Alaska oysters, king crab cakes, ale-battered halibut and more. The wide variety ensures your meal is always fresh. Pair any selection with a local microbrew or fine wine. With produce fresh from the Matanuska Valley and desserts rounding out the menu, not all the selections are from the sea, but all are equally delicious.

Local Favorites: Fresh Alaska salmon and halibut; Bering Sea king crab
This sleek spot in downtown Anchorage has made its way to the top of the list of captivating haunts for food and wine lovers. A central locale, mellow tenor and gourmet undercurrent guarantee Crush Wine Bistro & Cellar will age as gracefully as its vintages.

Crush is a place where the food and wine compete for top billing and, lucky for diners, Crush strives to pair them perfectly. Enjoy traditional favorites such as Baked Mac & Cheese or chicken skewers or try something more adventurous like elk Bolognese or empanadas. The nightly dinner special features Alaska-sourced foods and should not be missed.

Crush’s sommeliers scan the globe, taking great care to select a dynamic array of wines – more than 40 by the glass and 400 reserve bottles – as well as an eclectic variety of craft beer. Can’t decide? Try a wine flight for a trio of impressions. Visit Crush’s wine shop to buy your favorite wines and Alaska beers.

Local Favorites: Chef’s nightly special paired with a wine flight
Honored as one of America’s 100 Best Wine Restaurants by Wine Enthusiast magazine three years in a row.
Fat Ptarmigan passionately pursues the best pizza. From a wood-fired oven at the center of the restaurant, house-made mozzarella and specialty ingredients come together atop a crisp, golden crust.

The pizza menu incorporates classics and packs in some surprises as well. From the simple, cheesy goodness of a Margherita to the spicy Hot Coppa or Pepperoni pies, purists will be pleased. And brilliant creations like the Beer Cheese pizza – topped with reindeer sausage and beer cheese sauce – or the Steak & Stilton – New York strip and blue cheese – entice the adventurous.

Fresh ingredients and hearty eats don’t just come in slices; the Meatball Sandwich, Creamy Pesto or Caprese salads are just a few of the delectable options on offer. Split a plate of cannoli or a cup of gelato to complete the meal.

Local Favorites: Mushroom pizza; Gyro Sandwich
Flattop Pizza + Pool takes the name of Anchorage’s most popular hike and puts a little English on it. Their spin on the pizzeria gets help from three felted, slate-top pool tables, and there’s just as much to entertain on the dinner table as well.

Pepperoni rolls and big salads compliment specialty pizzas like the meat-tacular Powerline Pass or much healthier-sounding Trailhead, made with hummus and roasted vegetables. You can also build your own classic or deep-dish pie from five cheeses, eight meats and 16 veggies. Talk about options!

The ice cream sandwich beats any store-bought treat, with rich vanilla ice cream smooshed between two honest-to-goodness brownies. Pizzas by the slice, a full bar, plenty of sports and live music, and by-the-hour pool table rentals mean Flattop is always game for a good time.

Local Favorites: Anchortown and Powerline Pizzas; 907 Deep Dish
The names of explorers feature prominently in Anchorage. Captain James Cook’s name graces the body of water flanking the coast of the city and one of the city’s finest hotels. Even Cook’s cohorts gained a level of fame; Fletcher Christian may be best known for the mutiny on the Bounty, but in Anchorage his name is now synonymous with great food in a relaxed atmosphere. Fletcher’s restaurant offers smart appetizers, gourmet pizzas and hearty dishes that would quell any uprising.

Unwind in the welcoming warmth of an English-style pub. A maritime influence extends beyond the restaurant’s name to favorite dishes like the Seasonal Fresh Fish Piccata and the Grilled Prawn Risotto. However, you’d be missing out if you skipped over the pizzas and paninis on the menu. Factor in wine by the glass, fresh microbrews and cognac, and even famous adventurers will delay their next voyage for another taste.

Local Favorites: Lamb Osso Bucco; Sicilian Pizza
Indulge your palate with the playful fusion of scrumptious flavors from the Pacific Rim at Ginger, one of Anchorage’s trendiest dining establishments. That savvy styling extends the full length of the bar. Ginger’s casually elegant environment invites patrons to immerse themselves in a world of taste sensations sure to please the palate.

