

Restaurants in and around Irvine

Maps to any of these locations can easily be found using Google Maps (maps.google.com). It's probably a good idea to look up a map before you go, because the streets around here can be very confusing. The directions to each location listed below start from the Beckman Center at 100 Academy Way. Reservations are recommended for many of these restaurants, especially for large groups. Dollar rankings (\$-\$\$\$) have no real quantitative meaning, but the restaurants ranked with \$\$\$ will definitely be expensive.

A special event this weekend is the Taste of Newport food festival, at the Fashion Island mall. About 30 local restaurants will be featured. It's not cheap- admission is \$25 and you have to pay for your food too. The festival runs until 11 pm on Friday and Saturday, and from noon to 8 pm on Sunday. See www.tasteofnewport.com for more information.

<p>University Center Mall 4101 Campus Dr., Irvine</p> <p>Directions: Go left on California, turn right on University, then right on Campus. The mall is on your left.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Steelhead Brewery: 949-856-2227 (\$) ● Chakra Indian Cuisine: 949-854-0009 (\$-\$\$) ● Britta's Cafe: 949-509-1211 (\$\$) ● Several fast-food options including Lee's Sandwiches, In 'n' Out Burger, Arriba Taqueria
<p>The Bluffs Mall 1302 Bison Ave., Newport Beach Corner of Bison and MacArthur</p> <p>Directions: Right on California, then right on Bison. The mall is on your right just after you cross the 73 highway.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Islands Buggers: 949-644-2330 (\$) ● Wasa Sushi: 949-670-1511 (\$\$-\$\$\$) ● Wildfish Seafood Grille: 949-720-9925 (\$\$\$) ● Fast food: Baja Fresh, Pei Wei, Daphne's Greek, Panera Bread, Pasta Bravo, Quizno's
<p>Fashion Island Shopping Center 319 Newport Center Dr., Newport Beach</p> <p>Directions: Right on California, then right on Bison, then left on MacArthur, then right on San Miguel. Continue straight on San Miguel toward the main parking lot. This is a huge mall- check the mall map when you arrive to find the restaurant locations.</p> <p>**Note- the mall will be very crowded this weekend during the Taste of Newport festival!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● California Pizza Kitchen: 949-759-5543 (\$) ● Cheesecake Factory: 949-720-8333 (\$) ● Daily Grill: 949-644-2223 (\$-\$\$) ● El Torito Grill: 949-640-2875 (\$) ● Fleming's Prime Steakhouse: 949-720-9633 (\$\$\$) ● P. F. Chang's: 949-759-9007 (\$\$) ● Roy's Hawaiian Cuisine: 949-759-8623 (\$\$\$) ● Cafe R&D: 949-219-0555 (\$\$) ● Many other restaurants and fast-food options
<p>South Coast Plaza 3333 Bristol St., Costa Mesa</p> <p>Directions: Right on California, then right on Bison, then take a right turn onto highway 73 heading north. Exit at Bear, and turn right at the bottom of the exit ramp. Continue north on Bear and cross over the 405 freeway. The main part of the mall will be on your right. This mall is huge, and you'll need a map to find anything.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bangkok Four: 714-540-7661 (\$\$) ● Claim Jumper: 714-434-8479 (\$-\$\$) ● Maggiano's Little Italy: 714-546-9550 (\$\$) ● Ruby's Diner: 714-662-7829 (\$) ● Wolfgang Puck Cafe: 714-546-9653 (\$\$) ● Z'Tejas: 714-979-7469 (\$\$) ● Morton's Steakhouse: 714-444-4834 (\$\$\$) 1661 W. Sunflower Ave, across the street from the mall. ● and many more, plus numerous fast food options
<p>Irvine Spectrum Center 71 Fortune Dr., Irvine</p> <p>Directions: Left on California, then right on University. Follow University until you get to the 405 freeway, and take the 405 heading south. Exit at Irvine Center Drive and turn left at the exit, then right at Pacifica to enter the mall.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● California Pizza Kitchen: 949-585-9531 (\$) ● Cheesecake Factory: 949-788-9998 (\$) ● The Fish Market: 949-727-3474 (\$\$) ● P. F. Chang's: 949-453-1211 (\$\$) ● Several other restaurants and fast-food options

(see reverse side for more listings)

<p>Park Place Mall 3300 Michelson, Irvine</p> <p>Directions: Left on California, then right on University, then left on Campus, then right on Carlson. At the intersection of Carlson and Michelson, continue straight through to enter the mall.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Taleo Mexican Grill: 949-553-9002 (\$\$) ● Ruth's Chris Steak House: 949-252-8848 (\$\$\$) ● Houston's: 949-833-0977 (\$-\$-\$-\$) ● California Pizza Kitchen: 949-975-1585 (\$) ● Various fast-food options including Wahoo's Fish Tacos, Fatburger
<p>The Market Place I-5 at Jamboree, Irvine</p> <p>Directions: Left on California, then right on University, then left on Campus, then right on Jamboree. Follow Jamboree until you cross I-5 and you'll be surrounded by the biggest, ugliest mall in Irvine.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse: 714-665-8595 (\$) ● Buca di Beppo: 714-665-0800 (\$) ● California Pizza Kitchen: 714-838-5083 (\$) ● Macaroni Grill: 714-508-7990 (\$-\$-\$) ● Many other restaurants and fast food options
<p>Other options:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Memphis Cafe, 2920 Bristol Ave., Costa Mesa. 714-432-7685. Southern and soul food. (\$\$) ● Jimmy Z Grill, 4517 Campus Dr., Irvine. 949-737-6700. Persian & American. (\$-\$-\$-\$) ● Bamboo Bistro, 2600 East Coast Highway #160. 949-720-1289. Vietnamese and Thai food, pho and noodle dishes. (\$) ● India Cook House, 14130 Culver Dr., Irvine. 949-857-4858. Indian. (\$) ● Caspian, 14100 Culver Dr., Irvine. 949-651-8454. Persian. (\$\$) ● Prego Ristorante, 18421 Von Karman Ave, Irvine. 949-553-1333. Italian. (\$-\$-\$-\$) ● Il Fornaio, 18051 Von Karman, Irvine. 949-261-1444. Italian. (\$-\$-\$-\$) ● Bistango, 19100 Von Karman, Irvine. 949-752-5222. American/California cuisine and steaks, expensive. (\$\$\$) ● Sage, 2531 Eastbluff Dr., Newport Beach. 949-718-9650. Upscale California cuisine. (\$\$\$) ● Mayur, 2931 E. Coast Highway, Corona Del Mar. 949-675-6622. Indian. (\$\$) ● Native Foods, 2937 Bristol St., Costa Mesa. 714-741-2151. Vegetarian sandwiches and salads. (\$) ● Korea House, 5305 University Dr., Irvine. 949-552-9998. Korean BBQ. (\$-\$-\$) ● Pho Bac Ky, 5329 University Dr, Irvine. 949-857-0856. Vietnamese. (\$) ● Agora Churrascaria, 1830 Main St., Irvine. 949-222-9910. All-you-can-eat Brazilian BBQ. (\$\$\$)