



Restaurant Key

\$ - Inexpensive (\$25 and under) \$\$ - Moderate (\$26 - \$40) \$\$\$ - Expensive (\$41 - \$65) \$\$\$\$ - Very Expensive (\$66 and up)

VELVET MARGARITA CANTINA

This fun Mexican restaurant and lounge may be covered in velvet walls, but the serenading mariachis and pineapple margaritas are what really make the scene. Seating is on a first-come basis with prix-fixe lunch and dinner specials serving soups, salads and entrée specials. 1612 N Cahuenga Blvd., Hollywood 323.469.2000 - \$\$

EL COMPADRE

Feel like a rock star at this Sunset Strip hot spot. The scene at this adobe-trimmed dining room and dimly lit bar is nothing compared to the flavorful Mexican dishes that come from the kitchen. 7408 W. Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles 323.874.7924 - \$\$

SUSHI ROKU

As one of the premiere sushi hot spots in LA, diners can expect to see Hollywood A-listers and their counterparts talking shop while eating premium sushi, hot and cold appetizers and pan-fried spicy jumbo shrimp. 8445 W. Third St., Los Angeles 323.655.6767; 33 Miller Alley, Pasadena 626.683.3000- \$\$\$

KATANA

With a patio overlooking cool Sunset Strip, Katana is one of LA's see and be-seen restaurants. The overwhelming menu of Japanese comfort food is complemented by one of the biggest sake selections in the city. 8439 W. Sunset Blvd., West Hollywood 323.650.8585 - \$\$\$

GEISHA HOUSE

With young Hollywood celebrity investors, you are likley to see stars such as Paris Hilton, Ashton Kutcher and Lindsay Lohan laughing at the table next to you. But this trendy Japanese joint offers more than a beautiful scene – dine on creative small plate dishes such as rock shrimp tempura, maguro on crispy rice cakes and Mongolian lamb chops. 6633 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood 323.460.6300 - \$\$\$

GYU-KAKU

Friendly to both young hipsters and families enjoying a night out, Gyu-Kaku takes Korean barbecue to a new level. Use the given tongs to sear your tender kalbi, briny shrimp and other items from the á la carte menu, any way your heart desires. Don't forget to check out the 99 cent draft beer during happy hour. 14455 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks 818.501.5400; 10925 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles 310.234.8641; 163 N. La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles 310.659.5760 - \$\$

ORTOLAN

With glowing chandeliers and white candlelit tables, Ortolan is one of the city's most romantic French restaurants and Angeleno Magazine's pick for one of the city's "Top 10 Hot Spots." Executive Chef/Owner Christophe Emé and wife, actress Jeri Ryan, bring spicy crawfish, rabbit meatballs and squab to the eclectic menu. Be sure to leave room for the decadent desserts. 8338 W. Third St., Los Angeles 323.653.3300 - \$\$\$\$

PAPA CRISTO'S

Named Zagat's Best LA Greek Food, most Angelenos go for the authentic food and then stay for the fun and dancing at Thursday's "Family Nights." This part deli, part restaurant serves mouth-watering food that will make you want to get up and dance, too. 2771 W. Pico Blvd., 323.737.2970 - \$

PINK'S FAMOUS CHILI DOGS

A staple in LA, Pink's is one of the city's best "late night" dining hot spots. And whether you're a celebrity or not, everyone waits in line for the famous chili-cheese dogs or any one of their other 21 menu items. 709 N. La Brea Ave., Los Angeles 323.931.4223 - \$

FATHER'S OFFICE

Hipsters pack this Santa Monica bar that serves more than 35 different beers. Their legendary burger made with dry aged New York chuck and sirloin, arugula, applewood smoked bacon and caramelized onions on a French roll will leave you walking away with treasured (and delicious) memories. 1018 Montana Ave., Santa Monica 310.393.2337 - \$

JERRY'S FAMOUS DELI

After you've done some hard shopping at the Beverly Center, walk over to Jerry's Famous Deli on Beverly Blvd., for a casual lunch and typical LA scene. A mixture of celebrities and business executives, Angelenos frequent Jerry's for soups and oversized sandwiches. Takeout is available for those in a rush. 8701 Beverly Blvd., West Hollywood 310.289.1811 - \$

FACTOR'S FAMOUS DELI

LA may be filled with Jewish Delis, but there are only a handful that have locals longing for more. Sit in one of Factor's comfy booths and prepare for delicious home-style Jewish cookin' – matzo ball soup, knishes and thinly sliced meat to meet your heart's desire. And if mama never let you have dessert, be sure to try the brownie sundaes. 9420 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles 310.278.9175 - \$

THE IVY

One of LA's hottest restaurants most frequented by celebrities who claim they don't want to "be seen." Request a patio table and dine on New American cuisine like fried chicken, savory meatloaf and crab cakes. And say "cheese" for the paparazzi camped out across the street! 113 N. Robertson Blvd., West Hollywood 310.274.8303 - \$\$\$

FARM OF BEVERLY HILLS

Located on Beverly Dr., not far from the shopping adventures on Rodeo, the Farm serves fresh ingredients and a variety of vegetarian options but the thick beef patty with oven roasted tomatoes and caramelized onions has also received a few nods. A more popular spot for breakfast or brunch, watch out for celebrities and their pups. 439 N Beverly Dr., Beverly Hills 310.273.5578; 189 The Grove Dr. (The Grove Farmer's Market), Los Angeles 323.525.1699 - \$\$

DOMINICK'S

The feel of old Hollywood with the fresh faces of today's celebrities is the atmosphere at Dominick's. The restaurant, which was once host to the rat pack, now serves celebrities such as Kirsten Dunst, Joaquin Phoenix, and Keifer Sutherland chowing down on grilled artichoke, gnocchi and Osso Bucco. Save room for the house-made gelatos served on frozen blocks of marble. 8715 Beverly Blvd., West Hollywood 310.652.2335 - \$\$

OSTERIA LATINI

Serving an impressive list of 25 daily specials, Osteria Latini is the cozy Brentwood restaurant that caters to your every need and desire. Beef carpaccio, risotto and ravioli top the list of favorites paired with a selection of wines by the glass. 11712 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood 310.826.9222 - \$\$

FOGO DE CHÃO

Feel the Brazilian flair! At Fogo, true authentic gauchos grill 15 different cuts of tender meat over an open fire and serve tableside. Start with the gourmet salad, but pace yourself as gauchos pass your table to eagerly offer you juicy options. Staff is friendly and service is incredible. An excellent choice for a romantic date, friend's night out or a family meal. 133 N. La Cienega Blvd., Beverly Hills 310.289.7755 - \$\$\$

WILSHIRE

Dine on fresh organic cuisine at Wilshire. Regardless of what you order from the seasonal menu, you will find an appropriate match on the thorough wine list. Favorites include the braised short ribs with artichoke or prosciutto-wrapped roasted halibut. Don't forget to ask about the special nightly cocktail. 2454 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica 310.586.1707 - \$\$\$

WATER GRILL

Water Grill has gained an outstanding reputation among Angelenos as one of the best restaurants in Los Angeles. This "seafood institution" carries a sophisticated menu of fish so fresh, you would think they were swimming in the back. 544 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 213.891.0900 - \$\$\$