Creativity reigns supreme in the Ginger kitchen. Ginger is passionate about providing deliciously fresh and exciting dishes. Start things off with Spring Rolls or to-die-for Banana Lemongrass Soup. Choose from a delightful and always surprising menu that includes fresh Alaska seafood, as well as Mee Krob, lobster-glazed duck breast and coffee-crusted ahi.

Food is art, art is life, and life is good at Ginger.

Local Favorites: Panang Beef Curry; Korean BBQ Ribs
Visit Anchorage, visit the Glacier BrewHouse, “Where Alaskans meet Alaskans.” This award-winning brewery and restaurant has a well-established reputation as the city’s first choice for fresh Alaska seafood, handcrafted ales and meats grilled on the state’s only alder wood-fired rotisserie.

Centrally located in downtown Anchorage, the BrewHouse is the ideal place to break for lunch, unwind over dinner or enjoy rounds of masterfully brewed beer and barleywine.

Selected as one of Alaska’s 10 best “Local Secrets, Big Finds” by Travelocity.com, and having brought home the gold from San Francisco’s Toronado Beer and Barleywine Festival, the Glacier BrewHouse continues to hone its stellar reputation.

Local Favorites: Wild Alaska salmon and halibut; Original Peanut Butter Pie
Located in the heart of the action downtown, Hard Rock Cafe Anchorage raises the curtain on the venerable icon’s Alaska location.

Once a single quirky American diner in London, Hard Rock now spans the globe like the headline act of a world tour. Music is in the DNA of Hard Rock, but what’s on the plate is just as important as what’s on stage. Food is made from scratch with the finest ingredients. Heaps of Hickory-Smoked Ribs, center-cut USDA choice steaks and fresh Alaska fish make this menu a set list to please any audience. Classic American cooking with a Southern flair reflects co-founder Isaac Tigrett’s Tennessee roots and branches out to embrace the best of Alaska cuisine.

Hard Rock is well known for creating living monuments and shrines with epic displays. Memorabilia fills the restaurant with music mementos from the first blues riffs to the latest Billboard smash. Great food and good music amid rock ‘n roll history: that calls for an encore!

Local Favorites: Hickory-Smoked Ribs; Legendary® Burger
This restaurant makes good use of its eponymous grill; dry-rubbed Baby Back Ribs, seared New York steaks and roasted prime rib will quiet that inner carnivore. Tastes aren’t landlocked though, there are plenty of mouthwatering seafood dishes, including the Seafood Jambalaya made with scallops, prawns and clams. Sit back with some fresh Alaska seafood or a hearty plate of Mushroom Ravioli topped with prosciutto and gruyère.

The Haute Quarter’s well-stocked bar serves up innovative cocktails, an excellent wine list and scotches to finish off a night of Alaskan fine dining.

**Local Favorites:** Cajun Prime Rib; Roasted Duck
This casual neighborhood alehouse was established for beer lovers by beer lovers.

Fresh menu items complement the mission of bringing out the complexity of Humpy’s expansive beer selection, which includes 50+ brews on tap. Try any of the seafood dishes or mouthwatering burgers to see why Bon Appétit magazine voted it one of the “Top 50 Neighborhood Restaurants in the U.S.”

While the crew at Humpy’s takes its barley seriously, the restaurant has a reputation for being the place to find the best bands Alaska has to offer. There are plenty of TVs for sports fans and a patio for soaking up the midnight sun. Benjamin Franklin once said, “Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy.” Humpy’s Great Alaskan Alehouse provides plenty of refreshing evidence!

Local Favorites: Halibut Tacos; weekend brunch Build-Your-Own Bloody Mary Bar
McGinley’s Irish Pub brings the comfort, warmth and good times of an Irish pub to the Last Frontier. The neighborhood pub is the perfect place to meet old friends, or make new ones.

Belly up to the Wallace & Hinz wood bar and raise a pint of Guinness on a night out with your mates. Time-tested recipes like Beef & Guinness Stew come straight from the Emerald Isle. Some, like Reindeer & Mash, take on an Alaska twist. Whether seeking the traditional or ready for something new, the restaurant’s Hooley menu and classic American dishes keep everyone happy. Seek out a session of Irish music, or just find a snug corner to catch up with friends. It’s a touch of old Ireland in the heart of downtown Anchorage.

Local Favorites: Alaska-Style Fish & Chips; Corned Beef & Cabbage
It’s not uncommon for patrons to share their table with other patrons. Begin as strangers – end as new friends. Isn’t that what life’s all about? Sláinte!” – An Fink-Nelson, Owner/Partner
Midnight Sun Cafe has built a community of dedicated regulars, and it shouldn’t come as a surprise. It’s a great choice for breakfast, lunch or an eye-opening sip. The Fruit & Yogurt Parfait with house-made granola or a breakfast croissant can turn even the groggiest individual into a morning person. Daily espresso and coffee specials are poured using K Bay Coffee from Homer, Alaska. Grab a cup to go or stay and hang out.

When lunchtime rolls around, soups are prepared from scratch, sandwiches are built to order and salads are made fresh. Moist Boar’s Head meats make the Turkey, Swiss & Cranberry Sandwich or the Roast Beef and Sun-dried Tomato Panini excellent choices. Tantalizing baked goods come straight from the oven, so any attempt to pass up that soft-baked cookie is tough. The cafe is a warm, inviting sanctuary in the middle of downtown excitement.

Local Favorites: Turkey Avocado Melt; Ham and Brie Panini
Moose A’La Mode

Cuisine
Cafe fare, ice cream, baked goods and sandwiches

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With soups from scratch, fresh veggies and wonderful coffee, Moose A’La Mode’s eclectic flair makes it a welcome respite on a day downtown.

Paninis like the Turkey and Pepper Jack or Ham and Brie put toasted goodness between two slices of bread. With hot and delectable soups, classic deli sandwiches and plenty of fresh salads, you can linger in the cozy cafe or grab it to go. Breakfast burritos, English muffin sandwiches and yogurt parfaits mean there’s no reason to delay a visit until midday.

The cafe pours a surprisingly deep drink menu, serving Alaska-roasted K Bay Coffee as well as specialty loose-leaf teas.

Of course, “a’la mode” indicates a dish served with ice cream, and it’s more than a name here. If your preferred pick-me-up comes frozen, a long freezer case is sure to please. Scoop up a favorite ice cream flavor or one of the electric-colored sherbets.

Local Favorites: Midnight Sun Salad; Roast Beef and Sun-dried Tomato Panini
The Anchorage Museum’s gallery-worthy works don’t just hang on the walls, they’re on the menu as well. MUSE presents delicious contemporary cuisine in a space as artfully designed as any museum piece. Enjoy lunchtime favorites with inventive flourishes, such as the Bacon Brie Avocado Burger, grilled Alaska Salmon Sandwich or Chicken Club with cambozola. It’s convenient and economical without sacrificing taste.

MUSE happy hour is a great time to explore the vast wine collection or local craft beers, while sampling perfectly paired appetizers.

At dinner, MUSE is the ideal spot to enjoy beer-battered halibut, smoked chicken linguine and inspired fresh fish selections. The modern, urban atmosphere is a great hangout for unwinding after a long day in the city.

It’s an artist’s dedication to a palette of a different kind.

Local Favorites: MUSE BLT; Alaska Cobb Salad with Cucumber Dill Dressing
ORSO is well known by Alaskans as “the place to be” for that one-of-a-kind dining experience. ORSO’s new American cuisine expertly pairs delicious local flavors with the ever-changing seasons of Alaska.

ORSO’s standards shine. Fresh local halibut and salmon, Alaska king crab, tender ORSO Osso Bucco, or juicy grilled rib eye all ensure a superb meal for everyone in your party. Relax after a wonderful Alaska day by sampling a signature cocktail, a glass of fine wine from the award-winning wine list, or a fresh pint of beer brewed just steps away from your seat.

You will know the moment you step in why ORSO is “the place to be.”

Local Favorites: Alaska wild seafood; expertly grilled meats; the ORSO bar
Delve into the experimental side of Anchorage cuisine at Sacks Cafe. Consistently adventurous, Sacks takes epicurean explorers on a journey through wild Alaska seafood, innovative pasta dishes, Asian influences and European flights of wine.

Expansive windows merge city life with enchanting dining encounters at this urban spot. Peruse the walls while enjoying a meal at this informal art gallery. A melting pot of world flavor and local culture can be experienced in an afternoon or evening at Sacks Cafe.

Sacks Cafe is a Wine Spectator Award of Excellence recipient and a four-star winner in Best Places Alaska.

Local Favorites: Alaska Salmon Tempura Rolls; Tomato & Gorgonzola soup; Pear Salad
“The cuisine defies categorization, but it’s consistently interesting and creative.”
- Frommer’s Alaska since 2002
There’s a lot of personality packed into the Slippery Salmon Bar & Grill. If the interior puts you in the mood for a woodland hike, it’s probably because the bar and tabletops were cut from a single birch tree. Buckets of steamed Alaska king crab, grilled salmon or halibut, fresh-made soups and tender rib-eye steak are all served up at this downtown haunt. Sink your teeth into the Beer Battered Halibut plate, or a half pound, hand-pressed burger. Or warm up with a bowl of the Sockeye Salmon Chowder. Why wait until lunch or dinner? There’s a full breakfast menu too.

Soak up some sun; the outdoor deck opens into views of Mount Susitna, known to locals as Sleeping Lady. If you need a refreshment, there’s a wide selection of craft brews on tap and a fully stocked bar. Don’t let this place slip through your fingers!

Local Favorites: Crab Benedict; king crab; grilled salmon
Anchorage locals have picked Snow City Cafe as the best breakfast spot in town since 2003. It’s no wonder locals love this friendly and inviting, urbanely hip little joint. Generous servings and great selections of eggs Benedict, omelets, homemade gourmet soups, sandwiches, salads and baked goods are all made with plenty of love and the freshest local ingredients.

Snow City Cafe features a variety of breakfast and lunch items ranging from healthy to downright sinful, with weekly specials as well as gluten-free and vegan options. Choose from a selection of mimosas, wines or local microbrews to complete the perfect meal. Be sure to check out Snow City Cafe’s wall art, which features a new local artist on the first Friday of every month.

Local Favorites: The Deadliest Catch; Seattle Chop
Solstice Bar & Grill offers a blend of relaxed dining and convenience amid the bustle of downtown Anchorage. It’s a great place to start and finish the day. Fuel up for an Anchorage adventure with the Solstice “all-you-can-eat” Breakfast Buffet. Solstice is within easy walking distance to shops, galleries and the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts.

The all-day menu features fresh Alaska seafood including Copper River salmon, halibut and crisp fried Alaska cod. Steaks are grilled to perfection along with fantastic salads, fish & chips and pasta dishes. Sample one of many local microbrews, select a glass of wine from the extensive wine list, or enjoy spirits from the full bar at this central downtown locale.

Local Favorites: Reindeer sausage; smoked salmon
Sub Zero Bistro & Microloounge

With a secluded sophistication, an excellent bar and perfect plates to share, Sub Zero’s “cool” factor goes far beyond the name on the door. Select from a complement of classic and modern martinis, a wide selection of Belgian beers, and a surprisingly deep list of wines and spirits.

The best tastes aren’t limited to what’s in the glass; eats that include everything from Mussels & Frites to Alaska King Crab Cake Sliders are perfect pairs. Many of the dishes are just the right size to share with a few key confidantes.

A laid-back lounge atmosphere makes this an ideal place to unwind or to set the tempo for a performance in one of the nearby theaters. And with live entertainment and a kitchen that’s open late, you may just decide to chill out here all night instead.

Local Favorites: Kobe Sliders; scratch cocktails; Classy Trashy
The Whale’s Tail Bistro and Wine Bar

The Whale’s Tail is making a splash with delicious eats, a unique take on wine and plenty of surprises. It’s a great place to catch up with friends, and the menu is loaded with options made for sharing. Plates of Curry Chicken Nachos, Alaska oysters and Asian Salmon Sliders are perfect to pass around.

Tasty tweaks put a new spin on longtime favorites, and the restaurant has even more surprises beyond the menu. An innovative wine dispensing system stands ready with pours from 32 different bottles. From martinis to microbrews, there’s a perfect pairing waiting to be discovered. So slide up to the bar or nestle up by the fireplace. Bring friends or just make some new ones here.

Local Favorites: Grilled Kobe Beef Sliders; Truffle Popcorn
Uncle Joe’s Pizzeria

Hand tossed and stone baked makes for pizza heaven at this family-owned pizzeria conveniently located in the heart of downtown Anchorage.

Tried and true traditional picks are always on hand, but take a walk on the wild side and fire up with a gourmet slice. Spicy Reindeer Sausage, the Tuscan and the Salmon Marinara have major “wow” factor that will get taste buds smackin’. Each pie is a golden work of perfection.

Uncle Joe’s is pizza and so much more. Try one of the 12 local brews on tap. The menu also offers an extensive list of Italian dishes from homemade lasagna to lamb gyros and chicken Caesar salad. Don’t have time to dine in? Try take-out or delivery to your home or hotel. Uncle Joe’s is amore!

Local Favorites: Pizza by the slice; Broccoli Chicken Pizza; house-made lasagna
Williwaw

With great food, a rooftop deck and a premier concert venue, Williwaw definitely earns its “social club” moniker.

Have it your way with made-to-order Stir-Fry Wok Bowls brimming with veggies, proteins, and rice or noodles. Classic sandwiches include a Cubano heaped high with smoky ham and a legendary French Dip. Seasonal entrees are prepared with the best of the Northwest in mind. Savor social dishes like the Antipasto Platter and Cantonese-style BBQ pork around one of the communal tables.

Head upstairs for an urban escape on Williwaw’s spectacular rooftop deck, or seek out the hidden speakeasy-style bar.

As locals know, a williwaw is a gust of wind, blowing down from the mountains above. Whether seeking a good meal with friends, a few sips in the sun, a speakeasy escape or a night of music, Williwaw will blow you away.

Local Favorites: French Dip; Roast-Your-Own-S’mores
“YOU MUST GO TO JENS’, THE FOOD IS SIMPLY AMAZING!”

You’ll hear this mantra frequently as part of the Anchorage vernacular. Don’t let the understated location fool you. Luscious, progressive tastes are prepared in an unpretentious atmosphere. Chef Nancy Alip crafts creative combinations that are definitely upper crust. The professional service adds to the delightful experience.

Lunch features classic and hearty Danish specialties, fresh Alaska seafood, American favorites, pasta dishes and salads. The exquisite dinner menu changes frequently. More than 40 wines are offered by the glass and the lively classic wine bar is open until 11 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

Local Favorites: Calamari la Piccata; wild king salmon
Kinley’s Restaurant and Wine Bar

Kinley’s blends the rustic and the contemporary charms of Alaska with exceptional food, adding modern moves to dishes that put the state on the culinary map. Fresh halibut gets a sweet twist, served almond crusted with a cherry apple cider beurre blanc.

The space exudes the same artful but instantly approachable style infused into each dish on the menu. From the warm, worn look of the espresso-stained bar to the wood floors of the dining room, Kinley’s is the perfect place to enjoy Alaska’s favorite foods in a whole new way.

Kinley’s devotes as much thought to what is in your glass as to what goes on the plate. The restaurant has an extensive beer and wine list and regularly hosts events showcasing perfect matchups of brewer and plate or vintner and dish.

Local Favorites: Almond-crusted Halibut; Bacon Wrapped Dates
FROM THE OVERSTUFFED SALAD BAR TO THE FRESH-FACTOR appetizers, Sea Galley is considered by many to be a seafood lover’s paradise. Slide up to the bar for starters and then tuck in on-deck for a great meal. The famous Alaskan Iced Tea headlines a full bar featuring enticing specialty cocktails.

Poseidon’s bounty is offered up daily in calamari, escargot, halibut medallions, shrimp and more. Fresh Alaska salmon and scallops sizzle under the broiler nestled amongst thick, juicy New York steaks. The flavorful combinations are perfectly seasoned, tangy and abundant. Top the evening off with an ocean of dessert choices to make a memory you and your family will relish!

Local Favorites: Baked Oysters Rockefeller; steamer clams
Casual and eclectic, Spenard Roadhouse serves up comfort food with a contemporary twist. Find crisp produce from the Matanuska Valley and fresh Alaska seafood featured in wonderful entrees. Prosciutto Fig Pizza, Super Tots and Quinoa Salad are just a few of the favorites at midtown’s hippest haunt. Get your fingers sticky with an old fashioned S’more for dessert.

How about a highball? The Roadhouse specializes in craft cocktails, small batch bourbons and house-infused vodkas. The Roadhouse Bloody Mary is a favorite among brunch goers; the bravest enjoy it with ghost chili-infused vodka. They also offer a host of local beers on draft as well as a unique selection of canned craft brews.

Local Favorites: Bacon Jam Burger; Roadhouse Fish & Chips
Voted “Best Bartender” by Anchorage Press readers.
This trendy midtown restaurant will satisfy your craving for American-style comfort cuisine. Husband and wife co-owners draw on their many years of restaurant experience to provide the kind of filling meals worthy of the Great Land.

Custom-blended signature cocktails will whet the appetite for hearty, hand-pressed burgers, mountainous sandwiches and soups made from scratch featuring singularly Alaska ingredients.

The midtown location makes it a perfect meeting spot for lunch with cohorts or a date night with your sweetie.

Local Favorites: Burgers; fresh-made soups; signature cocktails
Yak and Yeti

The legendary Tibetan paradise Shambala, idealized by novelist James Hilton as Shangri-la, has come to symbolize a mysterious, unobtainable paradise. One bite of the specialties served up at Yak and Yeti and you might just think you’ve stumbled into the fabled lost valley. Simple ingredients and delicious spices come together for some of the best Indian food in Anchorage. House-made chutneys, intensely spiced meats and flavorful curries fill the dining room with exotic aromas from a world away. Enjoy dishes like Chicken Tikka Masala or branch out with Kalimpong Shapta, a traditional Tibetan stir fry.

Taste the adventure in every meticulously crafted plate. And don’t forget to savor the delicious house-made Chai tea. After a meal here, you’ll be forgiven for mistaking the surrounding Alaska mountains for Himalayan peaks.

Local Favorites: Lhasa Momos; Pork Vindaloo; Goat Curry

Executive Chef
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**Fancy Moose**

This lakefront area has drawn Alaskans looking for a good time since before the neighborhood was even part of the city. Joe Spenard’s dancehall was the hot spot in the 1910s, and the famous Fly By Night Club kept ‘em coming in the ‘70s. Modern day fun-seekers can still head to Spenard for good times; now the Fancy Moose lounge is the place to be.

Classic food favorites are complemented by some surprises bound to satisfy. Go for the crispy fried calamari, crab cakes or fish & chips. Or savor a house-made beef, bison or reindeer burger. Entertainment is on the menu too; TNT Pub Night brings live music to the lakefront hangout four nights a week. Drink specials and a rotating roster of beers provide a good mix. Soak up the sun on the waterfront deck, and watch floatplanes zoom off bustling Lake Hood bound for Alaska adventures.

**Local Favorites:** Bison Burger; Seafood Macaroni and Cheese

**Executive Chef**
Roberto Sidro

**Cuisine**
American bistro

**Neighborhood**
West Anchorage

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The Lakefront
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Disarmingly unpretentious, Kincaid Grill does haute without a whiff of haughty. This is fine dining at its finest, where the rich and complex flavors of the food mingle as well as the waitstaff. In a delightful blend of friendly and formal, the approachable yet well-mannered vibe of the restaurant echoes the charming persona of the restaurant’s owner and creator, local celebrity “Chef Al” Levinsohn.

A seasonal menu of fresh seafood, specialty meats and handcrafted desserts offers plenty of exciting choices, all easily paired with selections from the generous wine list. A gem located near the airport, your trip to Kincaid Grill will both delight and satisfy.

Local Favorites: King Crab Cakes; Poached Pear Salad
Risotto or rueben? Grilled cheese or coq a vin? Equal parts comfort food and Continental fare, it all goes together well at South. Sophisticated and always exceptional, the restaurant created an instant classic by pursuing “casual highbrow dining.”

Make a selection between fresh, steamed Alaska mussels in bacon and cream sauce, the melted gruyère goodness of Croque Madame, and the complex composition of a Roasted Beet Salad. Spread, share and dip from the amuse menu for charcuterie, kebobs and ceviche. Inspired cocktails and champagne by the glass make South a refreshing departure from the everyday. Gin drinks – poured tableside – delightfully layer juniper, lemon, berry and other flavors.

South’s coffeehouse opens early for caffeine and sweet baked goods. Stick around for a brunch menu loaded with Benedicts, sourdough pancakes, corned beef hash and house-made biscuits.

Local Favorites: Croque Madame; Pan Seared AK Salmon with Lentils and Bacon
ECLECTIC AND FRESH ARE THE WORDS THAT BEST DESCRIBE the fabulous fare at Anchorage’s trendy Southside Bistro. All the rage on the southern end, the bistro offers culinary explorers a tasty tour of the best of Alaska’s epicurean scene. Executive Chef Travis Haugen takes Alaska’s natural tastes to a whole new level in his kitchen, incorporating fresh Alaska seafood, delicious berries and Matanuska Valley produce into his signature dishes.

Come closer to culinary nirvana when sampling Southside Bistro’s calamari. Partake of perfect prawns or relish every morsel of the irresistible Roasted Rack of Lamb. Southside Bistro’s multiple award-winning wine list boasts a broad selection sure to enhance the flavor of every fantastic bite.

Local Favorites: Pear Salad; Kodiak Scallops & Risotto Cake
With the recent addition of an innovative dinner menu, there’s never been a better time to visit longtime Anchorage favorite Terra Bella Bistro. Their new menu combines fresh, local ingredients for delicious, complex flavors to tantalize the palate. The Apple Cider Braised Pork Belly and Seared Scallops with Risotto tempt diners with savory herbs and succulent ingredients. With an emphasis on world flavors and wine pairings, Terra Bella Bistro is the perfect dining experience.

Terra Bella Bistro keeps its commitment to daytime visits as well, serving weekend brunch with a delicious mimosa bar. Organic coffees and teas get the day humming. Scratch-made soups and salads, sandwiches piled high and baked goods fresh from the oven fuel a whole day of adventure. Popular with locals in a busy southside location, reservations are not required but are recommended.

Local Favorites: Seared Duck Breast with Blueberry Compote; Turkey Avocado Melt
Torchon Bistro

From house-made pork rinds to boar, Alaska-raised pork takes center stage in inventive and inspired preparations. You’ll also find plenty of fresh-caught Alaska fish and shellfish and seasonal vegetables from nearby farms. And where else can you find juicy fried chicken sharing a plate with kale slaw served in a Dutch stroopwafel? This is comfort food that shakes you out of your comfort zone for something new and delicious.

“Go whole hog” has two meanings at Torchon Bistro. For one, the restaurant is known for house cured and smoked meats and inventive uses for often overlooked cuts. More importantly, the exceptional food and meticulous execution mean you’ll want to “go whole hog” on anything the kitchen prepares.

Local Favorites: The Torchon Taster; Heritage Berkshire Rib Chop; Sunday Brunch
**Aurora Bar & Grill**

The Aurora Bar & Grill specializes in refined comfort food in a family atmosphere. With delectable pasta dishes, hearty sandwiches and flavorful steaks and chops, there’s something here to satisfy any craving. Appetizers come perfect for snacking and sharing. Choose from Aurora’s extensive roster of specialty pizza pies, including Alaskan Smoked Seafood or Greek, or craft your own combination. The bar features an extensive wine list, specialty cocktails and pitchers of draft beers from Alaska and beyond.

For lunch, dinner or a special Sunday brunch, it’s a convenient and convivial Girdwood spot. With a table full of good food and surrounded by friends, you don’t have to look to the sky to find an inspired aurora.

**Local Favorites:** Alaskan Smoked Seafood pizza; Snake River Farms Wagyu Burger

**Chef**
Ryan Gelosa

**Cuisine**
American comfort and pub fare

**Neighborhood**
Girdwood

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**Jack Sprat**

**Executive Chef**
Andrew Brown

**Cuisine**
Steak, seafood and vegetarian

**Neighborhood**
Girdwood

**Owner**
Frans and Jennifer Weits

**Contact**
165 Olympic Mountain Loop
Girdwood, AK 99587
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jacksprat.net

**Jack Sprat could eat no fat, his wife could eat no lean.**
Nursery rhymes aside, this is one place you’ll wish you could eat it all. From the first bite to the last morsel, Jack Sprat’s emphasis on seasonal ingredients, organic local produce and fresh seafood plays out in amazing meals inspired by cuisines from around the world. Locally sourced mussels are steamed in a flavorful saffron broth. Heaps of sprouts and fresh pork top a bibimbap with the soul of Seoul. Local purple potatoes pair beautifully with the rib eye.

Dinner is the main event, but liter draught beers and a selection of cocktails and espresso drinks are perfect après adventure. Eggs Benedict, Challah French Toast and Red Flannel Hash compete for attention on the weekend brunch menu. The surrounding Chugach Mountains tower over the building, but “fat & lean world cuisine” has Jack Sprat standing tall.

**Local Favorites:** Yam Fries; Chocolate Olive Oil Cake
Sakura Asian Bistro

**Chef**
Toby Englert

**Cuisine**
Fresh seafood, hand-rolled sushi and sashimi

**Neighborhood**
Girdwood

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*Sakura. This Japanese word for cherry blossom evokes the delicate and graceful. It’s a name applied appropriately to Sakura Asian Bistro. The restaurant’s sleek interior provides a stylish stage for artful sushi, sashimi and teppan-seared meats. Creative specialty sushi rolls incorporate the best from Alaska waters into traditional favorites, with a few pleasant surprises.*

There is far more than just sushi on offer; fresh Alaska fish, Wagyu Beef, King Crab Tempura and Crispy Calamari are all enticing distractions from the sushi bar. Can’t settle on just one thing? Bento box dinners offer intriguing combinations of Sakura’s favorites. Select from specialty cocktails, wines by the glass and draft beer, or choose from a dozen sake selections.

**Local Favorites:** Alaska King Crab Tempura; Chugach Salmon Roll
Seven Glaciers Restaurant

Executive Chef
Aaron Apling-Gilman

Cuisine
Alaska fare

Neighborhood
Girdwood

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At 2,300 feet above sea level, the AAA Four Diamond award-winning Seven Glaciers offers awe-inspiring panoramic views of Turnagain Arm, the Chugach Mountains and seven “hanging” glaciers. A complimentary tram ride elevates the guest experience at this mountain-casual, fine dining restaurant located atop North America’s longest continuous double black diamond ski run. Even in the refined bar and lounge, you’re just as likely to encounter hikers and skiers as diners dressed for a special occasion.

Dine on succulent Alaska King Crab Cakes or savory Snake River Farms Kobe Beef New York Strip. Relish exceptional Scallop Bisque, fresh Alaska salmon and seasonal local produce. Pair your meal with a glass or bottle of wine from the extensive wine list, Wine Spectator’s Best of Award of Excellence winner, which features selections from California and around the world.

Local Favorites: Scallop Bisque; Baked Alyeska
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Entertainment spills into the streets during the long summer days. Locals and visitors alike explore the popular outdoor markets and festivals, eclectic crafts and art fairs are aplenty, and outdoor concerts get your toes tapping and fingers snapping. Under the bright midnight sun, this northern city hosts fun activities that stretch late into the evening.

Sports fans can catch the big game on a personal table TV or one of the many large flat screens while testing their taste buds on five-alarm hot wings. Or drop the remote and pick up some tickets; throughout the year, Anchorage boasts two semi-pro baseball teams, a hard-hitting pro hockey team, club-style boxing and the University of Alaska Anchorage Seawolves.
The voices of Alaska’s soldiers, sailors, Marines, airmen and Coast Guardsmen are at the heart of the Alaska Veterans Museum. From the first Anchorage soldiers who marched off to the trenches of Europe after the city’s founding in 1915, to the men and women of the Alaska Territorial Guard and on to modern day service members, Alaska is a unique post. In what other military museum would World War II vehicle models include both a sprawling aircraft carrier and a finely crafted dogsled like those used on Alaska patrols after the Pearl Harbor attack? All for only $3.

The uniforms on display range from the garb doughboys donned “Over There” to contemporary Class A uniforms, but also include the seal skin mukluks and animal hide mittens of Major Marston’s “Tundra Army.” Through these items, intimate snapshots of camp life and the words of individuals serving in Alaska, this small museum shows the huge service and sacrifices of military men and women.

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Enjoy daily programs that include animal feedings and informative talks on Alaska fauna. See wood bison and learn about their recent reintroduction to the wild, an achievement the center worked toward for many years.
In the wooded foothills of the Chugach Mountains, the Alaska Zoo puts visitors face-to-face with local animals. With wolves, lynx, wolverines, moose, musk oxen, eagles, reindeer, river otters, seals and many more tucked along forested paths, the Zoo is Alaska’s showcase of natural majesty. It’s the only place in Alaska to see all three resident species of bear – black, brown and polar – in one visit.

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